

Board of Education Meeting

District Administrative Office
Thursday, October 17, 2019
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Present: Mrs. Angie Pollock, 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; 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.

Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- Mr. Schneider arrived at 7:08 pm.

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

4 District Goals

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

5 19-118 Minutes

Mr. Brad Schneider

It is recommended the Board approve the minutes for the September 12 and 19, 2019, Regular Board meeting.

Motioned: Mr. Andy Wecker

Seconded: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board Member	X		
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Liana Lee, Vice President	X		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

6 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Angie Hamberg

6.1 District Goal: Improve Communication

- Redistricting Survey- open through October 20
- Economic Development Discussion

Minutes:

- Mrs. Hamberg encouraged anyone that has not taken the opportunity to review the redistricting plan to do so.
- Mrs. Lee read the Board comments regarding economic development that was shared in the Eagle Examiner.
- Mrs. Meyer shared that she and Mr. Wecker were on the Board when the outlet mall was coming into the district. Simon & Tanger attended a Board meeting promising how much money they would be bringing in for the District. This was extremely problematic, that money did not become a reality. Community members question why we need money when we are receiving all these funds. The Board felt it was vital to let the community know where they stand on development and the truth on the funding.
- Mr. Crowl indicated that the article was not pertinent to one entity/group or situation, it was merely informative letting the community know that the district has no control over development.
- Mr. Wecker reiterated that the Board has no authority of making these decisions but are left with the situation of solving the growth. He is thankful that we are able to provide an education to the children that are moving into the district; however, it becomes extremely costly. This community has a tax base that has seen growth with our local income tax and the AEP substation; however, we are outgrowing all of it....we are trying but it all comes at a cost.

6.2 District Goals: Student Academic Achievement

- General Rosecrans Elementary School Building Presentation- Ms. Kate Thoma
- General Rosecrans Elementary School CIP Update- Ms. Kate Thoma
- Academic Update - Mrs. Jen Young

Minutes:

- Mrs. Thoma introduced Mrs. Greiger who has exemplified the 2020 vision in her physical education class.

- Mrs. Young indicated the Academic Advisory Committee is continuing to work on the portrait of a graduate. She also shared that the district's staff would be having their second professional development day. We always try to do different and outside the box professional development opportunities and this year we had a principal swap.
- Mrs. Thoma and Mrs. Sandrock shared about her experience with the principal swap.

6.3 Recognitions

- Ella Okoneski, General Rosecrans Elementary, Student of the Month - Mr. Schneider
- Sophia Melvin, Big Walnut Intermediate School, Student of the Month - Mrs. Lee
- Claire Wilson, General Rosecrans Elementary, Art Student of the Month - Mr. Schneider
- Leah Hohenbrink, Big Walnut Intermediate School, Art Student of the Month - Mrs. Lee
- Groundbreaking Plaque - Bob Sewell, Gilbane Building Company

Minutes:

Mr. Sewell shared a quick update on where the elementary and high school project timeline is and presented the groundbreaking plaques to the district. These will be placed in the new buildings once they are completed.

6.4 District Goal: Planning for Growth

- Construction Update - Mr. Doug Swartz

Minutes:

- Mr. Swartz shared the monthly building schedule update and went through the monthly Owner's Change Order Log and the Gilbane Construction Contingency Log.

7 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jeremy Buskirk

7.1 District Goal: Financial Responsibility

- Monthly Financial Statement
- State Funding Update

8 Selected Board Policy

Mr. Brad Schneider

8.1 19-119

It is recommended the Board approve the following policy revisions:

- 2431 Interscholastic Athletics
- 5113.02 School Choice Options
- 5460 Graduation Requirements

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Andy Wecker

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

9 Board Members Items of Interest

Mr. Brad Schneider

Minutes:

- Mr. Edwards shared that the Fall Homecoming dance had the largest amount of attendance of any dance. Seniors won the Homecoming float competition. The Change Chase raised \$1,550; this money goes towards buying food, clothes, presents, and other items for families in need within the district. Little Shop of Horrors rehearsals still going on; the set is 95% done. Girls Varsity Volleyball won OCC's, Football has a winning record of 4-3, and the Big Nut Strut had a great turn out. There will be 97 little girls cheering on track at the football game on Friday 10/18/19. The Sophomores and Juniors took PSAT on Wednesday, 10/16/19. Physics had projects due; they built devices to throw a ball and they had to calculate how far the ball would travel.
- Mrs. Lee shared an article with several administrators earlier in the week concerning the 6 C's that kids need to succeed. She was so proud that we have implemented four of those into our 20/20 Vision. It seems we are already doing what others are just starting to discuss. She also announced to remember to vote for the Library.
- Mr. Schneider stated that Berkshire is giving their community the opportunity to provide input on the park and rec challenges. He appreciates that concept and hopes the other townships and Villages do the same.

10 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.)

Minutes:

- Mr. Tom Hopper addressed with the Board the concern that our article names Galena as not being forthcoming with all the information that was presented to them by the developer. He wanted everyone to

know that Galena did not recruit the developer, Galena was approached by Champion. A proposal has been made to the Village, a decision has not been made by the Village at this time.

- Mr. Schneider shared that his comment of "scratch & claw" was not directed at the Village of Galena. He was referencing the work that has to be done internally to determine impacts development has on the district. The Board did not want the perception to be that they were talking to one entity and not the other. Mr. Schneider said he will clear the air concerning what was intended by his statement.
- Mr. Crowl agreed that it was not meant to be a negative article toward Galena.
- Mr. Bob Singer, also, shared that there was a seminar hosted by Pat Tiberi, etc. and they shared that the Columbus area is the area with the least amount of homes being built because we allow the least density. They were all pushing a higher density.

11 Human Resources

Mr. Mark Cooper

Human Resources Update

11.1 19-120

It is recommended the Board approve a co-curricular contract for Sarah Nealon, LPDC member, HSE, group 7 step 0 for the 2019/2020 school year.

Minutes:

- Mr. Wecker motioned, Mrs. Meyer seconded for a consent approval for items 11.1 through 11.6 inclusive.

Motioned: Mr. Andy Wecker

Seconded: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

11.2 .

It is recommended the Board approve a 90-day classified contract for Kathleen Green, Bus Driver, step 0, effective September 23, 2019.

Minutes:

- *Consent in item 11.1, motion 19-120*

11.3 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following athletic supplementals for the 2019/2020 school year pending successful background checks and receipt of permit and all necessary documentation.

Minutes:

- Consent in item 11.1, motion 19-120

Attachments:

[BoardWinterAthletics19.20rev_3.pdf](#)

11.4 .

It is recommended the Board approve the revision of a full-time supplemental contract for Kaiden Wilson to a .5 contract for the 2019/2020 school year.

Minutes:

- Consent in item 11.1, motion 19-120

11.5 .

It is recommended the Board approve Rob Collier as a tutor, General Rosecrans Elementary, at the approved tutor rate for the period of August 12 - 23, 2019.

Minutes:

- Consent in item 11.1, motion 19-120

11.6 .

It is recommended the Board accept the following resignations:

- Lisa Stanley, Food Service Worker, Big Walnut Middle School, effective October 10, 2019
- Lori Wagner, Teaching Assistant, BWHS, effective at the end of the day on November 11, 2019

Minutes:

- *Consent in item 11.1, motion 19-120*

12 Business Items

12.1 19-121

Mrs. Angie Hamberg

It is recommended the Board approve the District Service Plan contract between the Educational Service Center and Big Walnut Local Schools.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Andy Wecker

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

12.2 19-122

Mr. Jeremy Buskirk

- It is recommended the Board approve the Delta Dental proposed dental rates for 2020.

Motioned: Liana Lee

Seconded: Mr. Andy Wecker

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

12.3 19-123

Doug Swartz

It is recommended the Board approve the Resolution selecting Brewer-Garrett Company as the most qualified firm to serve as the Board's commissioning agent for HVAC equipment and BAS systems at the new elementary school and central energy plant (CEP) that will ultimately also serve the new high school and requests authority for the Director of Facilities to contract for these services.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Doug Crowl

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

12.4 19-124

Mrs. Angie Hamberg

It is recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Big Walnut Local Schools and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office regarding the assignment of a Delaware County Deputy Sheriff to the school as a School Resource Officer.

Motioned: Liana Lee

Seconded: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

12.5 19-125

Mrs. Hamberg

It is recommended the Board approve the Resolution of Necessity for the Substitution of an Emergency Tax Levy.

Minutes:

- Mr. Crowl motioned to amend the resolution striking the word continuing and replacing it with ten-years.
- The Board did not second the suggested amendment.
- Mr. Schneider indicated that he too has concerns about the impact of some community members' perception and how they might feel their voice will be removed further down the road. However, after researching the forecasting models he feels strongly that a continuing is necessary.
- Mrs. Lee agrees with Mr. Schneider's comments and she wants the community to know how difficult this decision has been for the Board. She indicates that a ten-year does not get the district where it needs to be to cover just the necessities. We increased our teaching staff by one this year with over approximately 250 new students.
- Mrs. Meyer shared what Chris Mohr from 12k Consulting told the Board "You do not have a spending problem, you have a revenue problem". We do the best with what we have but the education of our students needs to come first. The State will not help us, we have to help ourselves.
- Mr. Crowl stated that a ten-year does not mean you can not come back and ask for additional funds. He doesn't feel that is a valid reason to put a continuing on the ballot. The legislator needs to change the terminology because a continuing makes it a permanent tax that never goes away. He understands our legal counsel's position that we can reduce but in forty-three years it has never

been done. His thoughts are by putting a continuing on the ballot we are removing the rights of our taxpayers away for any financial differences in the future.

- Mr. Wecker shared what the current mills are and that the community has been supportive of a continuing the past. He proposed moving forward with placing the continuing on the ballot.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Andy Wecker

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

12.6 19-126

Mr. Brad Schneider

It is recommended the Board accept the following donations:

- \$540 donated to BWMS, anonymous donor, BWMS Principal Fund 018-9002
- \$5,766.53 donated to BWMS Service Day/Go Buckets, donated by Sunbury/Galena Rotary, District Support Fund #018-9000
- \$136.55 donated to BWIS, anonymous donor, BWIS Principal Fund #018-9009
- \$132.12 donated to BWIS, anonymous donor, BWIS Principal Fund #018-9009
- \$349 donated to BWHS FFA, donated by BW FFA Alumni, BWHS FFA Fund #200-9330
- \$255.17 donated to BWHS FFA, donated by Culver's Powell, BWHS FFA Fund#200-9330
- \$77,000 donated to BWLSD Treasurer's Dept., donated by Sunbury Meadows CDA, Permanent Improvement Fund# 003-0000
- \$500 donated to BWHS Eagle Strong, donated by Berkshire Hathaway, BWHS Eagle Strong Fund# 300-9001

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Mr. Andy Wecker

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		

Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		
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13 Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Mr. Brad Schneider

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- November 14, 2019
- 7:30 a.m.
- District Administrative Office
- November 21, 2019
- 6:30 p.m.
- District Administrative Office
- December 5, 2019
- 7:30 a.m.
- District Administrative Office
- December 12, 2019
- 6:30 p.m.
- District Administrative Office

14 Executive Session

Mr. Brad Schneider

Motioned: Liana Lee

Seconded: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

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		
Mr. Camden Edwards, Student Board Representative	X		

14.1 19-127

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, to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or public office and to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Minutes:

- The Board took a quick recess at 8:25 pm and began executive session t 8:33 pm.

15 19-128 Adjourn

Mr. Brad Schneider

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

Minutes:

- The Board exited Executive Session at 10:16 pm and adjourned.

Motioned: Mrs. Mindy Meyer

Seconded: Liana Lee

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		