

Board of Education Meeting

District Administrative Office
Thursday, October 10, 2019
7:30am - 9:30am

Present: Mrs. Angie Hamberg, Superintendent; Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Member; Mr. Mark Cooper, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Brad Schneider, President; Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board Member; Mr. Jeremy Buskirk, Treasurer; Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member; Liana Lee, Vice President

Absent: Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative

1 Mission

Mr. Brad Schneider

The mission of the Big Walnut Local Schools is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.

2 Vision

Mr. Brad Schneider

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

3 President

Mr. Brad Schneider

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:32 am.
- Mr. Wecker arrived at 7:35 am.

4 Roll Call

Mr. Brad Schneider

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Member	X		
Mr. Brad Schneider, President	X		
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board Member	X		

Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Liana Lee, Vice President	X		

5 District Goals

Mr. Brad Schneider

Improve academic achievement
 Improve communication
 Plan for growth (facility plan)
 Financial responsibility

6 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Angie Hamberg

6.1 District Goals: Student Academic Achievement

6.2 District Goal: Improve Communication

- Capital Conference Discussion
- Levy Discussion
- Naming of the Preschool

Minutes:

- Mrs. Hamberg noted that we will need to have a resolution in the next two months to allow us to be on the March ballot.
- Mrs. Meyer shared that every person she has discussed it with says they would like to see a continuing on the ballot.
- Mrs. Lee indicated that not all but the majority of the individuals she discussed the topic with agrees on a continuing.
- Mr. Schneider feels that some taxpayers feel that their voice will be taken away with a continuing. He firmly believes a continuing is the way to go; however, he does think about a ten-year renewal.
- Mrs. Meyer agrees with Mr. Schneider and she feels that it needs to be made clear with the taxpayers that in the future if it is no longer needed it can be reversed.
- Mr. Crowl indicated that there is still a misconception that it can be removed....it can not. It can be reduced but not removed.
- Mrs. Hamberg stated the language from the attorney and feels that the members are saying the same thing just using different terms. The Board can approve to have as much as nothing collected but it will not be removed from the books.
- Mr. Crowl feels that it would be very unlikely that the Board would ever vote to collect nothing. Currently, we have seven levies that we are collecting on - more than half are continuing. He is not in favor and if it is placed on the ballot as one he will have to vote no. He does see a need for a renewal.
- Mr. Wecker stated that this is exactly why the Board has five members. He would hate for a superintendent or treasurer to have the pressure of making the decision. He feels that this community has a history of taxing responsible and he believes a continuing is the way to go.
- Mrs. Lee realizes that it is too much to continue to ask the volunteers to be out in the community constantly asking the taxpayers for more money. She also believes that putting a continuing is the

right choice.

- Mrs. Hamberg asked for input regarding naming of our Early Learning Center.
 - After discussing the majority of the Board agreed on Big Walnut Early Learning Center at Harrison Street.
 - Mr. Crowl stated that he did not agree with HSE being a preschool and believes it should be housed at BWI along with a DACC satellite campus.

6.3 District Goal: Planning for Growth

- Construction Update - Mr. Swartz

7 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jeremy Buskirk

7.1 District Goal: Financial Responsibility

8 Board Members Items of Interest

Mr. Brad Schneider

Minutes:

- Mrs. Meyer shared that she attended the safety and security meeting and was impressed with how great the feedback and discussion was.
- Mr. Crowl shared that he attended the Berkshire Zoning meeting regarding the Wilcox multi-family complex and it was denied.
- Mr. Schneider stated he made it clear that the district was not on board with Champion even though the attorney for Champion implied otherwise.
- Mrs. Lee was at the redistricting meeting and was very pleased with how nicely Mr. Cropper did in leading the meeting to discuss the process and the impacts.
- Mr. Wecker stated that he was upset by the hard-worked our high school students put into decorating for homecoming only to be made by BSG&T to come done. In addition, he thanked Doug, Liana, and Brad for their time and effort in dealing with the proposed project.
- Mr. Crowl too was very upset regarding the way the Lieutenant handled the situation at the high school. He should not have used his authority in a threatening way and legally only a citation should have been served. Mr. Crowl indicated he would have paid the citation himself - Mr. Wecker said he would have shared that expense.
 - The group discussed what exactly transpired and why he was there initially. They talking through a Public Records request to establish who initiated the call.

9 Public Participation

Mr. Brad Schneider

This 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, which is attached to the agenda.)

10 Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Mr. Brad Schneider

Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

October 17, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Big Walnut District Administrative Office

11 19-116 Executive Session

Mr. Brad Schneider

It is recommended the Board enter Executive Session to consider the employment/appointment of a public employee/official, to conduct and review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, and to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Minutes:

- The Board took a brief recess and started Executive Session at 9:02 am.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Doug Crawl

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Member	X		
Mr. Brad Schneider, President	X		
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board Member	X		
Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member	X		
Liana Lee, Vice President	X		

12 19-117 Adjourn

Mr. Brad Schneider

It is recommended the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

Minutes:

- Mr. Schneider had to leave at Executive Session at 10:00 am.
- The Board exited Executive Session at 10:20 am and adjourned.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Liana Lee

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board Member	X		
Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member	X		

Liana Lee, Vice President	X		
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