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# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES  
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
March 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

13-42 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the approval of the Board meeting minutes of the February 2, 2013 Special Board Meeting and the February 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

A. Students of the Month

- Miranda Markel, Big Walnut Intermediate School – Mrs. Hines
  - *Mrs. Hines introduced BWIS student of the month Miranda Markel. Teachers reported that Miranda is one of the most positive students they have ever had the pleasure of teaching. Teachers also stated that Miranda is a terrific student, persona and peer role model as she works very hard.*
- Carrie Ann Kletrovetz, Big Walnut Middle School – Mrs. Lillie
  - *Mrs. Lillie presented the BWMS student of the month, Carrie Ann Kletrovetz. Daughter of Cheryl and John Kletrovetz has two brothers Jake 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Jace 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Carrie is an excellent student who enjoys spending time with her family, friends and being outside. She is described as a shy leader with a quite storm of reflective thoughts.*

## B. Student Recognitions

- Athletic Recognitions
  - *Mr. Wecker introduced Alec Eisninchier, State Qualifier in Wrestling, and the Big Walnut High School Cheer Squad OSSAD Non-Mounting State Champions.*
- Art Recognitions
  - *Dr. Fagan introduced students who have exhibits being displayed at the Youth Art Month Exhibition at the main branch of Columbus Library Art at STRS (Mallory Towne, Avery Siewart, Risa Johnson and Madison Manns); 2013 Central Ohio Regional Art Exhibition (Cassady Joseph, Grace Salloum and Morgan Schull), and Melodie Robitaille will be recognized for having her art work published on the cover of Ohio's "ARTline" quarterly magazine (a state level journal for teachers).*
- Academic Recognitions
  - *Mrs. Meyer introduced Abbie Meyers who has been inducted as a Lifetime Fellow in the American Junior Academy of Sciences; her 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair project made it to the National Science Fair. Sarah Stefaniak was honored for publishing a book, My Supplier. The process took one year and she stated the hardest part was editing and the coolest part was getting thoughts out of her head. Lindsey Adams was selected as one of twelve Ohio women to receive the Zonta Club of Columbus Outstanding Young Women in Central Ohio.*

## C. Big Walnut Intermediate Building Presentation

- *Mr. Germann's Honors Language Arts students presented a brief skit from their reading about Tom Sawyer and invited the board to their play.*
- *Mr. Butler shared BWIS is excellent with distinction due to great kids, parents and teachers who have helped children reach heights in their reading. Mr. Butler reviewed the various BWIS activities that have transpired this year from science night to fun nights and all club activities.*

## Superintendent Report

### A. District Goal: Improve Academic Achievement

- RttT Update
  - *Mrs. Pollock and Julie Beeker discussed progress of the teacher evaluation system. Ms. Beeker shared that the teachers held their 3<sup>rd</sup> waiver day to work on tweaking and modifying their student learning objectives (SLO). She stated teachers had a great discussion regarding how to identify what is good teaching.*
  - Connecting the Dots Conference
    - *Mrs. Pollock stated that Erin Barr, Peggy McMurry, Gary Barber and Julie Beeker will present at the Connecting the Dots state conference scheduled for March 22, 2013. The conference provides a forum to share what is working in districts, current feedback indicates we are in the top 5% of the schools for our progress.*
- Report Card
  - *Mrs. Pollock reviewed the 2011-2012 report card indicators and trends, value added measure and how we are growing kids.*
  - *Mrs. Pollock shared the new standards and related grading system of A-F in closing achievement gap- Achievement, Growth, Prepared for Success, Graduation and Literacy Progress. We do not anticipate that all schools will receive A's but we will make it our top priority to help students grow.*
- TRECA R&D
  - *Mrs. Pollock discussed that the program will fund one class in each of our buildings to provide technology and related support for teachers who apply and are accepted. Mr. Barber stated that it is a very rigorous grant cycle with proposals being submitted two or three times. Teachers will be chosen based on application action research to move away from traditional lecture to using more innovative tools and techniques to improve student learning. This program must have the ability to replicate in other classrooms.*

## B. District Goal: Improve Communication

- Galena Bridge
  - *Ron McClure and Mr. Barber talked about the replacement of the Galena bridge. Construction will run from April 1 through October 1, traffic will be closed exiting Galena (eastbound). Mr. McClure will be working with county engineers to get two-way one –line traffic to eliminate detour. This may require us to add an additional bus and a substitute driver.*
  - *Dr. Fagan thanked Mr. McClure for his advocacy to try and improve the situation and asked for the community to have patience and understanding that the district cannot control county decisions.*
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Community Expo April 25

## C. District Goal: Plan for Growth (facility plan)

- Transportation Tier I, II, III
  - *Ron McClure announced the bell time recommendations: high school and middle school 7:30 am / 2:00 pm; intermediate school 9:15 am / 3:55 pm; elementary 8:25 am / 3:00 pm; kindergarten am session 8:25 am / 11:00 am and kindergarten pm session 12:25 pm / 3:00 pm.*
  - *Mr. Barber explained that a great deal of discussion was given to bell times, especially to the after school child care programs. Researching current schedules to squeeze a few extra minutes out of school day and eliminate the late starts to gain instructional time back to classroom. Mr. Barber spoke about the length of specials and Eagle Time at the high school in addition to class changes, testing procedures, midterm, finals and late starts that allow students who are not testing to arrive late....all of these could gain time in the school day. He indicated that we are confident we are not going to lose instructional time because we will challenge administrators to examine schedule to gain minutes. To accommodate student growth reopening Harrison Street is an option for 2014-2015. Transportation will return to a two tier system that would create uniformity and achieve goal of starting school later in the morning; would require two additional buses.*
- FTE Report
  - *Mr. Barber reported no changes in the FTE since last month.*

## Treasurer's Report

### A. District Goal: Financial Responsibility

- Monthly Report
  - *Mrs. Drummey informed the board that the majority of revenue in February is typically derived from Real Estate Taxes; however, the collection was not received until Monday, March 4, leaving state funding of \$361,007 as the major source of revenue for the month. The monthly expenditures of \$2,156,061 were less than the projected \$2,279,431 for the month of February by \$123,370, due to decreases in all categories except for the "other" category. The other category includes dues and fees for items such as organizational memberships, banking fees and audit fees. The year-to-date variance has occurred because of an increase in banking fees and auctioneer fees. The banking fees have increased due to higher utilization of the on-line payment system Pay-For-It. While the auctioneer fees for closing costs of \$5900 occurred with the sale of the Kuntzman property*

### B. Items of Interest

- EnerNOC, Inc. Agreement
  - *Mrs. Drummey reported on the agreement for EnerNOC, Inc.:*
    - ✓ *As members of MEC we have been presented with an opportunity to receive revenue by participating in a unique energy savings partnership with EnerNOC.*
    - ✓ *EnerNOC is a company whose purpose is to save organizations money and earn payments while supporting the electric grid through promoting efficient use of energy.*
    - ✓ *EnerNOC supports the electric grid by offering payments for participating in a demand response programs.*
    - ✓ *EnerNOC can offer this opportunity because they receive payments from providers for reducing the electric demand load. Reducing the demand load is a cost effective method for the electric companies to meet peak demand instead of building additional power plants.*

- ✓ \$42,018 of revenue payments are available just for our willingness to be on-call and respond to grid emergencies by reducing our electric usage by 400kw between the HS/MS.
- ✓ This electric usage reduction will mostly likely be achieved by turning off the chillers so that computers and lights could still be available.
- ✓ There are no penalties if circumstances require us to decline or discontinue participation.
- ✓ Participation entitles us to real-time energy monitoring technology that is valuable for efficiency projects and day-to-day energy management.
- ✓ This company and the proposed agreement have been vetted by MEC's legal department so we can be confident of its legitimacy and credible terms.

## Selected Board Policies

### School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- Ms. Meyer stated peace week is starting this week and the students participated in the first ever lip dub - students mouth words set to music. Planning is underway for spring day and this week is OGT's for sophomores.
- Mr. Wecker said he is glad spring is here and spring sports are getting ready or have started. HS production of Guys and Dolls had band and football kids up on stage; good occasion to see why we live here.
- Mrs. Meyer recognized the PTO's, what they have accomplished is phenomenal. Art week got started at GRE last week followed by movie night and Donuts for Dads had over 200 dads showed up. Souders event on the 16<sup>th</sup> PTO's do a great job of enrichment for kids outside of classroom. She announced that the Golden Eagle Mentor Award is coming up, forms are on web site. She thanked Mrs. Drummey and the Finance Committee for their proactive approach to educate our community about funding. Student achievement deadline for OSBA is coming up in one month, she asked Mrs. Pollock to come up with something that qualifies.
- Mrs. Hines indicated she attended art day in kindergarten and first grade classrooms, they listened intently to guitar player for 45 minutes. So many children get the first exposure to a guitar only at this event in school. She illustrated how learning about things first hand like guitar, cow, etc. helps them to become better readers. She took CAFR to senior meeting and encouraged them to read the statistical section and get familiar with school funding.
- Mrs. Lillie announced that Dave Martin is home and back to work; he is a great friend to the district. OSBA is reaching out for speakers on developing a district work plan, Stacy and Angie applied to present at OSBA and got a book deal for the literacy efforts. As legislative liaison there are some upcoming events that she will be participating in; tomorrow attending subcommittee budget to offer testimony and meeting with Rep. Ruhl on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to discuss school business.
- Dr. Fagan announced that the MS jazz band performed at Blue Jackets game; they were fabulous and terrific ambassadors for the Big Walnut School. Mark Wentz of Blue Jackets had several season ticket holders ask who was performing and were shocked that it was a middle school band and inviting other opportunities to perform. She stated how excited she is about our student run show of Godspell.

### 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

Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following Resolution:  
House Bill 59 Resolution  
(Appendix A)

13-44 Motion by Mr. Wecker, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie to approve the amended House Bill 59 Resolution to reflect the word "local" in the following language of the resolution:

Be It Further Resolved that the Big Walnut Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer local public dollars to support local public dollars to support private education;

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

13-45 Motion by Mr. Wecker, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the 2012 tax rates and estimated revenue from the Delaware County Auditor.  
(Appendix B)

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

13-46 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Wecker recommending the Board approve the Sales and Services Agreement between EnerNOC, Inc. and Big Walnut Local School District.  
(Appendix C)

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

13-47 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve Jeff Aisel, Special Needs Assistant, General Rosecrans Elementary & Transportation, a one year classified contract for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year (90 day probationary period complete).

Approve Matthew Bell, Custodian, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> shift split, Big Walnut Intermediate School & High School, a one year classified contract for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year (90 day probationary period complete).

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

13-48 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the following extended field trip:

- Girls Track & Field Team, Wendy's Brook Relays, Wellsburg, WV, April 26-27, 2013

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

13-49 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following donation:

- \$795.98 donated to General Rosecrans Elementary, donated by Floyd & Stella Dickman
- \$145.00 donated to Big Walnut Local School District Principal Funds, donated by Goodfella's Pizza
- \$200.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Renaissance program, donated by Sunbury Lions Club
- \$200.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donated by Sunbury Lions Club
- \$200.00 donated by Big Walnut High School Renaissance program, donated by Sunbury Lions Club

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

13-50 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 Mr. Wecker, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:  
Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2013  
6:30 P.M.  
Big Walnut High School Media Center

13-51 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

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