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# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
December 10, 2012  
Big Walnut High School, Media Center, 6:30 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

12-159 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending to approve the December 10, 2012 Board agenda.

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

12-160 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending to approve the Board meeting minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Hannah Griffith, Big Walnut High School – Mrs. Hines
  - *Mrs. Hines introduced Hannah Griffith, Junior at BWHS, the Student of the Month. She indicated Hannah is one of two students who make the daily announcements at the high school. She is known for her cheerful and kind greetings every morning. She is involved in indoor track and drama club; writing is her passion. She is a positive influence on all around her and she really strives to share her positive views. In class Hannah is always the first to volunteer answers and make people laugh – including her teachers.*

## B. Student Athletic Recognitions

- *Austin Foor, Division II All Ohio Soccer Second Team*
- *Seth Myers, Division II All Ohio Football Special Mention*
- *Julian Simon, Division II All Ohio Football Special Mention*

## C. Big Walnut High School Building Presentation

- *Angie Stooksbury and Stacey O'Reilly shared their presentation from the National Council of English Teachers workshop where they received special acknowledgement and positive feedback from attendees. Due to the significance of their instructional practices they have been approached by a publisher requesting their presentation be included in their new book.*
- *Mr. Wecker asked for their thoughts on the recent Dispatch article regarding teaching techniques. Ms. Stooksbury and Ms. O'Reilly stated that our district is ahead of the curve by teaching new methodologies which the journalists had trouble understanding.*

## Treasurer's Items

### A. Monthly Report

- *Monthly Activity – During the month of November, overall monthly revenue of \$66,767 was insufficient to meet monthly expenditures of \$2,400,311 by \$1,738,544 resulting in an operating deficit for the month. However, prior monthly revenues, which exceeded expenditures, have resulted in positive cash balance overall of \$9,255,628.*
- *Revenue – The majority of revenue received in November was attributed to state funding in the amount of \$367,199. This is typical for the time of year considering a school revenue cycle. Other operating revenue was higher than projected due to the timing of the receipt of our Build American Bonds interest rebate of \$110,884.*
- *Expenditures – Monthly expenditures are \$55,064 less than projected for the month of November in all operational categories except supplies. Supply purchases and payables are cyclical since the bulk of the back to school orders are checked in and paid during October and November.*

### B. Tax Duplicate Monitoring Presentation – Susan Hatcher, Finance Committee

- *Ms. Hatcher explained that the Finance Committee is serving to advise the treasurer with recommendations to the board. In that advisement role, the committee had recently examined the practice of monitoring the tax duplicate and recommend that the board enter into the agreement with Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy for these board of revision tax appeal services based on the previously agreed upon criteria.*

### C. Education SmartPhone App – Joel Gagne, Allerton Hill Consulting

- *Joel Gagne from Allerton Hill presented the mobile app recently develop for schools. Mr. Gagne states that if we have a website we will have an app in five years in response to demand for immediate communication. The target customer who uses apps are ages 25-34. Allerton Hill has developed a very cost effective approach to the mobile app that uses existing website infrastructure. The Allerton Hill mobile app has the following qualities:*
  - *Push notification*
  - *RSS feeds off of website*
  - *Connect to social media*
  - *Videos*

*The cost is \$3,000 a year which includes server hosting and trouble shooting.*

## Superintendent's Items

- *Mr. Mazzi announced that GRE donated approximately \$2,400 to Friends Who Share.*
- *Mr. Mazzi recognized Ekaterina Brammer from BWIS who was honored at the Red Cross Hero's Breakfast for her hero essay on being adopted from Russia.*
- *Mr. Barber shared that Cassy Sabatini coordinated the adopt a family program through our district. BW staff and families helped over 80 needy families with donations of food, clothing and gifts.*

## Selected Board Policies

12-161 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board adopt the following policy:  
NEOLA Revision – Second Reading  
0140 Membership / 0147 Compensation (Bylaws) - revised  
(Appendix A)

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

## School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Ms. Meyer indicated the play was this past weekend and was a huge success. Preparations are being made for winter homecoming. The first swim competition is coming up along with the band & choir concert.*
- *Mr. Wecker raved about the play and indicated how proud he was of our English teachers for their daily efforts of innovation and national recognition received at the National Council workshop.*
- *Dr. Fagan thanked Cassy for her time and dedication to the adopt a family program. She announced how proud she is of the marching band; she went to band class to give recognitions to the 110 participating students. She also indicated she sent a letter to Senator Jordan regarding HB555.*
- *Mrs. Meyer reported on GRE's Holly Shop that generated \$1,000 for their PTO.*
- *Mrs. Hines attended the Middle School presentation on bullying. She stated she was so proud of the students that attended the lunch time presentation. Students got their lunch and quietly listened to the presentation. She also met with the CBI teacher who invited her to speak to students about jobs and careers.*
- *Mrs. Lillie wished everyone a Happy Holiday! She encouraged the board to think about which Village/Township and committees they would like to serve as liaison as these assignments are determined at the Organizational meeting in January. She also announced that later the board must elect President Pro-Tem for January Organizational meeting.*

## 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

B. Non Scheduled

- *Mr. Wecker and Dr. Fagan exited the meeting.*

## New Business

Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy, LLC Legal Services Agreement.  
(Appendix B)

Approve the Gallagher Benefit Services Consulting Agreement.  
(Appendix C)

Approve the facilitation and training services as outlined in the "Statement of Work" between the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio and the Big Walnut Local School District for adoption of the Ohio Treasurer's Evaluation System, for the period of January 1, 2013 through June 2013 and not to exceed \$4,000 plus mileage.

12-162 Motion by Mrs. Hines, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board remove Item A: approve the Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy, LLC Legal Services Agreement.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Lillie, Ms. Meyer

12-163 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the Gallagher Benefit Services Consulting Agreement.

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VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Lillie, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Meyer

12-164 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer to table Item A: approve the Carlisle, Patchen and Murphy, LLC Legal Services Agreement. (Appendix B)

VOTE: YEAS Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hines

12-165 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve a Balance of the Year Classified Contract for Angela Snyder, Office Assistant, Hylen Souders Elementary (90-day contract complete).

Approve Aaron Renner as a Wrestling volunteer.

Approve the following donation:

\$750.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Renaissance Program, donated from Big Walnut Education Foundation

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Ms. Meyer

12-166 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board appoint Dr. Fagan as President Pro Tempore for the January 14, 2013 Organizational Board Meeting.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Lillie, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Meyer

12-167 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board enter Executive Session to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding and to consider the compensation of a public employee or official.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Lillie

#### Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Organizational Board Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2013  
6:00 PM  
Big Walnut Middle School, Library

Regular Board Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2013  
7:00 PM  
Big Walnut Middle School, Library

12-168 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

➤ *Mr. Wecker and Dr. Fagan returned to the meeting during executive session.*

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