
BIG WALNUT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2013
Big Walnut Middle School, Commons, 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the Big Walnut Local Schools is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential

OUR VISION:

In order to realize our mission, we will strive to achieve and maintain our vision of:

- *Student-focused, professional, collaborative staff*
- *Student-focused, challenging and current curriculum*
- *Supportive, involved and informed community*
- *Safe, respectful and welcoming environment*

DISTRICT GOALS:

- *Improve academic achievement*
- *Improve communication*
- *Plan for growth (facility plan)*
- *Financial responsibility*

President

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Ms. Meyer

13-11 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the January 14, 2013 Board agenda.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie

13-12 Motion by Mr. Wecker, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board review and approve the Board meeting minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, as amended.

- *Mrs. Meyer would like her statement regarding the Holly Shop to indicate she was reporting on the event, she did not attend.*
- *Motion 12-166 should state Mrs. Lillie seconded the vote not Dr. Fagan.*

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Hines

5. Recognitions & Building Presentations

A. Wesley Swert, General Rosecrans Elementary – Mrs. Meyer

- *Mrs. Meyer presented Wesley with the student of the month award. Wesley is a fourth grader at GRE who is involved in football and basketball. His favorite subjects are Science, History and Math. He also really enjoy learning about cars and how they work. His parents are Jen and John, step dad Jeremy and siblings Isaac, Jillian, Cohen and Chase.*

Teachers state that Wesley is patient, kind and willing to always help others. He is a hard worker who challenges himself and others around him to always do their best.

B. Campbell Allen, Boy Scouts of America National Heroism Award

➤ *Dr. Fagan presented Campbell his award and recognized his heroism during a very serious crisis during a hiking trip with his dad. His quick thinking and calmness saved his dad's life.*

C. Cassy Sabatini, Family Holiday Adoption Program

➤ *Mrs. Lillie presented award to Cassy for coordinating the program, which helped over 80 families in our district. Her hard work and dedication are invaluable to this program.*

D. General Rosecrans Elementary Building Presentation

➤ *Kim Castiglione presented on Mary Wolf's 3rd grade class "Being a Writer" – they demonstrated how the new curriculum leads to more expressive writing.*

E. Felicia Drummey, Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

E. School Board Recognition Month

➤ *Mr. Mazzi presented awards to the board and thanked them for their hard work. All the meetings they attend and volunteering their time to study between meetings. He commended them that they stay abreast of situations, numerous phone calls and committee work. Each member received a certificate of appreciation.*

6. Treasurer's Items

A. Monthly Report

➤ *Monthly Activity – In December we completed the compilation of our "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report" (CAFR) and Audit for Fiscal 2012. You'll be pleased to know we once again received "unqualified" or "clean" audit option, which is the highest and best opinion for financial reporting.*

➤ *Revenue – The other budget variance you may notice is the fluctuation with Other Local Sources in the amount of \$152,887. The fluctuation reflects the timing difference of the receipt of our Build America Bond interest. We received Build America Bonds (BAB's) interest rebate of \$110,884 in November. Future BAB reimbursements may be reduced by up to 7.6% (or \$16,854 annually) due to the implications from the "Fiscal Cliff", which results in reductions of subsidies paid by the federal government.*

➤ *Expenditures – Actual monthly expenditures of \$2,344,634 are \$117,828 less than projected for the month of December, primarily as a result of the capital outlay category. The next major fluctuation has occurred in benefits revealing a decrease of \$50,954. This decrease in benefit costs is the direct result of labor contract negotiations that led the district to change group medical insurance carriers as of January 1st from Medical Mutual to United Health Care. In conclusion, the outcome of the last six months of operations reveal that revenue is 1% over projections and expenses are 1% under projections leaving us with an overall 3% increase in year-to-date cash balances including transfer and advances.*

7. Superintendent's Items

A. Middle School Math Grading Presentation

➤ *Penny Sturtevant indicated the math department is working to reflect on how the department is grading and where they need to be in the future.*

B. Security Update

➤ *Mr. Barber indicated the district is being hyper vigilant in the safety and security of the buildings. The district has spent countless hours reviewing and revising safety plans and procedures, completing safety audits, reviewing recommendations, completing drills, listening to full staff presentations from national safety experts, completing table top simulations, and making changes to how visitors and students enter our building after the start of our school day. We will be adding another proactive strategy starting Wednesday, January 23rd, with the implementation of The Safe School Hotline. This vehicle will give students, staff, parents and community members the opportunity to anonymously report anything that may put our students, staff or schools in danger. This would include reporting a crime, harassment, drug or alcohol abuse, reckless driving or any other illegal activity that could affect our district. A caller may make a report 24/7 and the schools will be notified. Licensed counselors will be on the phone and they will relay the information to designated district personnel. The Safe School Hotline utilizes a unique, automated telephone service which allows callers to report*

an allegation or concern confidentially and anonymously. iPhones installed at BWE, SOU and BWIS; not foolproof provides control and awareness of who is entering the building.

- *Mr. Mazzi shared that he also had an architect review the entrances at BWE and SOU to ensure security.*

C. FTE Update

D. RttT

- Evaluation Updates

- *Julie Beeker discussed the status of evaluations and process and procedures.*
- *Angie Pollock provided updates to the changes of HB555; teachers will need to use state data for student growth.*

8. Selected Board Policies - *None*

9. School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Ms. Meyer announced Homecoming is next week and exams are this week. Bullying presentations will start at the Intermediate Building. They are planning for peace week.*
- *Mr. Wecker acknowledged the extra effort that Steve, Gary and Chief Bennett made in December.*
- *Mrs. Hines spoke about Family Game Night at BWIS, the gym was packed with kids. The event was well worth the effort of the PTO.*
- *Mrs. Lillie shared that Kasich signed new law grading schools on a scale from A-F. She encouraged parents to take a virtual tour of DACC. She informed everyone that Dave Martin is out of Dodd Hall and is with his son in Michigan recovering. She stated that Dave embodies the meaning of "pay-it-forward" and now the community needs to help him. She announced that if anyone is interested in running for school board they should start attending the meetings.*
- *Mrs. Meyer announced GRE is having a Read-a-Thon, Muffins with Moms will be on the 1st and Donuts with Dads will be on the 8th.*
- *Dr. Fagan informed everyone she attending the New Board President training. She thanked the admin team for the safety work that was done over break. She stated that Vinmar Village is going through zoning for 87 single family homes. Phase 1 will be 30 lots starting fall of 2013 with occupancy in 2014. This will be valuable in the planning of facilities and staffing.*

10. Public Participation

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public community meeting. This is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. (Please reference criteria for Public Participation attached to the agenda.)

A. Scheduled - *None*

B. Non Scheduled - *None*

New Business

13-13 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve to untable Motion 12-164, tabled at the December 10, 2012 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting:

To approve the Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy, LLC Legal Services Agreement.
(Appendix A)

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker

13-14 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board approve the Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy, LLC Services Agreement.

(Appendix A)

VOTE: YEAS Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer

13-15 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the 2013-2014 school year calendar.
(Appendix B)

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer

13-16 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve to amend Item N (Educational Training Reimbursement) in the Administrative Fringe Benefits, effective the 2012-2013 school year.

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines

13-17 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie to amend Motion 13-17 to read:

To amend Item N (Educational Training Reimbursement) in the Administrative Fringe Benefits, for the 2012-2013 school year only.

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines

13-18 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the revised High School Secretary II (General Secretary) job description.
(Appendix C)

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan

13-19 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve a 90-day probationary classified 220-day contract for the 2012-2013 school year to Laura Roberto, Big Walnut High School Secretary II (General Secretary), step 0, effective January 7, 2013.

VOTE: YEAS Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie

13-20 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve a 90-day probationary classified 190-day contract for the 2012-2013 school year to Linda Klamfoth, Big Walnut Intermediate School, Office Assistant (.5), step 0, effective January 10, 2013.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker

13-21 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the nonrenewal of Catherine Bellows-VanHoose, 2 hour food service worker, General Rosecrans Elementary, effective January 23, 2013.

VOTE: YEAS Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer

13-22 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following donation:

- \$62.52 donated to Big Walnut Middle School Positive Behavior in Student program, donated by Morgan Stanley c/o Cybergrants, Inc.
- \$62.52 donated to Hylan Souders Elementary, donated by Morgan Stanley c/o Cybergrants, Inc.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer

13-23 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee or official, to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding and to confer with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Special Work Session:

Saturday, February 2, 2013

8:00 A.M.

Big Walnut Intermediate School, Conference Room

Regular Board Meeting:

Monday, February 11, 2013

6:30 P.M.

Big Walnut High School, Media Center

13-24 Motion by Ms. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan