
BIG WALNUT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012
Big Walnut Middle School Library, 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
Absent: Mr. Moran

12-28 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer to approve the February 13, 2012 Board agenda.

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

12-29 Motion by Mrs. Hines, Seconded by Dr. Fagan to approve the Board meeting minutes of the January 9, 2012 Organizational Meeting, January 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, January 16, 2012 Special Board Meeting, and the January 27, 2012 Special Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Student of the Month, Christopher Rockwell, Big Walnut Elementary – Mr. Wecker
 - *Mr. Wecker introduced Christopher and spoke of his very positive characteristics. He stated Christopher is conscientious, positive, hard-working, fun-loving, and dedicated. His attitude toward his work, his social life, his classmates, and his teachers are reflected in his growth as a high achieving fifth grader at Big Walnut Elementary.*
- B. Big Walnut Elementary Building Presentation
 - *Students shared their science fair projects.*
 - *Chris Rockwell presented his “are muscles really stronger when they rest?”*
 - *Daisy Ronney shared “dumb blonde stereotype”*
- C. Recognition – Lynn Kaszynski’s retirement
 - *Dr. Kaszynski shared that she has spent 11 of her 41 year career at Big Walnut. She is grateful for her opportunity to be a part of the BW community.*
 - *Mr. Mazzi acknowledged that Dr. K’s life has been dedicated to the betterment of society and BW is lucky to have benefited from her service.*

Superintendent's Items

A. Flex Credit Presentation – Russell McMurry

- *Russell shared how much he enjoyed the cool computer classes in middle school and high school that inspired him to work with our Tech Coordinator, Wayne Thompson, as part of our flex credit program. His flex credit internship has reaffirmed his career choice as a programmer.*

Treasurer's Items

A. Monthly Report

➤ Overview

- *Monthly revenue of \$1,252,875 was insufficient to meet monthly expenditures of \$2,259,453 by \$1,006,578.*
- *Operating deficit is typical for all schools this time of year due to the Real Estate tax revenue collection cycle.*
- *County Auditor's office indicated that an advance should be processed by February 17 with the final settlement of Real Estate taxes forwarded to schools on or near March 1.*

➤ Revenue

- *Total monthly revenue exceeded projections by \$46,466 due to the larger collections than projected for income taxes by \$29,879 and for state aid by \$24,481.*
- *State aid was higher than anticipated as a result of positive FY11 Pass Funding Adjustment of \$18,916.*
- *Current collections are up 15% over last year when adjusted for the prior year high individual estimated tax returns that reflect a non-reoccurring estimated payment from the 2010 lottery winner.*

➤ Expenditures

- *Total monthly expenditures exceed projected by \$108,432 for January but dwindles Y-T-D to \$42,453.*
- *The Y-T-D salary variance reflects the re-classification of two positions previously paid by other funds. For example, a counselor was paid by the ESC last year as a purchase service and a student services coordinator was paid by VI-B Stimulus resulting in new expenditures within the general fund salary category.*
- *Further fluctuations in benefits are attributed to the 14.75% increase in the 2012-medical insurance premium.*

➤ Establishing Capital Project Fund

- *Throughout calendar 2011 the district received various refunds, rebates and commissions that were not anticipated. As unplanned these miscellaneous receipts lend themselves toward "saving" to address capital projects.*
- *Transfer – Capital Projects Fund \$174,967.73*

➤ Approving Estimated Revenue

- *The sale of district permanent assets, such as the bus garage can only be directed toward a permanent improvement or debt retirement. Given the long list of permanent improvements throughout the district this transfer of the sale of the bus garage can be dedicated toward other permanent improvements.*

B. Bond Refunding Presentation – Presented by Marvin Founds

C. Early Retirement Incentive Presentation – Presented by Educators Preferred Corporation

Superintendent's Items Continued

B. RttT Update

- *Angie Pollock welcomed Mindy Meyer to the RttT Committee.*

- Waiver Day
- OTES

- *Angie stated BW is far ahead in the OTES movement. Our pilot is more in depth because of reviewing student growth. OTES is part of HB 153.*

C. Facility Presentation

- *Mr. Barber presented on space utilization.*

- *Ron McClure explained 3-Tier busing structure. The tier reflects the high school and intermediate building riding together to eliminate shuttle.*

Selected Board Policies

School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Mrs. Hines attended Delaware County High School Art Show at the Art Castle in January. There were BW students that took first and second place. The art work was outstanding! Student Atlas Butler received awards from White Castle, College Advantage and This Week for hard work and strength of service. BW student Olivia Small won award for her determination to "Be the Change".*

- Mrs. Meyer stated that through working on the levy and campaigning for the board individuals expressed a need for improved communication through a blog. She explained the blog will be one-way like a press release. Readers can post comments and ask questions that will collect feedback for the board. Readers will not be able to see feedback.
- Dr. Fagan announced the band students' participation in the solo & ensemble; the students did a great job of representing our district. She served as a judge at the science fair; the creativity of the students blew her away. She commended Linda Martin and Matt Wallschlaeger for their work (131 students participated, 8 high school teachers, 15 middle school teachers, 44 judges, 2 community members and the Boy Scouts). She informed everyone that the high school play *Legally Blonde* is scheduled for February 23, 24 and 25.
- Mr. Wecker attended the kindergarten music program at GRE; the students chose a speaking or singing part. He indicated that the jazz band played at the Library Lover's Night and they did an outstanding job.
- Mrs. Lillie congratulated the Science Fair participants. She wanted to thank Dr. K and stated she was a great administrator for the district.

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

12-30 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board adopt the following resolutions:

Resolution Establishing a Capital Projects Fund (USAS 070) for the Purpose of Accumulating Resources for the Acquisition, Construction, or Improvement of Fixed Assets (RC 5705.13)

(Appendix A)

Resolution Creating a Permanent Improvement Fund and Authorizing a Transfer Thereto (R.C. Sections 5705.09 and 5705.14)

(Appendix B)

Bond Resolution

(Appendix C)

Approve the 2011 tax rates and estimated revenue from the Delaware County Auditor.

(Appendix D)

Approve the appointment of the school district Treasurer or Designee as each school board member's Designee to obtain three hours of certified public records training, per each official's term in office, in accordance with House Bill 9 mandated public records and open meetings law training.

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

12-31 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve to increase the hours and days for Lisa Grumney, Educational Assistant, from five hours per day to seven and a half hours per day and from four days a week to five days a week, effective January 5, 2012.

Accept the resignation of Joel Studlien, Reading Tutor at Hylen Souders Elementary, effective January 27, 2012.

Approve Margaret Pharazyn as a substitute Reading Tutor for the 2011-2012 school year, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Establish a sub-mechanic rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective January 13, 2012.

Approve a one year limited non-certified contract for the balance of the 2011-2012 school year to Pam Robinson, bus driver (90 day probationary contract completed).

Approve a two- year 215 day Administrative Contract to Mark Cooper, Big Walnut Elementary School Principal, annual salary of \$75,000.00, effective August 1, 2012.

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

12-32 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following donations:

- \$1,000.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by an anonymous donor
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- \$100.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Felix and Mary Hage
- \$100.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chateavert
- \$50.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Anthony Garrabrant
- \$350.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Mindy Meyer
- \$50.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Jan S. Roy Trust
- \$100.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Dr. Houser

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

12-33 Motion by Mr. Wecker, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Board approve the following extended field trips:

- Big Walnut High School Wrestling Team, District Wrestling Tournament at Claymont High School, February 24 – 25, 2012
- Big Walnut High School Girls Track Team, Bellaire Relays in Bellaire, Ohio, April 13 – 14, 2012

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

12-34 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board enter Executive Session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding.

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

It is recommended the Board approve the Harrison Street Preschool/Kindergarten and Administrative Office Reconfiguration Facility Plan A as presented.

- *This item died due to lack of motion.*

12-35 Motion by Mr. Wecker, seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Board approve the 5/6 Grade Intermediate Building and Administrative Office Reconfiguration Facility Plan B as presented.

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

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting:	Monday, March 12, 2012
	7:00 P.M.
	Big Walnut Middle School Library

12-35 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourn.

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