

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December , 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at Buckeye Local Central Office, Dillonvale. In attendance were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Miller, Ms. Prebeg, and Mrs. Hicks. Mr. DeLuca gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all those in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Soos and members of the Elementary Chorus sang a number of Christmas songs for the Board.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Kalman presented the Board with a binder detailing the steps being utilized to improve test scores. Examples of various website resources and information that he compiles himself were included. He explained various strategies the staff at South Elementary are utilizing to determine areas of weakness and implement intervention to help improve these weaknesses.

Mrs. Schooler discussed the positive behavior program that is being implemented and the training being provided to our staff through the counseling grant.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the month of November, 2008.
2. Approved an anonymous \$1000 donation from an area business.

3. Approved the transfer of the following funds:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Football	Volleyball	\$ 500.00
Football	Golf	1500.00

4. Accepted a donation of \$5000 from the Pittsburgh Pirates Alumni Association to the Bill Mazerowski Scholarship Fund.
5. Accepted a donation of \$1000 as a result of a Walmart Grant

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

6. Approved the second reading of the following policies:

STUDENTS

- 5111 Eligibility of Resident/NonResident Students
- 5111.01 Homeless Students
- 5112 Entrance Requirements
- 5113 Inter-District Open Enrollment
- 5113.01 Intra-District Open Enrollment
- 5120 Assignment Within District
- 5136V1 Cellular Telephones and Electronic Communication Devices
- 5200 Attendance
- 5215 Missing and Absent Children
- 5310 Health Services
- 5320 Immunization
- 5330 Use of Medications
- 5341 Emergency Medical Authorization
- 5350 Student Suicide
- 5409 Student Acceleration
- 5410 Promotion, Academic Acceleration, Placement, and Retention
- 5464 Early High School Graduation
- 5420 Reporting Student Progress

5421	Grading
5451	Student Recognition
5511	Dress and Grooming
5512	Use of Tobacco
5513	Care of School Property
5515	Use of Motor Vehicles
5516	Student Hazing
5517	Anti-Harassment
5517.01	Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior
5530	Drug Prevention
5600	Student Discipline
5610	Removal Suspension Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students
5610.2	In-School Discipline
5610.3	Emergency Removal of Students
5610.4	Suspension of Bus Riding/Transportation Privileges
5611	Due Process Rights
5630	Corporal Punishment
5722	School-Sponsored Publications and Productions
5751	Parental-Married Status of Students
5771	Search and Seizure
5772	Weapons
5780	Student/Parent Rights
5840	Student Groups

Personnel

7. Accepted the resignation of Blair Closser, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Special Services, effective December 31, 2008. Mr. Closser was commended for the over 35 years he has dedicated to the students and staff of the Buckeye Local School District.
8. Approved the issuance of a continuing contract to Susan Fillipovich, Aide, effective December 2008.
9. Approved the following classified substitutes for the 2008/09 school year pending satisfactory criminal background checks and/or proper certification:

Substitute Secretary/Aide:	Jamie Wallace	Substitute Custodian:	Kimberly Tomisin
	Elizabeth Basich		
	Molly Gavorcik	Substitute Cook:	Kimberly Tomisin
10. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 08/09 school year.

BLHS	Volunteer Track Coach	Lynda Piergallini
North Middle	Volunteer 7th Gr. Boys Basketball Coach	David Long (Effective 12-17-08)
11. Approved a Family Medical Leave for Tracie Strauss effective January 5, 2009 and extending through March 27, 2009. Ms. Strauss has elected to forego all insurance coverage during this period.

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Appointed Mrs. Kolkedy to act as "President Pro-Tempore" to preside for the opening ceremonies, nomination and election of president of the Buckeye Local Board of Education at the January 2009 Organizational Meeting.
13. Established January 7, 2009, as the date of the 2009 Organizational Meeting. The time to be 7:00 PM with the regular meeting being 7:30 PM.
14. Quit-claim deed to Jeffco Resources, Inc. was approved for a .98 acre area situated in Dunghen as referenced in Deed Volume 135, page 439.
15. Agreed the "pick up" of treasurer's contribution to SERS shall be paid as a fringe benefit and be treated as additional compensation and included in salary for retirement purposes. Employees subject to the above described pick-up may not opt out of the picked-up contributions or elect to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them picked up by the Board and paid to SERS as applicable.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- A. Christmas Break - December 22 to January 2
- B. End of Second Nine Weeks and First Semester - January 23
- C. AlertNow Calling System - Working very well
- D. Township Trustee/Safety Meeting
- E. Four Buckeye Local Teachers awarded Best Practices Grants each totaling \$400.

Applause, Applause

Name

Accomplishment

CTA Personal Best Award

October

Cheryl DeYarmon - was awarded Educator of the Year for Jefferson County by the Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority for her environmental efforts. She was the only teacher in the county to receive this award.

November

Leslie Tilton - agreed to participate in training for the care of diabetic child at West Elementary.

West Elementary

Students & Staff

Ranked 63rd in the United States for the 2008-09 Keep American Beautiful's "Return to Warmth" campaign. Students received a coat made from recycled plastics and the school received a check for \$50.00

Katie McLaughlin
Dain Bednar
Rachel Zeroski
Ashley Kropka
Seth Richardson

1st Place - Building Spelling Bee
2nd Place - Building Spelling Bee
1st Alternate - Building Spelling Bee
2nd Alternate - Building Spelling Bee
Winner of the Consol Energy "Safety Poster Award" - won \$100 and his poster will be placed on billboards at all Consol Energy Mines during the month of January.

SouthWest Middle

Stephen Worley
Ricky Sempkowski
Blythe Peterson
Tyler Pasco
Nick Fry
James Piazza
Bobby Crites
Abby Helms
Zack Kaiser
Nicole Jasper
Haley Kropka
Elaina Kaynes
Dakota Lish
Josh Long
Zack Stewart
Alexandra Burdick

8th Gr. 1st Place in Building Spelling Bee
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8th Gr. 3rd Place in Building Spelling Bee
8th Gr. 3rd Place in Building Spelling Bee
8th Gr. 5th Place in Building Spelling Bee
8th Gr. 5th Place in Building Spelling Bee
7th Gr. 5th Place in Building Spelling Bee
8th Gr. 8th Place in Building Spelling Bee
7th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
7th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
6th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
6th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
6th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
6th Gr. 9th Place in Building Spelling Bee
7th Gr. - Alternate
6th Gr. - Alternate

South Elementary

Ryan Moffo
Nicholas Concato
Halie Trouten
Taylor Harbourt

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2nd Place- Building Spelling Bee
1st Alternate
2nd Alternate

North Middle

Braden Martin
Chayse Staten
Rachel Hoagland
Stacie Burkhead
Michaela Ciaramitaro
Taylor Bohl
Syarra Hughes
Abby Yanssens
Anthony Sterling
Christina Wurschum

1st Place - Building Spelling Bee
2nd Place - Building Spelling Bee
3rd Place - Building Spelling Bee
4th Place - Building Spelling Bee
5th Place - Building Spelling Bee
6th Place - Building Spelling Bee
7th Place - Building Spelling Bee
8th Place - Building Spelling Bee
1st Alternate
2nd Alternate

District

Lou O'Bradovich, Teacher, West Elem
Heather Saiter, Teacher South Elementary
Jeremy Vittek, Teacher, SouthWest Middle
Grant Williams, Teacher, BLHS

Awarded \$400 Best Practices Grant
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Architectural Interviews

The Board interviewed the following architectural firms as part of the OSFC program:

McDonald, Cassell & Bassett, Inc.	6:00 PM
SHP Leading Design	6:45 PM
Architectural Vision Group, LTD	7:30 PM
MKC Associates, Inc	8:15 PM
Fanning Howey Olsavsky Jaminett	9:00 PM

16. The architectural firm of Fanning Howey Olsavsky Jaminet was chosen as the architect of record for the pending OSFC building project.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2008, AT BUCKEYE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, DILLONVALE. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:00 PM, REGULAR MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM.