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# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES  
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
August 12, 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

13-106 Motion by Mrs. Hines, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the meeting minutes of the July 8, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, August 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentation

Superintendent Report

A. District Goal: Student Academic Achievement

- *The preliminary score indicates district is doing well; however, we will wait to report once final data is released.*

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

- FTE Report
  - *Mrs. Pollock indicated the full 2013/2014 report will be presented on at the September board meeting.*

C. District Goal: Improve Communication

- Berkshire Township Outlet Updated
  - *Mrs. Pollock provided an update from a Citizens Advisory Council meeting she attended regarding Tanger/Simon Outlet Center at Berkshire Township Hall. The council wants to ensure the developer considers*

*the quality of life for the residents. They shared the design of the outlet and indicated a traffic study is being done by ODOT. It would generate approximately \$700,000 in property tax per year.*

- AEP
  - *Mr. Spurrier stated that the engineering improvements and competitive bidding reduced the project cost, which will reduce tax revenue from 5.4 million to 3.8 million.*

#### Treasurer's Report

##### A. District Goal: Financial Responsibility

- Monthly Report – *Mrs. Drummey reported:*
  - *Executive Summary - The summer months represented a major transition period for the district, as we continue to identify district needs and build new budgets for 2013-201. She provided an overview of how this July compared to last July.*
  - *Monthly Activity – During the month of July, receipts exceeded expenditures resulting in an operating surplus that is added to the FY13 carryover cash balance to result in ending cash for July of \$7,784,965.*
  - *Revenue – Monthly revenue is higher due to higher individual income tax payments made on April 15. Based on the historical collection trend July 2013 shows post recession stabilization of personal income for our residents.*
  - *Expenditures – Monthly expenditures of \$2,220,642 exceed last year by \$148,608. The majority of the fluctuation occurred in the salary and purchase services category due to increases implemented last year by negotiated agreement for staff.*
  - *State Funding – Funding simulations indicate a 6% increase of state funding to Big Walnut. The state is using some old enrollment data to calculate payments. Since our district enrollment is growing the Treasurer will re-simulate funding based on actual enrollment for inclusion in the forecast.*
- Guest Speaker – Troy Stein from Strategic Solutions

#### Selected Board Policies

#### School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Mrs. Hines indicated open house for BWIS is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. She announced that Channel 10 will air an interview with Penny Sturtevant on Tuesday at 5:00 a.m. and Steve Mazzi on Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. She had lunch with April Liimatta, previous student board representative, who attended school to be a pharmacist. She will be taking the new student board representative, Olivia Small, to lunch this week.*
- *Mrs. Lillie indicated that because she is the legislative liaison she will be monitoring the 30 bills pertaining to education, including unfunded mandates. She is planning to attend a legislative conference in September.*
- *Mr. Wecker stated the importance of kids participating and businesses supporting the Hartford Fair and thanked all of them. He also thanked individuals who served on the Development and Finance Committee for supporting the district and community.*
- *Mrs. Meyer announced how pleased she is that Lacrosse will be a district sport, a hybrid similar to swimming. She appreciates the efforts to grow the sport, which will allow kids to letter and receive scholarships.*
- *Dr. Fagan expressed her excitement to see school gearing-up, she enjoys the activities. She announced that 150 kids participate in marching band, they are very excited for their first performance. She invited everyone to attend football Friday nights to see 1/3 of our student body participating on the field.*

#### 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

- *Rebecca McVeigh thanked everyone for their support in allowing Lacrosse to become a school sport. It is such a great opportunity for kids.*

##### B. Non Scheduled

New Business

13-107 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve a three year Master Services Agreement between SC Strategic Solutions LLC, (SCSS) and Big Walnut Local Schools.  
(Appendix A)

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

13-108 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Board approve the following resolution:  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES IN EXCESS OF \$3,000 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2013 (R.C. Section 5705.41)  
(Appendix B)

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

13-109 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Big Walnut Board of Education and the Big Walnut Education Association to add an additional pay with no change in compensation rate for the 2013-2014 school year for newly hired certified staff only.

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

13-110 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board approve the language for Interim End-of-Course Assessments in American Government and American History. In compliance with Am. Sub. S.B. 165, the Big Walnut Local Schools Board of Education authorizes the Big Walnut Director of Academic Achievement, department chairperson, and teachers of the high school social studies departments to create interim end-of-course exams for American Government and American History until the state exams are implemented.

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

13-111 Motion by Mrs. Hines, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board accept the bid from Edwin H. Davis & Son, Inc. for two 71 passenger school buses for \$79,695.00 each.

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

13-112 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve the bus stops for the 2013-2014 school year and authorizes the Superintendent or designee to make changes in bus stops as needed.

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

13-113 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board approve a five year Administrative Level I contract for Felicia Drummey, Treasurer, at an annual salary of \$95,000, per contract terms and conditions, effective August 1, 2013.

Approve a one year Administrative Level I contract for Ron McClure, Transportation Supervisor, per contract terms and conditions, effective August 1, 2013.

Accept the following resignations:

Anne Reffitt, Food Service Worker, Hysten Souders Elementary, effective August 5, 2013

Cassie Rice, Food Service Worker, Big Walnut Middle School, effective July 31, 2013

Katie Fox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, General Rosecrans Elementary, effective July 17, 2013

Approve a one year limited contract for the 2013-2014 school year for the following certified staff:

Jennilyn Haer, Art Teacher, Big Walnut Intermediate School, BA+15 step 1

Joe Evener, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Big Walnut Intermediate School, MA step 0

Dorothy Branham, .5 Kindergarten Teacher (in addition to her .5 Intervention Specialist current contract), Hysten

Approve a 90-day contract for the following classified staff:

Austin Geiger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, Big Walnut Intermediate School, step 0, effective July 15, 2013  
Anthony Schoenberger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Custodian, Big Walnut High School, step 0, effective July 15, 2013  
Cassie Rice, Office Assistant, Big Walnut Intermediate School, step 0, effective August 12, 2013

Approve the following home school instruction tutor at the board-approved rate:

Amy Keep, effective June 19, 2013

Approve the Saturday School pay rate to be the same hourly rate as the Board approved tutor rate.

Approve the following athletic supplementals for the 2013-2014 school year:

Football

Mike Adams, Varsity Assistant, group 2, step 11  
Mike DeLaney, Varsity Assistant, group 2, step 11  
Brian Mackey, Varsity Assistant, group 2, step 11  
Scott Wetzel, Varsity Assistant, group 2, step 11  
Charlie Rowley, Varsity Assistant, group 2, step 5  
Todd Dawson, Assistant, group 3, step 11  
Luke Moore, Assistant, group 3, step 6  
Jack Daniels, MS Assistant, group 3, step 1  
Ric Cavicchia, MS Assistant, group 3, step 11  
Jason Crawford, MS Assistant, group 3, step 3  
Chip Klinedinst, MS Assistant, group 3, step 5  
Nick Kuhn, Volunteer  
Zach Walker, Volunteer  
Jeff Tutorow, Volunteer  
Patrick Daugherty, Volunteer

Boys Soccer

Mark Aksel, Assistant, group 4, step 2

Girls Soccer

Charlie Brodhead, Assistant, group 4, step 11

Boys Golf

Jim Rinella, Assistant, group 4, step 8  
Rich Smith, MS Assistant, group 4, step 11

Girls Tennis

Sarah Cline, Assistant, group 4, step 1  
Kim White, MS Assistant, group 4, step 11

Volleyball

Summer Hale, Assistant, group 4, step 2  
Matt Schoonover, Assistant, group 4, step 2  
Eleni Lourgos, MS Assistant, group 4, step 1  
Melissa Stover, MS Assistant, group 4, step 5  
Chris Podraza, Volunteer

Facility Manager

Chris Holly, 2/3 High School, group 3, step 5  
Lori Hayhurst, .5 Middle School, group 3, step 3

Cross Country

Dora Riggs, Assistant, group 4, step 6  
Kelly Robinson, MS Assistant, group 4, step 11  
Gary Miller, Volunteer  
Red Edwards, Volunteer  
Melissa Pecci, Volunteer

Cheerleading

Kristen Hackenbracht, Assistant, group 4, step 0  
Beth Stimmel, Freshman Assistant, group 4, step 4  
Savannah Brown, MS Assistant, group 4, step 4  
Angie Buxton, Volunteer

Approve a 90-Day classified contracts to Mistie Collier, Teaching Assistant, General Rosecrans Elementary, step 5, effective August 12, 2013.

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

13-114 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee or official.

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

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, September 9, 2013 6:30 P.M. Big Walnut High School, Media Center
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13-115 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

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