
BIG WALNUT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 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, Mr. Wecker, Ms. Meyer
Absent: Mrs. Lillie

13-56 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the meeting minutes of the March 11, 2013 Special Board Meeting and the March 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Students of the Month
 - Ethan Herrel, Hylen Souders Elementary School – Dr. Fagan
- B. Student Recognitions
 - Athletic Recognitions

Superintendent Report

- A. District Goal: Improve Academic Achievement
 - RttT Update
 - *Mrs. Pollock and Erin Barr shared how well the presentation at Connect the Dots Conference was received.*
 - *Mrs. Pollock will be finalizing year 3 of the 4 year grant.*

- Specials at Kindergarten Level
 - *Mr. Barber and Mrs. Pollock indicated the balance needs to help students meet literacy goals.*
 - *Dr. Fagan stated the change in kindergarten specials is in no way indicative of the board or her personal commitment to the arts.*
- Common Core
 - *Mrs. Pollock reviewed the State Standards to be implemented in 2014-2015. She shared some recent news on CCSS; Ohio adopted CCSS with no intention to withdraw assessments tied to standards. Districts will maintain local control to select materials and adjust for deeper learning.*

B. District Goal: Improve Communication

- *Mr. Mazzi announced the Rosecrans statue dedication will be September 28 from 2:00-9:00 pm; students from the high school and GRE will be involved the ceremony.*
- *Mr. Mazzi stated the 100 students who went on the extended field trip on the Carnival Cruise had a great time.*
- Galena Bridge
 - *Mr. Barber announced the bridge will be closed from April 22-October 23. He said the buses in the morning can be re-routed to accommodate the closure; however in the afternoon one deputy will be on duty for three hours to escort buses across the bridge.*
- Eagle Mentor Award
 - *Mr. Mazzi announced the Golden Eagle Mentor nominations are due by April 10.*

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

- FTE Report
 - *Mr. Barber reported no changes to staffing report.*
 - *Mr. Barber provided an update on ALICE training.*
- Galena Building
 - *Mr. Mazzi announced the Journey Fellowship Church purchased the Galena building for \$100,000.*
 - *Mrs. Lillie arrived.*

Treasurer's Report

A. District Goal: Financial Responsibility

- Monthly Report

B. Items of Interest

- Dual Enrollment
 - *Mrs. Pollock explained that the district will be offering World Civilization through Columbus State. The cost of three college semester credits will be \$75; the district will provide text books.*

Selected Board Policies

School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Ms. Meyer stated that Peace Week is finishing up and the planning is underway for Eagle Day, which is scheduled for May 25. She announced Prom is May 11, German Maifest is May 6 and the Variety Show is Friday at 7:00 pm.*
- *Mr. Wecker wished Journey Fellowship Church the best and will be eager to watch the improvements. The GRE art show is scheduled for April 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm.*
- *Mrs. Meyer expressed how impressed she was with Peace Week. She admires the courage of the students who shared their difficult experiences, it was extremely heartwarming. She stated Nicole worked behind the scenes to make the event a success. She announced the Chamber Student Breakfast Recognition is April 12.*
- *Mrs. Hines announced the FFA Banquet is scheduled for April 20. She stated the banquet is so much fun to attend. She believes agriculture will be the next big boom to meet demands of other countries. She expressed thanks to teachers at recent BWEA meeting. She attended Common Core meeting in Berlin Township.*
- *Mrs. Lillie stated how wonderful Godspell was and how awesome that it was student directed. She commended our administration on their hard work and great collaboration.*

- *Dr. Fagan congratulated the team on their accomplishment at Connect the Dots; such an honor to be invited to present three times. She attended the ALICE demonstration by Officer Kern and believes the program makes total sense because it focuses on taking care of yourself at age appropriate levels. She attended the high school orientation and was very excited to use technology to create a schedule that very night.*

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

- *Mr. Tommy Hatfield asked what courses students are able to sign up for next year.*
- *Dr. Fagan encouraged Mr. Hatfield and other parents to direct questions to Mrs. Pollock.*

New Business

13-57 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve and ratify the following Settlement Agreement between Strategic Properties LLC and Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education. (Appendix A)

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

13-58 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the resignation of Laura McLoughlin, Intervention Specialist, Big Walnut Middle School, effective June 6, 2013.

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

13-59 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board approve the resignation of Gary Barber, Assistant Superintendent, effective July 31, 2013.

- *Dr. Fagan expressed deep appreciation and pride for Mr. Barber.*
- *Mrs. Lillie stated she appreciates and respects the work Mr. Barber accomplished in his time with BW and the district will be sad to see him leave.*
- *Mrs. Hines indicated she was upset initially when she was made aware of his departure, but understands his need to grow professionally.*

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

13-60 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following athletic supplementals for the 2012-2013 school year:

Soccer

Drew Pitzer, Girls Head Coach, step 1

Tim Poitinger, Boys Head Coach, step 11

Rescind Motion 13-35, athletic supplemental for the 2012-2013 school year for Chris Holly, Head Baseball Coach, step 7.

Approve the athletic supplemental for the 2012-2013 school year for the Chris Holly, Head Baseball Coach, step 4.

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

13-61 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following certified personnel for a one-year contract:

Jessica Amodio	Steven Kreiner
Virginia Crawford	Sara Nagra
Kaitlin Frey	Margaret Pharazyn
Katie Keller	Brenda Schroeder

Approve the following certified personnel for a two-year contract:

Karen Bodker	Ashley Longshore
Savannah Brown	Kevin Masterson
Sarah Cline	Christine McWilliams
Rachel Estep	Amanda Rammelsberg
Jody Grieger	Charles Rowley
Melissa Hay	Julie Tuel
Carrie Knight	Beth Zirillo

Approve the following certified personnel for a continuing contract:

Jeanne Collett	Craig Porter
Danielle LaSota	Jessica Shelton
Melissa Maxson	Laura Wood
Michael McDonough	Sarah Wytzka

Approve a one-year certified probationary contract to Katie Fox.

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

13-62 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following certified personnel for a three-year contract:

Lisa Andrews	Susan Likens	Michael Ruark
Marie Beck	Heather McCoy	Sarah Sandrock
Katherine Blocher	Susan Missman	Rich Smith
Rhonda Corven	Dawn Norris	Susan Stein
Jason Crawford	Rochelle Olson	Nicole Stepsis
Roberta DiVito	Julie Paplaczky	Michael Stone
Amy Kessler	Jennifer Ranalli	Casey Wright

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

13-63 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following donation:

- \$2,500.00 donated to Big Walnut High School Athletic Department, donated by VFW Post 8736

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

13-64 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following extended field trip:

- Big Walnut 6th grade, Mohican School in the Out-of Doors, April 30-May 3, 2013

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

13-65 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer 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. Meyer, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Wecker

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:
Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2013
6:30 P.M.
Big Walnut High School Media Center

13-66 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

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