

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration offices, Dillonvale. 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. Moore gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all those in attendance.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Donahue reported that the annual bus inspections went very well. He commented the bus mechanics and the summer personnel for their hard work. The 2007-08 bus schedules/stops were presented and after approval will be published in the local papers. Mr. Zelek inquired as to any major changes in our bus routing and Mr. Donahue stated that we are using the same guidelines as in past years.

Mr. Vinci reported that paving is complete at Memorial Stadium. A gate remains to be installed and some back filling but he expects the track to be open to the public by the first part of September. Mr. DeLuca asked about rules and regulations for the facility. Mr. Vinci reported that we will collaborate with the Village of Yorkville in developing policies such as no bicycles, no dogs, dawn to dusk availability, etc. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Closser, Mr. Vinci, and the Yorkville Council for their cooperation, without which it would not have been possible to provide such a facility for the community.

Mr. Celestin and Reverend Jim Ogden distributed information about a new cultural diversity class being proposed for high school students. Rev. Ogden will teach the class on Tuesday and Thursdays during flex time. Students attending the class will be eligible to receive high school credit for the class. The class will provide students knowledge of different cultures and customs in the hope of creating greater understanding and thus reduce fear and mistreatment of students who are different. The class will stress that differences are healthy and knowledge is the key to understanding. Mr. Zelek suggested that a workshop on this class be held for teachers as well.

Mrs. Hicks presented the revised Title I Program policy. She explained the need for the revisions and gave an overall summary of the Title I program and what services the program makes available to our students.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the month of August, 2007. Mrs. Kolkedy requested a minor typo be corrected in the July minutes.

The Treasurer gave each Board Member a copy of the new financial procedures being implemented. She reported that she is currently revising cafeteria financial procedures as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

2. Approved the high school cultural diversity course description as presented.
3. Approved the teacher's handbook for the 2007-08 school year as presented.
4. Approved the first reading of Title I Program Policy as presented.
5. Approved application to the State Department of Education requesting five waiver days for the purpose of professional development during the 2007-08 school year.

Personnel

6. Accepted the resignation of Jeremy Vittek as a certified special education teacher, effective July 30, 2007.
7. Accepted the following resignations for the 2007-08 school year:

Jim Hamilton	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Jim Bartrug	Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach
Jessica Kelly	SWM 7th Grade volleyball Coach

8. Accepted the resignation of Dave Nemeti as school bus driver effective August 28, 2007.

9. Employed the following people for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2007/08 school year:

SWM Intramural Coach	George Bell
SWM 7 & 8 Gr. FB Cheerleader Advisor	Allison Neavin
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NM 7/8 Gr. Combined FB Cheerleader Advisor	Ashley Pastre
SWM 7th Grade Volleyball Coach	Steven Popkie

10. Employed George Laase as Varsity Boys Head Baseball Coach for the 2007-08 school year.

11. Employed the following substitutes pending completion of all requirements for the 2007-08 school year:

Custodians: Keith Adamson, Kelton Belon, Eric Cameron, Stacey Griffith, Donna Kniszek, Jay Martin, Diane Peltz, John Sadar, Leroy Strupe, Terry Timmerman, Penny Torok

Bus Drivers: James Fleming, Donald Haggerty, Susan Kujawa, Dave Nemeti, Mark Mayle, Gary Sutphin, Gary Windon

Secretary/Aide: Linda Brown, Shirley Carpenter, Carla DeLong, Janice Ferguson, Verda Ingram, Carole Levi, Cherilee McClung, Jolene Moffo, Margaret Nickoson, Audrey Owens, Michelle Pastor, Diane Peltz, Robin Rozenek, JoAnn Staten, Kim Svoboda, (New) Tracy Atwood, Jayne Bettineschi, Alice Hoover, Susan Kujawa, Arnetta Kurtz, Christin Robinson, Sherry Taylor, Kelley Miller

Cooks: Candy Harris, Carla Marple, Mary Matthews, Kriss Otto, Diane Peltz, Kimberly Singer, JoAnn Staten, Kim Svoboda, Cindy Thomas, Carla Woodward
(New) Molly Gavorcik, Arnetta Kurtz, Christin Robinson

12. Adopted the Jefferson County Educational Service Center list of substitute teachers and any additions thereto for the 2007-08 school year.

13. Approved the following long-term substitute teaching contracts:

Amanda Polen	South, Northwest, West	Entire 2007-08 school year
Larry DeLuca	High School	Entire 2007-08 school year

14. Approved the maternity leave of Jodi Rielly, teacher at BLHS. The dates of leave will be August 27, 2007 to September 24, 2007.

15. Approved a five year contract for Dana Prebeg, Treasurer, effective January 1, 2008 until July 31, 2012.

Miscellaneous

16. Approved participation in CORAS (Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools) at a rate of \$300 for the 2007-08 school year.

17. Approved a contract for student services with the Jefferson County Behavioral Health System at a rate of \$20.00 per student per day on an as needed basis.

18. Approved participation in the Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding at a rate of \$.50 per ADM (\$1198) for the 2007-08 school year.

19. Approved the Jefferson County Adult Basic and Literacy Education Organization to offer Adult Basic Literacy Education classes at Buckeye North Middle School for the 2007-08 school year.

20. Approved Naoma Kolkedy to serve as the Buckeye Local School District representative at the annual OSBA meeting

to be held in November, 2007. No alternate was appointed.

21. Approved the following supplies of goods and services for the 2007-08 school year:
Milk: United Dairy, Inc. Bread: Nickles Bakery, Inc. Pest Control: Buckeye Pest Management, Inc.
22. Approved school bus stops as presented by the Transportation Department for the 2007-08 school year and granted authority to the Superintendent or his designee to relocate subsequent stops in accordance with Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rule 3301-83-13.
23. Approved Friday, October 5, 2007 Varsity Football game as Elementary and Junior High Recognition Night.
24. Approved Superintendent or his designee to provide pupil and adult transportation to events open to the public which are school or community sponsored. Guidelines will be developed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- A.) Upward Bound - JCC program for at risk students that makes available JCC resources to assist students to prepare for the Ohio Graduation Test
- B.) Fall Sports Parent Meeting held August 09 @ high school - OHSAA has mandated that parent of any student wishing to participate in any OHSAA sport attend a yearly meeting
- C.) County Administrator's Meeting, August 14th @ Lenora's in Steubenville
- D.) Science Teachers Meeting, August 15th & 16th, OGT test analysis - Will review testing results on a question by question basis in an effort to improve test scores
- E.) Health Fair @ HS - 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Heartland-Trinity Hospital
- F.) BASA School Finance Seminar, August 20th, Columbus
- G.) Open House North Middle - August 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
- H.) Freshmen Orientation for high school, August 21st @ 6:30 p.m.
- I.) Meet the Team night, August 22, @ 6:30 p.m.
- J.) North Elementary Open House Luncheon, August 23th @ 12:00 noon
- K.) West Elementary Open House - August 23 @ 6-7:30 p.m.
- K.) August 27th First day for staff
- L.) August 28th First day for students
- M.) Personnel Staffing - Mr. DeLuca moved, seconded by Naoma Kolkedy, to grant the Superintendent authority to employ personnel on an interim basis until the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Applause, Applause
West Elementary
Joshua Delong
Nicole Jasper

3rd Place in the Ohio State Fair 4th Grade Spelling Bee
8th Place in the Ohio State Fair 5th Grade Spelling Bee

In regard to the recent staffing analysis Mr. DeLuca inquired as to where we stand. Mr. Miller reported that the analysis points out that Buckeye Local is overstaffed based on state ratio of 25 students to every one teacher. Mr. Miller stated that he will be working with everyone involved, the unions, treasurer, etc. to try to remedy this situation. Various options will be researched including early retirement incentives, attrition, etc. The Treasurer stated that we do not currently operate on a balanced budget, we spend more than we receive. Each year our carry over declines.

Mr. Zelek asked Mr. Miller to urge the two groups, (CORAS and Equity & Adequacy) to lobby for elimination of the local share requirement in the school facilities program.

Mrs. Kolkedy inquired as to the status of the cheerleader situation at North Middle. After a lengthy discussion and many unanswered questions, Mr. Miller will research the situation and get more information in an effort to resolve the problem.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 AT BUCKEYE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, RAYLAND. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.