

# Board of Education Meeting

Big Walnut High School Auditorium  
Thursday, January 12, 2023  
6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Present:** Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member; Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member; Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member; Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member; Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member; Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent; Mr. Darren Jenkins, Treasurer; Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep; Ms. Megan Forman

## 1 Mission

Board President

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

## 2 President

Board President

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- Call to Order
- Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection
- Pledge of Allegiance

## 3 Roll Call

Board President

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Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 4 23-016 Minutes

Board President

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It is recommended the Board approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022, regularly scheduled meetings.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mrs. Alice Nicks

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member			X
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

**Attachments:**

[12-15-22-minutes.pdf](#)

## 5 Recognitions

Board President

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- Grace VanDeusen, BWMS Student of the Month - Mrs. Dorsch
- Page Wilson, SOU Student of the Month - Mrs. Graziosi
- Lillian Sargent, BWMS Art Student of the Month - Mrs. Nicks
- Scarlet Muscari, SOU Art Student of the Month - Mrs. Graziosi
- All Ohio Recognitions - Mr. Fujii
- OSBA Board Recognition - Mr. McLane

**Attachments:**

[Grace VanDeusen - 2022-23 BWMS Student of the Month.pdf](#)  
[Page Wilson SOU SOM.pdf](#)

## 6 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent

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## 7 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Darren Jenkins

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- Monthly Financial Update
- Board Requested Info
- FOIA

## 8 Selected Board Policy

Board President

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No action is anticipated pending further study. Under Bylaw 0131, these items must remain on the agenda until acted upon.

- 1617 - Weapons (new)
- 3217 - Weapons (revised)

- 4217 - Weapons (revised)
- 7217 - Weapons (revised)

## 9 Board Members Items of Interest

Board President

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## 10 Public Participation

Board President

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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. Crowl motioned to extend time for public participation, Mrs. Graziosi seconded.
  - 23-017 motioned passed 4/1
- Rachael Blocker - Book Banning
- LeAnne Carr - What are we teaching our children by banning books?
- Nicole Markusic - The potential of banning Looking for Alaska
- Garrett Irvine - Book Banning
- Zach Westhoven - Censorship
- Stacey O'Reilly - Censorship & Banning of Books
- Angie Stooksbury - Censorship & Banning of Books
- Corry Schull - Discussion of banning of books, in particular Looking for Alaska
- Diana Butts - First Amendment
- Al Blyth - Book Banning
- Elliot White - Book Banning
- Kim Banez - Discuss the impact of book banning on on the student's education. Mother of 2 students in the BW district.
- Barb Shelby - Censorship
- Kathy Davis - Books that are in BW schools that are inappropriate for students.
- Melody Hodges - Books, walk out, school disorder, etc.
- Mindy Pankey - Human Trafficking
- Paul Pankey - Teaching Curriculum
- Greg Armstrong - Vot on Books
- Patty Beener - Books
- Ashley Ryder - Board Policy
- Lorraine Vance - Vote on Required Book
- Rachel Snyder - Alternative School Board Association
- Karen Ambrose - Book

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Doug Crowl

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member		X	
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 11 Business Items

### 11.1 23-018

Mr. Darren Jenkins

It is recommended the Board add the following two funds:

- American Pride fund: The purpose of this would be to accept donations leading to increased civic pride throughout Big Walnut Schools by purchasing, upgrading, and otherwise maintaining American Flags throughout the district.
- Special Purpose fund: The purpose of this would be to allow the superintendent a funding source of \$50,000 from which he/she could allocate/expend resources for the general benefit of the school district without the Board of Education's permission. Said fund would not be replenished without Board approval.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

**Seconded:** Mrs. Alice Nicks

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

### 11.2 23-019

Mr. Ryan McLane

It is recommended the Board approve the revision of the 2023/2024 District calendar to adjust from a three day staggered start to a two day staggered start.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

### 11.3 23-020

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It is recommended the Board approve the following donations:

- \$175 donated to BWMS Student Council, BWMS staff, BWMS Student Council Fund # 200-9612
- \$500 donated to SOU, donated by Susan Missman, SOU Student Council Fund # 200-9614
- \$500 donated to BWLSD Food Service, anonymous donation, BWLSD Food Service Fund # 006-0000
- \$1,000 donated to SOU, donated by Serenity Fair Way Foundation, SOU Student Council Fund # 200-9614

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

**Attachments:**

[donations\\_6 .pdf](#)

### 11.4 23-021

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It is recommended the Board upholds the recommendation of the Superintendent to continue using Looking for Alaska as a curriculum resource at the high school level and in the high school library.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Sherri Dorsch

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member		X	
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member		X	
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 11.5 23-023

Mr. Doug Crowl

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It is recommended the Board suspend Policy 9130 while the policy is reviewed.

**Minutes:**

- 23-022 Motion from Mr. Fujii to table 11.5, 2nd Mrs. Dorsch
  - YEAS Mr. Fujii & Mrs. Dorsch NAYS
    - Vote Failed 3/2

**Motioned:** Mr. Doug Crowl

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member		X	
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member		X	
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[9130.pdf](#)

## 12 Human Resources

Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent

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All HR items are pending receipt of successful background checks, verification of experience, and completion of all necessary documentation.

### 12.1 23-024

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It is recommended the Board approve a one-year supplemental contract:

- Rob Page, .5 athletic facilities manager (Winter), group 3 step 5
- Seth Tackett, volunteer coach, MS Indoor Track

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 12.2 23-025

It is recommended the Board approve a one-year contract for the 2022/2023 school year for the following classified staff:

- Christina Brunicardi, Teaching Assistant, SOU, step 0, effective beginning January 4, 2023
- Lesley Staats, Classroom Assistant, BWHS, step 2, January 4, 2023
- Kacey Miller, Teaching Assistant, BWHS, step 0, effective beginning January 17, 2023

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 12.3 23-026

It is recommended the Board accept the following resignations:

- Connie Deel, BWHS, Food Service, effective at the end of the 2022/2023 school year - due to retirement
- Kathleen Kleeymeyer, BWHS Spanish Teacher, effective January 16, 2023
- Peggy Weiss, BWHS Teaching Assistant, effective January 6, 2023

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 12.4 23-027

It is recommended the Board approve a balance of the year contract for the following classified staff:

- Vicky Tyler, BWHS 2nd shift custodian
- Logan Lieurance, PRE 2nd shift custodian
- Aric Hoffmannbeck, BWHS 2nd shift custodian

**Motioned:** Mr. Steve Fujii

**Seconded:** Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		

## 13 Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Board President

Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

February 16, 2023 (pending Board approval)  
6:30 pm



## 14 Executive Session

Board President

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**Minutes:**

- Mr. Crowl declared the meeting in recess.

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It is recommended the Board enter Executive Session to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, 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.

## 15 23-028 Adjourn

Board President

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

**Minutes:**

- February 16, 2023, the meeting resumed.
- Mr. Crowl requested to not go into Executive Session until the end of the February 16, 2023 meeting.

**Motioned:** Mr. Doug Crowl

**Seconded:** Mr. Steve Fujii

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crowl, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Sherri Dorsch, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Ms. Sophia Erndt, Student Board Rep	X		