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# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES  
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
September 12, 2011  
Big Walnut High School Media Center, 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*

President

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth, Connor Moran

11-121 Motion by Mr. Hildreth, Seconded by Dr. Fagan to approve Board meeting minutes of the August 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth, Connor Moran, Ms. Butts

Recognitions & Building Presentations

- A. Student of the Month, Anna Cryan, Big Walnut Elementary – Dr. Fagan
- B. Introduction of Student Board Representative, Connor Moran
- C. Big Walnut Elementary Building Presentation

Treasurer's Items

- A. Monthly Report

Superintendent's Items

- A. Middle School Grounds
  - *Mr. Barber reported that the middle school grounds are not currently in satisfactory condition for landscaping.*
- B. District Report Card
  - *Mr. Mazzi and Mrs. Pollock reported on the District Report Card giving accolades to each school's achievement.*
    - *BWE*
      - *Met all Indicators*
      - *Performance Index 104.6*
      - *Met AYP targets, sub groups growing by more than 75%*
      - *Met Value Added show 1 year growth*
      - *Excellent with Distinction*
    - *HS*
      - *Met all Indicators*
      - *Performance Index 103.6*
      - *AYP not met*
      - *Effective rating dropped by not meeting AYP, meeting this is difficult for a high school*
    - *MS*
      - *Met all Indicators*
      - *Performance Index 101.7*

- *Met AYP*
- *Excellent Rating*
- *GRE*
  - *Met all Indicators, except 5<sup>th</sup> grade math*
  - *Performance Index 97.9*
  - *Met AYP*
  - *Effective Rating*
- *SOU*
  - *Met all Indicators*
  - *Performance Index 104.9*
  - *Met AYP*
  - *Above Value Added*
  - *Excellent with Distinction*
- *District*
  - *Met all Indicators*
  - *Performance Indicators 102.3*
  - *Met AYP*
  - *Excellent Rating*

C. Busing and Transportation

- *Mr. Barber and Mrs. Zvansky reported that a change in bell time always impacts ridership resulting in some route modifications. Temporary routes used to start school will not be needed long term. As routes are tweaked, parents will be notified of any changes to improve efficiencies.*

D. Forum – Traffic Issues

- *Mr. Barber shared the flyer that will be going out concerning Town Hall meeting on September 26 – the meeting is to discuss transportation concerns.*

Selected Board Policies

11-122 Motion by Dr. Fagan, Seconded by Mrs. Lillie recommending the Board approve the following policy additions and revisions:

NEOLA Additions/Revisions – Second Reading

2412 Homebound Instruction Program (Program – Revised Policy)

2461 Recording of IEP Team Meetings (Program – Revised Policy)

5200 Attendance (Students – Revised Policy)

5512 Use of Tobacco (Students – Revised Policy)

5751 Parental Status of Students (Students – Revised Policy)

6231 Appropriations and Spending Plan (Finances – Revised Policy)

6320 Purchases (Finances – Revised Policy)

7540 Computer Technology and Networks (Property – Revised Policy)

8431 Preparedness for Toxic Hazard and Asbestos Hazard (Operations – Revised Policy)

8500 Food Services (Operations – Revised Policy)

8550 Competitive Food Sales (Operations – New Policy)

9160 Public Attendance at School Events (Relations – Revised Policy)

(Appendix A)

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth, Connor Moran, Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines

School Board Members Items of Interest or Discussion

- *Mrs. Hines attended all open houses and was impressed by the enthusiasm of staff and students. She also attended the Fallen Hero Ceremony and noticed that two BW graduates were honored, she stated it was a wonderful program.*
- *Dr. Fagan informed everyone that the marching band won best percussion and color guard at the competition on Saturday. She let everyone know that there is another competition on October 8 at Westerville Central. She also stated that HB136 is going into hearings on vouchers, this is another threat to the stability of local schools.*
- *Mrs. Lillie wished all BW students good luck at the Delaware County Fair.*
- *Mr. Hildreth welcomed Connor Moran, the student board rep. He thanked Donna Evans for program at football game.*
- *Mr. Moran announced that students are planning for homecoming on September 30 and Challenge Day.*
- *Ms. Butts plans to attend the PTO meeting at SOU this week and provided dates for Donuts with Dad and Big Nut Strut.*

## 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

➤ *Mr. Gallagher asked about status of records request of the Treasurer's office. He also wanted to confirm that there would be no salary increase, only a step increase.*

## New Business

11-123 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Mr. Hildreth recommending the Board approve the following Resolutions:  
**Resolution Authorizing a Right-of-Way Easement at Harrison Street Elementary to Del-Co Water Company, Inc.**  
(Appendix B)

**Resolution Authorizing a Right-of-Way Easement at Big Walnut Elementary to Del-Co Water Company, Inc.**  
(Appendix C)

Approve the contract for the Provision of Support Services between Big Walnut Local School District and Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) for the fiscal year of 2012.  
(Appendix D)

Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Wilson, Shannon & Snow, Inc. an independent public accountant (IPA), Dave Yost, Auditor of State of Ohio (Auditor) and Big Walnut Local School District.  
(Appendix E)

Approve a 0 % increase (salary freeze) for Administrator Level I and II for the 2011-2012 school year. The administrative staff members of the district have voluntarily agreed to accept no increase in salary for the 2011-2012 school year. Specifically, they will receive 0% cost of living, and 0% merit increases (Administrators are not eligible for step increases).

Accept the resignation of Elizabeth Curtis, Big Walnut Middle School Spanish Teacher, effective August 19, 2011.

Approve a one-year limited certified contract for Carrie Knight, Big Walnut Middle School Spanish Teacher, MA step 4, for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve a 90-day probationary contract for the following classified employees for the 2011-2012 school year:

Janice Schubert, Bus Aide, step 1, effective August 22, 2011

Art Dunkle, Bus Driver, step 3, effective August 22, 2011

Keith Johnson, Bus Driver, step 1, effective August 24, 2011

Tawnie Antill, 2 hour/day Food Service Worker, Hylen Souders Elementary, step 1, effective August 29, 2011

Approve a 260-day contract to be paid from Auxiliary Service Funds for Kelly Stoll, Genoa Christian Academy, Accounts Receivable – Fiscal Clerk, step 8, 4 hour/day, effective August 1, 2011. (Genoa Christian has been awarded \$148,341 in Auxiliary Funding by ODE for the 2011/2012 school year. These Auxiliary Funds are paid to the public school district for financial management and financial reporting of revenues and expenditures as the fiscal agent. The Auxiliary Funds cannot be used for purchases by the school district or for use by other nonpublic schools.)

Approve to employ, according to Board approved policy and salary schedules, the following long-term substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year:

Ashley Bennett

Alicia Carlson

Approve the increase for Cassandra Rice from a 2 hour to a 3 hour Food Service Worker, Big Walnut Middle School, effective 24, 2011.

Approve the increase for Meg Petty from a 6 ½ hour to a 7 ½ hour Educational Assistant, Hylen Souders Elementary, effective August 24, 2011.

Approve to move Sylvia Johnson from a Bus Driver to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian Big Walnut Middle School, step 8, continuing contract will remain in effect, effective August 8.

Approve the following Tutors at a rate of \$18.00/ hour for the 2011-2012 school year:

Joe Evener, Big Walnut Elementary Reading Tutor, 6 hour/day  
Chris Holly, Hylen Souders Elementary Math Tutor, 6 hour/day

Approve a one-year contract (90-day probationary period complete) for Matt Smith, Big Walnut High School 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Custodian / Head Custodian.

Approve the following Extended Service contracts for the 2011-2012 school year:

	<u>EXTENDED DAYS</u>
Nancy McCracken Bennett, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School	10 days
Tammi Jordan, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School	10 days
Molly Fortune, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut High School	10 days
Ric Cavicchia, Guidance Counselor, Big Walnut Middle School	5 days
Penny Sturtevant, Principal, Big Walnut Middle School	6 days
Linda Snouffer, Dean of Students, Big Walnut Middle School	8 days
Angie Pollock, Director of Academic Achievement	10 days

Rescind Motion 11-88, supplemental contract for the 2011-2012 school year for Shane Sawyers, Percussion Instructor.

Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2011-2012 school year:

High School

Dora Riggs	Leo Club Advisor
Stacey O'Reilly	National Honor Society Advisor
Scott Elliott	Social Studies Department Chair
Chris May	Percussion Instructor

Approve the following stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

Mark Matthews, Summer School Government, \$900.00

Rescind Motion 11-115, supplemental contract for the 2011-2012 school year for Charles Broadhead, Head Coach, Boys Soccer.

Approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2011-2012 school year:

Football

Zach Walker, Volunteer

Boys Soccer

Charles Broadhead, Head Coach, 1/4  
Brett Weiss, Head Coach, 3/4

Facility Coordinator

Sarah Wytzka, 1/3  
Meredith Hadley, 1/3

Release the following students for transportation purposes for the 2011-2012 school year:

- John J. McDermott release from Big Walnut Local Schools to Westerville City Schools for the 2011-2012 school year attending St. Paul School
- Cullen Gonce release from Big Walnut Local Schools to New Albany Schools for the 2011-2012 school year attending St. Mathew School
- Maura Gonce release from Big Walnut Local Schools to New Albany Schools for the 2011-2012 school year attending St. Mathew School

VOTE: YEAS Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth, Connor Moran, Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines

11-124 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Dr. Fagan approving the following donations:

- \$500.00 donation to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donation from Big Walnut Education Foundation
- \$50.00 donation to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donation from J. Barry and Allison Fagan
- \$50.00 donation to Big Walnut High School Challenge Day, donation from Sunbury United Methodist Church
- \$60.00 donation to Hylen Souders Elementary, donation from Morgan Stanley

VOTE: YEAS Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth, Mr. Moran, Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan

11-125 Motion by Mr. Hildreth, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the Board enter Executive Session to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding, 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. Hildreth, Connor Moran, Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie

Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
7:30 A.M.  
Galena Administrative Office

Regular Board Meeting:

Monday, October 10, 2011  
7:00 P.M.  
Big Walnut Middle School, Library

11-126 Motion by Mrs. Lillie, Seconded by Dr. Fagan recommending the meeting adjourn.

VOTE: YEAS Connor Moran, Ms. Butts, Mrs. Hines, Dr. Fagan, Mrs. Lillie, Mr. Hildreth