

Board of Education Meeting

Big Walnut High School Performing Arts Center
Thursday, December 14, 2023
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Present: Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member; Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member; Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member; Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member; Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent; Ms. Megan Forman, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Todd Smith, Board Member; Emma Kelly

Absent: Mr. Darren Jenkins, Treasurer

1 Mission

Board President

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

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

3 Roll Call

Board President

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Mr. Todd Smith, Board Member	X		

4 23-290 Business Item

Mr. Ryan McLane

It is recommended the Board appoint _____ as Treasurer Pro Tempore for the December 14, 2023 Board meeting.

Minutes:

- The Board appointed Mr. Steve Fujii as Treasurer Pro Tempore.

Motioned: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Seconded: Mr. Todd Smith

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Cowl, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member			X
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Mr. Todd Smith, Board Member	X		

5 Adopt Agenda

Board President

It is recommended the Board approve the December 14, 2023, agenda as presented.

Minutes:

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Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Doug Cowl

Seconded: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Cowl, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Mr. Todd Smith, Board Member	X		

6 Minutes

Board President

It is recommended the Board approve the minutes of the October 19 and November 16, 2023, Regularly scheduled meeting and the November 30, 2023, Special meeting.

Minutes:

- Mrs. Nicks did not attend the October 19 meeting; therefore, the meetings were split up.
- 23-292 Mr. Cowl motioned to approve the October 19 meeting, Mrs. Graziosi seconded.
 - YES votes: Mrs. Graziosi, Mr. Cowl, and Mr. Fujii
 - ABSTAIN votes: Mrs. Nicks and Mr. Smith
 - Motion passed 3/0

- 23-293 Mrs. Graziosi motioned to approve the November 16 and 30 meetings, Mrs. Nicks seconded
 - YES votes: Mrs. Graziosi, Mr. Crowl, Mrs. Nicks, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Fujii
 - Motion passed 5/0

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[10-19-23-minutes.pdf](#)

[11-16-23-minutes.pdf](#)

[11-30-23-minutes.pdf](#)

7 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent

- BWLSD Meets All Nutritional Standards

Minutes:

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8 Treasurer's Report

- Monthly Financial Update

Attachments:

[FY24 BWLS Financial Report File November.pdf](#)

9 Board Members Items of Interest

Board President

Minutes:

- Miss Kelly spoke regarding the following items
 - Exams
 - Check Schoology
 - Senior Superlatives
 - Winter Break
 - Winter Athletics
 - NHS
 - Adopt a family project
 - Blood Drive
 - Food Packaging opportunities
 - De-Stress Fest
 - Cookies and Counselors
 - Pep Rally - Pie a Teacher in the Face- proceeds to benefit childhood cancer
 - Global Scholars
 - LEO Club
 - Rooted information
 - Art Honor Society- Mural for the Fire station
 - Band Choir concerts last night.
- Mr. Smith took the opportunity to address the students in the district stating they are Hallmarks of Leadership. He spoke regarding the book bans, curriculum, and Culture. He indicated It is not the obstacles and roadblocks that matter. He stated that as a father and citizen, he is concerned with the direction things are moving. He reminded the students that there will always be staff that will support them.
- Mrs. Nicks thanked the curriculum committee. She also thanked everyone for the safety and security of today's event.

10 Public Participation

Board President

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:

- 6:57- Ryan Wynia- Parent of 3- Pride Flags.
- 7:00- Lisa Wheeler- Parent of 2- Appreciation to the district for the response. Taking CARE of the kids. Eagle Eye news drama- please work together to support the district. Stop the drama.
- 7:03- Noah Heath- Teach government here at the HS. Pride Flag
- 7:07- Ashley Shuster- English Teacher. In this community there has been a divide.
- 7:10- Nicole Casner- BW Grad. BW teacher. Parent
- 7:13- Elizabeth Paul- Teacher at BWHS. Students need support.
- 7:16- Ellie Wynia- Sophomore at BWHS
- 7:19- Jasper Franco- Student
- 7:22- Molly Snodgrass- The display of an insignia does not create a hostile environment.
- 7:25- Trisha Hilton- BWEA president. Teachers to be respected. Focus on the needs of the district.
- Alice Nicks votes to extend the public participation. Angela Graziosi seconds.
- Vote: Yes- Doug Crowl, Alice Nicks, Todd Smith, Angela Graziosi. NO- Steve Fujii
- 7:30- Leanne Carr- The difference a flag can make.
- 7:34- Rachel Snyder- Teacher Autonomy and Ohio Learning Standards
- 7:36- Jennifer Nieset- Masking
- 7:39- Grace Dorsten- Student. Respect the Club
- 7:41- Terry Castor- Flag. Concerned about where education is going.
- 7:45- Kara Ayers- Teacher- Parent. Flag Resolution
- 7:48 Kelly Kammann- Flag Resolution

- 7:51 Bonnie Jones- Flag and Banner Resolution
- 7:53- Amy Clark- Flag and Banner Resolution
- 7:56- Dr. Kelly Kohls- Flag Policy- Executive Director to the National School Board Leadership Council
- 7:59- Paul Pankey- Flag and Mask Resolution
- Angela Graziosi moves to extend. Alice Nicks Seconds.
- YES- Crowl, Nicks, Graziosi. NO- Fujii, Smith
- 8:02- Hayden Garnes- Flag and Banner Resolution
- 8:05- Lad Dillard- Tonights Resolution
- BREAK in decorum
- 8:09- Dave Fitzpatrick- tonight's resolutions- Bullying Problem
- 8:12- Beth Grannell- Parent- Search for another policy
- 8:14- Annette McMurry- Flag and state of education
- 8:16- James Harrison- President of the Parent Association
- 8:19- Jamie Osborne- Bullying
- 8:23- Rueben Hendon- Pride flags in school
- 8:26- Jeremiah Meeks- Favor of Mask Mandate
- 8:28- Mike Swartzentruber- Flag Resolution
- Angela Graziosi moves to extend public participation. Alice Nicks seconds
- Yes- Doug, Alice, Angela. No- Fujii, Smith
- 8:32- Terence Yates, Ph.D.- Flag Resolution
- 8:35- Jeff Cline- Flags and Biblical Morals
- 8:38- Rosemary Hartzler- Growing hostility
- 8:42- Bryan Kovalik- Proposed Resolutions
- 8:45- Renee Brehm- Board Support
- 8:48- Ashley Ryder- Reading on behalf of Katie Zappia- Flag Resolution
- 8:52- Justin Leech- Taxpayer, parent of 3- Flags

11 Selected Board Policy

Board President

- First reading of the attached 6000 policies (Finances).
- Item 12.6 on the November 16, 2023 agenda proposed Resolution per Mrs. Nicks:
 - It is recommended the board approve the attached Resolution Limiting Display of Flags, Banners, Signs and Symbols in the Classroom
 - Mrs. Graziosi proposes consideration for substitute Policy 8805 attached - first reading

Minutes:

- 23-294 Angela Graziosi makes a motion to amend the original Resolution to policy 8805 and make it a second reading, seconded by Mrs. Nicks.
- Clarification from Mr. Smith - this vote is only to amend the resolution to policy 8805 and make it a second reading - this is not to vote on the policy.
- YES votes: Mr. Crowl, Mrs. Graziosi, Mrs. Nicks, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Fujii
- 23-295 Motion passed 5/0
 - 9:44- Discussion Ends
 - 9:31- Recess ends
 - 9:23- Recess for 5 minutes
 - 9:21 Parliamentary Inquiry- Angie Graziosi
 - 9:07- Discussion
 - 9:03- Angela Graziosi reads the policy
- Mrs. Graziosi motioned to approve the amendment to the Resolution and by adding policy 8805, Mrs. Nicks seconded.
- YES votes: Mrs. Graziosi, Mrs. Nicks, and Mr. Crowl
- NO votes: Mr. Smith and Mr. Fujii

- Motion passed

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[All 6000 s.pdf](#)

[Resolution Limiting Display of Flags Banners Signs and Symbols in the Classroom 1 .pdf](#)

[Policy 8805 Flag.pdf](#)

11.1 .

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Professional and Classified Staff policies (3000's & 4000's) - second reading.

Minutes:

- 23-296 Mr. Crowl made a motion to consent 11.1 - 11.2, seconded by Mrs. Graziosi, and adopt policies.
- YES votes: Mrs. Graziosi, Mrs. Nicks, and Mr. Crowl
- NO votes: Mr. Fujii and Mr. Smith
- Motion passed for item 11.1

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[All 3000 s.pdf](#)

[All 4000 s.pdf](#)

11.2 .

It is recommended the Board adopt policy 0131 Legislative, as amended - second reading.

Minutes:

- consent agenda item 11.1 motion 23-296
- YES votes: Mrs. Graziosi, Mrs. Nicks, and Mr. Crowl
- NO votes: Mr. Fujii and Mr. Smith
- Vote failed for item 11.2 (due to being a bylaw)

Result: Defeated

Attachments:

[0131.pdf](#)

12 Business Items

12.1 23-297

Mr. Ryan McLane

It is recommended the Board approve the amended appropriations for the FY2024 to be submitted to the County Auditor's Office.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Seconded: Mr. Todd Smith

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

Attachments:

[20231214-Amended Approp FY2024.pdf](#)

12.2 23-298

Mr. Ryan McLane

It is recommended the Board appoint _____ as President Pro Tempore for the January 4, 2024, Organizational Board Meeting and until the President-elect is sworn in.

Minutes:

- Doug Crowl as President Pro Temp

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Seconded: Mrs. Alice Nicks

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

12.3 23-299

Mr. Ryan McLane

It is recommended the Board approve the 2024/2025 school year calendar.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Steve Fujii

Seconded: Mrs. Alice Nicks

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Doug Crawl, Board Member	X		
Mr. Steve Fujii, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Alice Nicks, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Angela Graziosi, Board Member	X		
Mr. Todd Smith, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[2024-25 calendar.pdf](#)

12.4 .

Mr. Doug Crawl

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Resolution on Parental Choice and Informed Consent Regarding Mask Usage.

Minutes:

- The Board had a discussion indicating that Neola has a policy they can review.
- Mr. Crawl asks Mrs. Nicks to set aside the policy.
- 23-300 Mrs. Nicks motioned to withdraw the resolution and Mr. Fujii seconded.
- YES votes: Mr. Crawl, Mr. Fujii, Mrs. Nicks, Mrs. Graziosi, Mr. Smith
- VOTE passed to set aside: 5/0

Attachments:

[Resolution on Parental Choice and Informed Consent Regarding Masking_1 .pdf](#)

12.5 23-301

Mr. Doug Crawl

It is recommended the Board accept the following donations/grants:

- \$100 donated to BWE, donated by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories - BWE Principal Fund #018-9005
- Delaware Arts Festival Grants
 - \$700 PRE Fund #019-9122
 - \$405 BWE Fund #019-9122
 - \$1,020 BWMS Fund #019-9122

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Steve Fujii

Seconded: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

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

Attachments:

[Donations 8 .pdf](#)

13 Human Resources

Mr. Ryan McLane, Superintendent

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

Minutes:

- 23-302 Consent Agenda for Items 13.1-13.5

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

Seconded: Mrs. Alice Nicks

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

13.1 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following resignations:

- M. Shawn Rogers, bus driver, effective on November 28, 2023, after working .25 that day
- John Bolin, GRE 4/hr Custodian 2nd shift, effective at the end of the day on December 15, 2023
- Lera Peterson, BWHS Teaching Assistant, effective December 10, 2023

Minutes:

- Consent agenda item 13.1 motion 23-302.

Result: Approved

13.2 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following one-year classified contracts for the 2023/2024 school year:

- *Angela Holmes, ELC Preschool Teaching Assistant, step 3, effective December 4, 2023
- *Kathleen McGuff, BWIS Teaching Assistant, step 1, effective December 6, 2023

Minutes:

- Consent agenda item 13.1 motion 23-302.

Result: Approved

13.3 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2023/2024 school year:

- Curtis Crager, Weight Room Facilitator (.75), BWHS, group 3 step 11
- Tyler Richey, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Travis Richey, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Andrew McDougle, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Dominic Giordano, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Dustin Crawford, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Julianna Irwin, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BWHS
- Steve Cueva, Volunteer Coach, Basketball (Boys), BWHS
- Mike Stumpf, Volunteer Coach, Basketball (Girls), BWHS
- Danielle Crace, Volunteer Coach, Wrestling, BHWS

Minutes:

- Consent agenda item 13.1 motion 23-302.

Result: Approved

13.4 .

It is recommended the Board approve a one-year certified contract, BA step 0, for the following through the completion of their long-term substitute assignment:

- Rebecca Johnson, BWE/SOU, Gifted Intervention Specialist, effective November 13, 2023

Minutes:

- Consent agenda item 13.1 motion 23-302.

Result: Approved

13.5 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following revision:

- Mark Robinson, BWHS Math Department Chair, from full contract to .5 contract

Minutes:

- Consent agenda item 13.1 motion 23-302.

Result: Approved

14 Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Board President

Organizational Meeting:

January 4, 2024

6:30 pm

District Administrative Office

Streaming will be made available on the District website.

14.1 Organization Meeting Discussion

Board President

15 23-303 Executive Session

Board President

15.1 .

It is recommended the Board enter Executive Session as permitted by ORC Section 121.22I 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.

Minutes:

- The Board entered Executive Session at 10:05.
- Angela Graziosi leaves at 11:00
- The Board exited Executive Session at 11:36.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Steve Fujii

Seconded: Mrs. Angela Graziosi

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

16 23-304 Adjourn

Board President

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

Minutes:

- The Board Adjourned at 11:37.

Motioned: Mr. Steve Fujii

Seconded: Mrs. Alice Nicks

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