
BIG WALNUT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2013
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

13-28 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the February 11, 2013 Board agenda.

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

13-29 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the meeting minutes of the January 14, 2013 Organization Board Meeting and the January 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Student of the Month, Ciara Matos, Big Walnut Elementary – Mr. Wecker
 - *Mr. Wecker introduced Ciara, her parents Jackie and Carlos Matos along with siblings Cole and Josselyn. She practices dance and is a Safety Patrol student at BWE. She enjoys drawing, listening to music, singing, dancing and hanging out with her friends at recess. Her favorite subject is reading and writing. Her teachers state she is very kind to others and consistently displays a great attitude for learning.*

B. Big Walnut Elementary Building Presentation

- *Shannon Mignogno, Katie Cordle, Sarah Nealon & Becky Sliva to present on AIMS Web & Reading Intervention.*

District Goal: Improve Academic Achievement

A. RttT / OTES Update

- *Mrs. Pollock and Erin Barr announced the pilot update is up and running. They will reconvene in the spring to determine what worked. Teachers will be going through training on February 15. Mrs. Pollock and Mr. Barber will be presenting in Mahoning to 100 administrators.*

B. Vote for Challenge Day & Learning to Grow and Growing to Learn

- *Mr. Mazzi also stated that Mrs. Lillie will be honored at the OSBA Spring Conference for her years of service to the board.*

District Goal: Plan for Growth (facility plan)

A. Transportation Tier I, II, III

- *Mr. Barber reported on the busing tiers and bell times. Tier I would mean adding twenty more buses and operational expenses equaling approximately \$1.5 million. Tier II allows elementary to be added and more flexibility. We currently use the Tier III system, which is working well but we would like more time between routes. There are two options: Option A would require two buses, approximately \$100,000, and involve double routes; Option B would require four buses at approximately \$200,000, excluding capital cost.*
- *The board talked about the pros and cons of various bell times. They discussed performance of teenagers starting later and younger children starting earlier.*

B. FTE Report

C. Safety Update

- *Mr. Barber indicated Channel 10 did a news report on our video security system and the Safe School Helpline. We have had only one incident reported on the helpline.*

District Goal: Financial Responsibility

A. Monthly Report

- *Revenue – Total monthly revenue exceeded projections by \$26,914 due to the larger collections than projected for income taxes by \$137,289 and for unrestricted grants-in-aide due to distribution of \$64,000 in casino revenue. This tax collection further reveals upward trends regarding employment within the state as evidenced by individual tax returns and employer withholding tax amounts. Current collections are up 5% over last year's 4th quarter.*
- *Expenditures – Monthly expenditures are \$190,255 less than projected for the month of January with reductions in benefits and purchase services. The benefit category is lower due to the change in group health insurance. The purchase services category is lower due to the change in group health insurance. The purchase services category is lower as a result of the lag in service delivery and billing from the ESC for services.*
- *Mrs. Drummey reported on an email she received from George Kaitsa, Delaware County Auditor, warning property owners to be very wary of companies offering to assist homeowners with valuation appeals. The letters that homeowners are receiving appear to be targeting Delaware County homeowners who are receiving the homestead exemption. Homeowners can do the very same research at no cost by using the Delaware County Auditor's website (www.co.Delaware.oh.us) to look at similar properties in their neighborhood. Homeowners who believe that their value is inaccurate should make sure that their property valuation complaint forms are either delivered to or mailed to the Delaware County Auditor's office on or before March 31, 2013.*

Selected Board Policies

School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Ms. Meyer announced that it is Peace week and talked about the Jessica Logan Act presentation. She indicated there is a swim meet on Saturday and Science Fair is Thursday. She encouraged everyone to attend BW Drama's performance of Guys and Gals on February 21-23.*
- *Mr. Wecker commended the baseball program. He said that GRE's Donuts with Dad was very successful. He stated that the high school debate was a pitched battle on security measures in schools.*

- *Mrs. Meyer congratulated Abby Myers for being inducted as a Lifetime Fellow into the American Junior Academy of Sciences. She announced that Good Fella'z Pizza is donating 10% of their profits to BWSLD on Wednesday. She commended students on their effort to promote the Jessica Logan Act; she hopes students see it as the beginning of positive peer influence.*
- *Mrs. Lillie congratulated Abby Myers as well and stated what an exceptional young lady she is. She acknowledged how well the mock trial was. She stated she and Mr. Mazzi attended the Eastern District Republican Committee workshop on school safety.*
- *Mrs. Hines announced how impressed she was with the students that were in the debate; especially since oral communication seems to be a dying art.*
- *Dr. Fagan attended the OSBA Board President Workshop and found it to be very helpful. She will also be attending the Board Leadership Workshop in April. The middle school jazz band will perform on March 9th at 1:00 pm before the Blue Jackets game.*

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

New Business

13-30 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the following resolution:
Resolution Appointing Tax Incentive Review Council Representatives
 (Appendix A)

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

13-31 Motion by Mrs. Hines, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following resolution:
Resolution Approving the Galena Administration Building Land Swap
 (Appendix B)

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

13-32 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board approve the following resolution:
Resolution of Sale of Board-Owned Property (Real Estate)
 (Appendix C)

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

13-33 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the Educational Services Agreement between The Learning Spectrum, LTD and Big Walnut Local School District.
 (Appendix D)

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

13-34 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve a \$3,000.00 pay increase for Ron McClure, Transportation Supervisor, to his current contract for additional responsibilities to supervise custodial and maintenance staff, effective February 16, 2013.

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

13-35 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board accept the resignation of Kris Fleshman, Big Walnut High School custodian, effective June 28, 2013, due to retirement.

Approve the following spring athletic supplementals for the 2012-2013 school year:

Baseball

Chris Holly, Head Coach, step 7
Carl Weiss, Assistant, step 11
John Schone, Assistant, step 8
Steve Myers, MS Assistant, step 11
Joel Studlien, MS Assistant, step 7
Jeff Dutiel, Volunteer
Kelly Holly, Volunteer
Dan Lassak, Volunteer
Joe Lewis, Volunteer
Charlie Rowley, Volunteer
Matt Wilson, Volunteer

Boys Tennis

Ryan Balaz, Head Coach, step 2
Josh Pace, Assistant, step 0
Kim White, MS Assistant, step 11

Softball

Jeff Hatfield, Head Coach, step 6
Frank Turner, Assistant, step 10
Blair Nance, MS Assistant, step 6
Lori Hayhurst, MS Assistant, step 11
Leah Ann Baker, Volunteer
Jerry Hatcher, Volunteer
Tim Rioux, Volunteer

Boys/Girls Track

Joe Evener, Head Coach, step 11
Eric Myers, Head Coach, step 11
Don Edwards, Assistant $\frac{3}{4}$, step 11
Dora Riggs, Assistant $\frac{1}{2}$, step 6
Gary Brandon, Assistant $\frac{3}{4}$, step 11
Joe Weaver, Assistant, step 11
Mike Ryder, Assistant $\frac{1}{2}$, step 11
Anthony Zarcone, MS Assistant $\frac{1}{2}$, step 0
Justin Heck, MS Assistant, step 11
Kelly Robinson, MS Assistant, step 11
Mike McGann, MS Assistant, step 4
Kevin Abrams, Volunteer
Ted Stimmel, Volunteer

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

13-36 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following extended field trip:

- Students grades 9-12, Expedition Inside Culture (EiC) Field Trip to Higgins Lake State Park, Higgins Lake, Michigan, May 9 – 12, 2013

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

13-37 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following donation:

- \$1,000.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, Anonymous Donor
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VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Wecker

13-38 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee or official 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 Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 11, 2013
6:30 P.M.
Big Walnut High School Media Center

13-39 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

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