
BIG WALNUT

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2012
Big Walnut Middle School, Commons, 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, Ms. Meyer

- A. Introduction of new student Board rep – Nicole Meyer

12-124 Motion by Mr. Wecker, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Board approve the September 10, 2012 Board agenda.

- *Mrs. Lillie stated the approval of the agenda will reflect the removal of the following agenda items:*
 - *Item 6A Treasurer's Items – Ohio Treasurer's Evaluation System Presentation, Ralph Johnson*
 - *Item 8A Selected Board Policy – 6460 Vendor Relations – (Revised Finances)*

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

12-125 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Board review and approve the Board meeting minutes of the August 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and the August 16, 2012 Special Board Meeting.

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

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Jagger Barnett, Big Walnut Elementary School – Mr. Wecker

Treasurer's Items

A. Monthly Report

- *Mrs. Drummey reported on the following:*
 - *August Monthly Activity*
 - *Receipts of \$8,257,797 exceeded expenditures of \$1,318,569 by \$5,939,288.*
 - *This is the result of the 1st half of 2011 Property Tax collection in the amount of \$7,770,205.*
 - *The total ending cash balance is \$12,991,971.*
 - *This reflects the natural levy revenue cycle effect in which revenues exceed expenditures in the first through the third years of a fixed sum levy.*

- This revenue must be “saved” for operations in the fourth through fifth years of the levy when expenditures outpace revenue.
 - Revenue
 - Monthly revenue of \$8,257,797 is less than this same period last year by \$315,970.
 - The decrease reflects the expiration of the 2010 .25Mil emergency levy.
 - During levy campaign we promised that with passage of \$4.9M we would allow the \$750M levy to expire.
 - The effect is \$259,245 less revenue for the August period since it is so long being collected.
 - This is not alarming because we have already anticipated the decline in real estate tax revenue in our forecast.
 - Expenditures
 - Monthly expenditures of \$2,318,569 exceed last year by \$286,863. The majority of the fluctuation occurred in the salary category in the amount of \$109,951.
 - July and August salaries (referred to as stretch pay) are based on the prior school year salary obligations and due to the re-hire of staff last year that had previously been RIF’d FY11.
 - You will notice a similar effect on the benefit component due to the rehire of RIF’d employees.
 - The increase over the prior year is salary and benefits was forecasted and expected under the restoration of educational programs.
 - The next major fluctuation occurred in the purchase services in the amount of \$125,423.
 - This increase is due to the payment of two months of invoices to the Educational Service Center.
 - The purchase services expenditures category will level out over time and is also not considered a variation from the planned ESC spending.

Superintendent’s Items

A. RttT

- Fair Day/Curriculum Day
- General Update
- Mrs. Pollock provided structure of Curriculum Day, which will cover OTEs, bullying training and student learning objectives.

B. District Work Plan

- Mr. Mazzi and Mrs. Pollock reviewed the district goals and objectives:
 - Improve academic achievement
 - Improve communication
 - Plan for growth
 - Financial responsibility

C. Preliminary Report Card

- Mr. Mazzi and Mrs. Pollock reviewed Performance Index:
 - BWE – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 105.8
 - HS – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 109
 - MS – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 102.8
 - GRE – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 103.5
 - SOU – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 107.8
 - District – Met all Indicators & Performance Index 105.4

D. Athletic Survey

- Mr. Mazzi indicated that the survey is the first survey to reflect on what & how we are doing.

E. Building Presentations

F. Transportation

- Mr. Barber reported that this was the best start to the school year ever. He thanked the drivers for their collaboration and hard work.

Selected Board Policies

A. It is recommended the Board approve the following policy additions and revisions:

(Appendix A)

NEOLA Additions/Revisions – First Reading

8451 Pediculosis (Head Lice) – (New Operations)

8405 Environmental Health and Safety Issues – (Revised Operations)

8330 Student Records – (Revised Operations)

8320.01 Personal Information Systems – (Revised Operations)

5517.01 Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior – (Revised Students)

5460.01 Diploma Deferral – (New Students)

3131 Reduction in Staff – (Revised Professional)

3120.06 Selecting Student Teachers/Administrative Interns – (Revised Professional)

1540 Suspension of Administrative Contracts – (Revised Administration)

- Mrs. Lillie explained this is the first reading only, vote not required until second reading.

School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- Mrs. Hines stated she attended all open houses and enjoyed meeting parents and kids; the students were so excited and showed so much pride. She praised Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for providing equipment and material to the maintenance department so they can complete all of their tasks. She announced student Lindsey Adams received a \$1K scholarship from the Better Business Bureau.
- Mrs. Meyer indicated GRE is doing Bricks for Kids on Monday evening with hands on lego building models for learning. She announced Big Nut Strut, which will benefit the PTO, will be held on October 7 at noon.
- Mr. Wecker announced the Delaware County Fair will start the weekend of September 8. It is a great event and the showmanship of the kids is excellent. He said he was approached by a friend who questioned him on what the district does to educate on bullying – he gave Challenge Day as an example. She suggested that something needs to be done at the lower grade levels as well.
- Ms. Meyer announced that the senior class is ordering their caps and gowns, high school pictures are the 21, homecoming game is October 5, and the dance the 6th. She stated the high school dress code does not match middle school.
- Dr. Fagan would like to celebrate the report card status. She attended workshop on communicating with media with Felicia Drummey and found it very helpful.
- Mrs. Lillie is pleased to have school in session.

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

- Scott Erik indicated he has been a participant and volunteer in school and levy activities for years; he hears others speak of the respect and pride they have in the accomplishments of the district. He encouraged the board and staff to honor the levy commitment.
- Shannon Mignogno indicated she has been a teacher since 2004 and she spoke on behalf of the staff. She expressed their disappointment in the board and administration and their lack of respect for the staff. She shared the success of her son in college, due to BW's rigorous curriculum. The staff has sacrificed time and talent to pass the levy and educate children.
- Chris Podraza stated she has lived in the district for seven years. She has four children and has had 23 teachers between them. She is surprised by the flyers that the staff is sending out and the message it is sending. She hopes it is a fair contract for all parties, including the community.

B. Non Scheduled

- Ryan Dunlap said he lives in the district and has three children, he applauds those who showed up to voice their concerns and his hope is others share. He encouraged teachers to not send the wrong message. He believes in the value of teachers but as a financial planner he knows the tax payers are hurting and freezes might be necessary.
- Blanda Lynam stated she has worked in the district for 17 years, lives in the district and the taxes that come out of her check go toward the district. She also wants the levy to last for five years, but does not want to watch her pay shrink.

New Business

12-126 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Big Walnut Board of Education approve the Member Service Agreement between Big Walnut Local School District and Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA).
(Appendix B)

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

12-127 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Big Walnut Board of Education adopt the Ohio Principal Evaluation System (OPES).
(Appendix C)

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

12-128 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Meyer recommending the Big Walnut Board of Education volunteer for the following committee for 2012:

Big Walnut Intermediate School

Verna Hines

Approve a 90-day probationary contract for the following classified employees for the 2012-2013 school year:

Chris Holly, Special Needs Assistant, Big Walnut High School, step 3

Angela Snyder, Clerical Assistant (.25), Hulen Souders Elementary, step 3

Mike Hamilton, Special Needs Assistant (bus aide), step 3

Sheri Woerner, 2 hour Food Service Worker, Big Walnut Middle School, step 0

➤ *Mr. Barber explained that the majority of the positions are results of re-assignment due to the opening of BWIS.*

Approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2012-2013 school year:

Football

Anthony Zarcone, Volunteer

Facility Manager

Chris Holly, 2/3 High School

Volleyball

Matt Schoonover, Assistant

Cross Country

Melissa Pecci, Middle School, Volunteer

Cheerleading

Nikki Pennington, Middle School, Volunteer

➤ *Mr. Mazzi commended the number of volunteers and stated no new positions have been added.*

Approve the following Extended Service contracts for the 2012/2013 school year:

EXTENDED DAYS

Tammi Jordan, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School

15 days

Molly Fortune, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School

15 days

Nancy McCracken-Bennett, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School

15 days

Approve the following certified staff as Home Instruction Tutor, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, for the 2012/2013 school year:

Josh Dalton

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

12-129 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board approve the following donations:

- School supplies donated to General Rosecrans Elementary, donation made by Dollar General

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

12-130 Motion by Mrs. Meyer, Seconded by Mr. Wecker recommending the Board enter Executive Session to prepare and review for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding, and to consider the employment of a public employee or official.

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

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting:

Monday, October 8, 2012

7:00 PM

Big Walnut Middle School, Library

12-131 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Hines recommending the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

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