

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Buckeye North Middle School, Brilliant. In attendance were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Miller, Ms. Prebeg, and Mr. Closser. Mr. DeLuca gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all those in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Sutphin addressed the Board in regard to the possibility of a semi-pro football team using the North Middle field. Mrs. Wallace explained that a request had been received and had been denied. Mr. Sutphin then requested that the Board look into expanding the guidance services offered at the High School. He suggested more individualized counseling in regard to career paths and curriculum choices. Mr. Celestin explained that the counselors meet with the classes as a whole several times a year and advise the students on college admission requirements, technical school admission standards, and topics relative to each grade level, etc. Any student may request to meet with a counselor individually. Counselors are happy to meet with students and provide whatever resources are available. Mr. Miller explained that the State has recently increased the number of classes a student must take in order to be better prepared for life after high school.

Ed Kourim and a number of other interested parties expressed to the Board their support of Mr. Bill Phalen to fill the Head Boys Basketball Coach position. Several people detailed Mr. Phalen's qualifications and reasons why Mr. Phalen would be an asset to our basketball program. Mr. Miller stated that the district has received a number of applications and the interview process will begin very soon. He assured everyone present that all efforts are geared to selecting a coach that will provide stability for the program now and in the future.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Jim Kalman, South Elementary Principal, distributed to the Board information about the Value Added Program instituted by the State of Ohio. This program analyzes and monitors academic progress over time. This progress rate will be an indicator on the State Report Card beginning this year. Five people (teachers and administrators) have attended week long training sessions and then passed this training along to teachers at the building level. Mr. Kalman stated that this data analysis will drive curriculum changes

Ron Clark, North Middle School Teacher, gave a five minute video presentation, work his journalism students had put together. The students do a weekly news program at North Middle. Mr. Clark applied for and was granted a \$7000 grant with which he purchased the equipment necessary to produce the weekly program. Presently there are 13 students in the class and they meet 20 minutes per day. They must research and produce articles that appear on the weekly program. In appreciation of his efforts, the Buckeye Local CTA presented Mr. Clark with their Personal Best Award. Mrs. Wallace, North Middle Principal, also thanked Mr. Clark for everything he does, over and above his normal teaching duties, for the students and staff.

Bill Crowe and Nathan Bettineschi were present to report on the 07/08 Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. Nathan was one of several Buckeye Local students who participated. He related his experiences to the Board, including a special tour of the White House. Mr. Crowe thanked the Board for their past support of this program and encouraged them to continue this support. Hundreds of students have benefited greatly from experiencing first hand their government and how it works.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the month of February, 2008.
2. Accepted the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorized the necessary tax levies and certified them to the County Auditor.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

3. Approved a Merit Scholar trip to New York City on December 3, 4 and 5, 2008. Each student will be responsible for associated costs.
4. Entered into an agreement with the Northwest Ohio Computer Association to provide information processing

services. There are no fees directly payable by the Board for services described in the agreement.

Personnel

5. Approved the employment and issuance of a six month probationary contract to Dan Mayhugh, Mechanic, effective March 24, 2008.
6. Approved the following supplemental contract for the 2007/08 school year:
BLHS Ass't Baseball Coach Josh Vinci
7. Approved the following supplemental contract for the 2008/09 school year:
BLHS Head Cross Country Coach Eric Laughlin
 Head Band Director Bill Stephens
 Head Var. Cheerleader Advisor Lynda Piergallini
SWM Athletic Director Sam Jones
8. Approved the following one year limited classified contracts:
Donald Haggerty Bus Driver
Gary Sutphin Bus Driver
9. Approved the issuance of the following classified continuing contracts:
Shirley Ogden Bus Driver
Robert Spence Mechanic
Lynette DaGrava Educational Aide
10. Approved the following classified substitutes for the 07/08 school year:
Letitia Balthazor - Substitute Bus Driver
11. Approved maternity leave for Stacey Raber, Educational Aide, from May 1 through the end of the 07-08 school year.
12. Accepted the following resignations for the purposes of retirement:
John Brockway Industrial Arts Teacher
Dorothy Olenick Title Teacher
William Crowe Social Studies Teacher
13. Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Coyne, Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 07/08 school year.
14. Issued continuing teaching contracts to the following certificated personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contract</u>
Christine Butkus	Continuing
Jamie Wilson Kovalski	Continuing
Kelley Moore	Continuing
Steven Popkie	Continuing
Jodie Weber	Continuing
15. Issued the following limited teaching contracts:
Heather Andes 5 Year
Renee Brothers 5 Year
Charles Eddy 5 Year
Jane Kleineke 5 Year
Louis O'Bradovich 5 Year
Kathy Snodgrass 5 Year
Mike Wilt 5 Year
Jennifer Andreas 3 Year
Allison Bartek 3 Year
Kelly Bauknecht 3 Year
Jason Merryman 3 Year
Diane Minnich 3 Year

Stacey Soos	3 Year
Amy Burkhead	2 Year
Alisha Chrest	2 Year
Kimberly Kerns	2 Year
Krista Kurucz	2 Year
Heather Long	2 Year
Allison Neavin	2 Year
Abbey Otto	2 Year
Deborah Webb	2 Year
Larry DeLuca	1 Year
Madelina Rinaldi	1 Year

16. Accepted the resignation of Paul Voltz, Teacher, at the conclusion of his current limited teaching contract.

17. Adjourned to executive session at 8:15 PM to consider the employment and/or dismissal of a public employee and to consider matters required to be kept confidential for federal law or regulations or state statutes. Reconvened at 9:18 PM.

A small reception was held in honor of the retiring teachers. Cake and punch were enjoyed by all present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- Severe Weather Awareness Week- Statewide Tornado Drill March 26th at 9:50 AM
- Principal Mentor Meeting - March 26th at 3:30 pm at the High School
- End of the Third Nine Weeks - March 28th
- High School Art Exhibit - April 22nd and 23rd
- OGT Testing complete - OAT testing to begin April 21st.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Applause, Applause

<u>Name</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
BLHS	
Patrick Gilson	Selected to receive \$1000 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship
BLHS Academic Competition Team	Runner-up in the Jefferson County Academic Competition Tournament
West Elementary	
Staff and Students	Raised \$3,149.02 for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope/Hoops for Hearts
Joe Holyak	Top fund raiser for Jump Rope/Hoops For Hearts - \$339.50

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28, 2008, AT BUCKEYE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DILLONVALE. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.