

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Administrative Office, Dillonvale. In attendance were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Pielech, Ms. Prebeg, and Mr. Donahue. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as mailed. Treasurers report was approved as presented. Mr. Zelek gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Zelek welcomed all those in attendance.

The Board acted on the following items of business at this regular meeting:

1. Public Participation: None
2. Recognized the following special events: January 1-31 School Board Recognition Month
3. Appointed Don Moore as President Pro-Tempore to preside over the opening ceremonies, nominations and election of President of the Buckeye Local Board of Education at the January 2007 Organizational Meeting.
4. Approved the following supplemental appropriations for FY07:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
+\$5,000.00	007	+\$4,936.89	516
+\$8,000.00	019	+\$4,880.43	590
+\$6,000.00	459	+\$1,000.00	008-900F
5. Accepted the resignation of Mike Wilt as Ass't Wrestling Coach for the 06/07 school year.
6. Employed the following non-certificated persons for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2006/07 school year:

BLHS	Ass't Wrestling Coach	Nathan Skrzypek
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7. Established January 3, 2007 at 7:00 PM as the date and time for the 2008 Organizational Meeting. Regular meeting to begin at 7:30 pm.
8. Granted Charlene Trimiar, Aide, a one year limited contract upon completion of her six month probationary contract.
9. Increased substitute wages to the state minimum wage effective January 2, 2007.

Administrative Reports/Discussion Items

Jeff Vinci reported that we expect to have all repairs at Northwest Elementary completed by the first of the year. All comments received to date on the repairs have been very positive. Rooms will be retested by environmental specialist before classes resume.

Discussion Items

The Umbrella Committee met and recommended that if the Board were to adopt a "No Umbrella Policy, it must be willing to pay an officer to enforce it. The Committee did not believe school personnel would be able to enforce such a policy. After some discussion it was decided that we will not adopt such a policy and that there would be no such reference in the stadium rules that are published each year. As an outgrowth of this discussion, Issue 5 was brought up. Mr. Pielech read the guidelines received in regard to this No Smoking Band. Issue 5 prohibits smoking in any place of employment, including schools, but does not band smoking in open areas such as stadiums. No Smoking signs have been posted in all of our buildings. We are examining outside areas on school property in which smoking will be allowed. In regard to revising stadium rules, Mr. Signorini ask that we not allow kids to play football in the end zone area.

The Pizza Committee met and reviewed concerns with pizza quality. Quality issues were addressed with the supplier and pizza quality has improved. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Pielech mentioned that the Transportation Department is in need of a reliable vehicle with which to answer service calls. The Board agreed that this is a necessity and ask that we try to find a used vehicle that meets the requirements and make a recommendation to purchase.

The Public Address system at North Middle is unable to be repaired. One estimate to replace the system has been received totaling \$19,000. The Board ask that we get additional quotes and look into possibly a wireless system. They also ask that this be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Pielech distributed information to the Board in regard to intervention being done at North Middle. The classes take the

place of study halls. SouthWest Middle is also doing intervention. Extended Learning, an after school program is being offered at all of our schools. Literacy Nights are held to improve school and community relations as part of our Continuous Improvement Plan. He also mentioned that he would like to see Foreign Language classes in the elementaries. At first these would be just informational classes and not graded classes. This however would involve added expense as a teacher would need to be available.

The Security Access Doors have been installed in all of our school buildings. However, because of building layout SouthWest Middle needs to have one more door system installed on a door at the rear of the building. The estimate for this is \$2000. The estimate to install a basic system at the Central Office is \$3400.

Mr. Pielech reported that the United Way Campaign was a big success. The staff and students raised over \$5000.

Mr. DeLuca inquired as to any administrative opening foreseen for next year. Mr. Pielech reported that no opening presently exists. Mr. DeLuca as well as other board members have recently received letters of interest regarding administrative positions. Mr. DeLuca stated that apparently there is an assumption being made that we will have an opening in this area. Mr. Signorini reported that he has advised anyone interested in the mentoring program or in administrative positions to let the Board know of this interest. Mr. Moore reminded everyone that it is the responsibility of the Superintendent to make recommendations for employment. The responsibility of the Board is to approve or reject the Superintendent's recommendation.

In light of recent major expenditures, primarily repairs at Northwest Elementary, the Board Finance Committee will meet in January to assess our financial picture.

Mr. Pielech displayed a book of poems that contained many poems written by Buckeye Local students in Mrs. Delbrugge's class at North Middle. He commended the students on having their poems published.

Mr. Pielech explained to the Board that for the 07/08 school year we will be reorganizing our Preschool program to be in line with the State model. In order to do this the public preschool and special needs preschool classes will be scheduled to coincide in each school so that all of the students can work together at least part of the time.

Mr. Zelek, outgoing Board President, thanked everyone for their efforts to provide a good education to our students. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication to Buckeye Local.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<u>SouthWest Middle</u>		
Nick Fry	6	1st Place Building Spelling Bee
Noel Adamson	7	2nd Place Building Spelling Bee
James Piazza	6	Tied for 3rd Place Building Spelling Bee
Deidre Roski	6	Tied for 3rd Place Building Spelling Bee
Rachel Rector	8	Tied for 3rd Place Building Spelling Bee
Brittany Matthews	6	6th Place Building Spelling Bee
Brittany Feher	8	7th Place Building Spelling Bee
Shane Brookins	6	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Jessica Custer	6	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Nathan Kujawa	7	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Daniel Frontz	7	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Matthew Frakes	6	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Samantha Borsos	8	Tied for 8th Place Building Spelling Bee
Marissa Crawford	7	14th Place Building Spelling Bee
Anthony Barsch	7	1st Alternate Building Spelling Bee
Coty Monroe	8	2nd Alternate Building Spelling Bee
Sharon Rine	CTA Personal Best Award	Organized food drive for Adena Food Pantry which collected over 300 items. Students awarded a Certificate of Appreciation

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2007 AT THE BUCKEYE CENTRAL OFFICE, DILLONVALE. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT 7:00 PM, REGULAR MEETING 7:30 PM