

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Local Administrative Offices. In attendance were Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Miller, Ms. Prebeg, Mr. Kalman and Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Kolkedy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all those in attendance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A number of people addressed the Board in regard to the closing of West Elementary. Mrs. Bernosky felt that the West Elementary building should be remodeled and kept open. She stated that it would be a nearly 40 mile round trip for students if they were bused to one of the schools located near the river. Mr. Elmer DeMeter ask the Board if they had taken into account the potential number of students who would leave Buckeye Local if West Elementary is closed? Michael Malpezzi of Cannonsburg, Pa., stated that he was doing a research project and had collected a lot of information about Buckeye Local. He stated that he had gathered information as to the costs of operating our buildings and felt that the percent of income spent on operating expenses was high. He stated that he would be willing to assess our heating plants to determine if we are achieving maximum efficiency and he would do this at no cost to the district. Mr. Malpezzi stated that he is an engineer and has expertise in this area which he would be happy to share.

In response to the above the Board thanked each person for their input. Mr. Zelek stated that the Board has had to make some very difficult and unpopular choices. He pointed out that it is unlawful for any school district to operate in deficit funding and it is the Board's responsibility to make whatever cuts are necessary to keep this district out of deficit funding. The audience again suggested alternatives such as asking the public to pass an operating levy and/or a permanent improvement levy. The Treasurer stated that each mill generates approximately \$250,000. The Treasurer pointed out that improvement levies are usually passed for a 5 year period and would have to be renewed periodically. The money generated by a permanent improvement levy could not be used to pay operating expenses of the buildings. She also stated that operating levies generally have to be passed for twice the amount of money needed because the State funding is reduced when a district passes an operating levy.

Mr. Luyster presented a petition of endorsement for the new Softball Coach, Carrie Laase Whitehead. He feels that she will be a great additional to the Buckeye Local sports program.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORTS**

Mr. Bell and Mrs. Yocum gave the Board a brief overview of the 21st Century Technology Grant they received. This is a two year grant totaling nearly \$250,000. SouthWest Middle is one of only a few schools who were awarded this grant. Mr. Bell thanked Mrs. Yocum and the other members of her team for their hard work in obtaining the grant. Now the staff at SouthWest will use these resources to help our students attain the 21st century skills necessary to compete in today's workforce. Their results will be evaluated at the end of this first year of the grant and second year funding will be based on this evaluation.

Mr. Donahue gave the Board a report on the bus bids that were received for the purchase of three additional buses, two handicapped buses and one conventional bus. Previously each year the State provided districts with subsidy money to purchase buses, because of budget cuts we no longer receive any bus subsidy money. However we have received \$100,000 in federal stimulus money to be used for the purchase of handicapped buses. Mr. Donahue stated that in the past we have tried to purchase two new buses per year and this means that we had a 15 year turnover rate. Due to cutbacks, we did not purchase any buses in the 08/09 school year and therefore had a carryover subsidy. He presented to the Board a proposal to purchase two handicapped buses and one conventional bus. He stated that we may never have another opportunity to take advantage of stimulus money and that bus costs would be increasing by approximately \$8000 because of new environmental regulations.

Mr. Moore related that he had been approached by the Adena Lions Club for building use of West Elementary for their annual Minstrel. Mr. Miller stated that there would be no problem with this.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance Committee met to go over the 5 Year Forecast. Mrs. Garrison gave a report to the Board. She stated that the personal property tax is being phased out. She stated that the State will be instituting an entirely new school funding system effective 2012. In preparing the five year forecast it was taken into account that two of our buildings would be closing and we would still be operating at a loss by 2013.



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Personnel

6. Employed Casey Maxon as a teacher on a one year limited certified contract effective October 19, 2009. Immediate assignment to be South Elementary.
7. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2009-10 school year:

SWM	7th Gr. Basketball Coach - Girls	Co	Gary Dulkoski
NM	FCA Advisor	Co	Carolyn Piergallini
		Co	Margaret Omaitis
8. Approved a six month probationary contract for Pam Kinsey effective October 19, 2009. Immediate position - North Middle Secretary.
9. Granted a six month probationary classified contract to Christina Crawford, effective October 26, 2009. Immediate position - Educational Aide, Bright Promise.
10. Approved Jenni Harbourt as a substitute Secretary-Aide for the 2009/10 school year.
11. Approved a continuing classified contract for the following to be effective at the end of their one year contract:

Robyn Rozenek	Educational Aide
Joan Staten	Assistant Cook
12. Accepted the resignation of George Murray, North Elementary Custodian for the purposes of retirement effective November 1, 2009. Mr. Murray was commended for his many years of service to Buckeye Local.

Miscellaneous

13. Adopted a resolution to purchase one 2009, 65 passenger conventional school bus from Truck Sales & Service, Inc for a net cost of \$68,359. Bus will be purchased with bus purchase subsidy money of \$41,729 and the remainder from appropriated general fund money.
14. Adopted a resolution to purchase one 2011, 60 passenger body handicapped school bus from Truck Sales & Service, Inc. for a new cost of \$73,838. Bus will be purchased entirely with Federal Stimulus money.
15. Adopted a resolution to purchase one 2011 60 passenger handicapped school bus from Truck Sales & Service, Inc. for a net cost of \$73,438. Bus will be purchased with unencumbered appropriations of \$8,370, unused Federal Stimulus money of \$26,162 and the remainder through a 3 year lease purchase agreement.
16. Adjourned to executive session to consider the employment and/or compensation of employees at 8:55. Reconvened at 9:25.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- 1) District-wide H1N1 Flu Shots - Jefferson County Health Department has notified us that they will hold only one clinic at Buckeye Local and that will be at the High School on November 5th from 4-8 pm.
- 2) End of First Nine Weeks, Friday, October 30th.
- 3) Parent/Teacher conference, Thursday, November 5, from 5-8 pm.
- 4) Brandon Bartrug - McDonald All American Magazine - Outstanding Achievement
- 5) Right to Read Week - Buckeye one of only 16 school districts to have 100% participation
- 6) Alex Simon - alumni who is back in the area performing in "Stomp" at the Capital Theater will be visiting some of our schools

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2009, 7:00 PM AT SOUTH ELEMENTARY, YORKVILLE. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.**