

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at 7:30 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. Moore gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Moore 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:

February 5-9, 2007	National School Counseling Week
February 17, 2007	PTA Founders Day
February 1-28, 2007	Black History Month
3. Granted a one year limited contract to Deborah Walker, Aide, at the completion of her six month probationary contract.
4. Approved the following transfer of funds:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Football	Softball	\$500.00
5. Granted Irma Filippi, Cook, an unpaid medical leave of absence effective January 22, 2007 until March 20, 2007.
6. Employed the following certificated person for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2006/07 school year:

BLHS	Ass't Softball Coach	Nicole Moore
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7. Entered into an agreement with the ESC to provide Occupational Therapy services through the assignment of Beth Mysliewiec-Andlinger to the Buckeye Local School District. Costs will be determined by the number of students served.
8. Adopted the 2007-2008 school calendar as presented.
9. Adjourned to executive session at 8:32 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee or student unless the employee or official or student requests a public hearing. Reconvened at 9:32 pm. Upon reconvening Mr. Zelek made the following motion seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Motion carried. The Treasurer was directed to place a notice in the newspaper no later than January 12, 2007, to such effect.

“The Buckeye Local School District Board hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Joseph W. Pielech, currently employed by the Board of Education as its Superintendent, will be retired and seeking re-employment with the Buckeye Local School District as Superintendent during such retirement. The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of Joseph W. Pielech being re-employed by the Board at a meeting to be held on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm, located at the Buckeye Local Central Office, Dillonvale, Ohio.”

Discussion Items

Mr. Moore distributed a list of 2006 Board Committees and ask each member to indicate any changes they would like to be considered.

Mrs. Wallace, North Middle Principal, presented various proposals in regard to replacing the PA system at her building. She stated that a wireless system is available but had many disadvantages which included having to replace batteries which would mean a \$4000 expense every four years. Two other proposals were discussed each with an approximate cost of \$12,000 provided we install the new wiring conduit. The Board felt that a PA system is a necessity and instructed the administration to proceed with the most favorable estimate provided funds are available.

Mr. Vinci reported that repairs are complete at Northwest Elementary. The classrooms have been retested by A&S Environmental. Classrooms will not be utilized until the written report is received and evaluated. Those who have had the opportunity to visit the classrooms were very impressed with the work that has been done.

Mr. Vinci also reported that a potential major problem has developed at the high school track facility. Upon investigating a blistering problem it was discovered that water is coming up through the asphalt. The track surface is under warranty however the water problem must be resolved and temperatures must be 60 to 65 degrees before repairs can be made. In the mean time Martins Ferry Schools will be notified that our track will not be available for their use as requested.

Mr. Pielech presented a request from the Cheerleader Advisors to revise the Cheerleader Handbook requiring a minimum score of 190 points to qualify for the squad. A lengthy discussion ensued and questions were raised which will require additional research. No action was taken to revise the Handbook at this time.

Mr. Pielech told the Board that at recent sporting events a number of students have been showing this pride and school spirit by organizing a cheering section. Mr. Moore elaborated on the efforts of these students and it was suggested that in order to encourage such school spirit we purchase t-shirts for these students at Board expense. It was suggested that 100 shirts be purchased. The Board was in agreement. Mr. Moore stated that we have been trying for years to encourage school spirit and now that it is happening it should be supported.

In regard to the administrative mentoring program, Mr. Zelek asked if previously trained mentees are being utilized on a rotational basis to fill in for administrators. Mr. Pielech assured him that we are rotating mentees when possible.

Mrs. Kolkedy questioned the use of educational aides in monitoring ISS classes. She wanted to know if a teacher would be better suited to perform such duties. Mr. Pielech inquired as to whether she was questioning ISS (in school suspension) or intervention classes. There was some confusion about this and therefore more information will be gathered and the question addressed.

**APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
<b><u>North Middle</u></b>		
Bethany Tinstman	7	Spelling Bee Winner
Allison Yanssens	8	Spelling Bee Runner-Up
Austin Ferguson	7	3rd place
Ramsey Core	7	4th place
Brittany Sterling	8	5th place
Taylor Cammer	8	6th place
Pierce Brown	8	7th place
Rachel Hoagland	6	8th place
Sean Dundar	8	1st alternate
Gabriel Corona	8	2nd alternate

**SouthWest Middle**

Students & Staff		Certificate of thanks from Adena Community Food Pantry for donations
Katie Tomazoli & Students and Staff		Donated over \$2100 to Shawn Shoulders, SWMS student undergoing cancer treatment
SWMS Band, Chorus Art Club, Student Council and Computer Classes SWMS Chorus		Annual Christmas Concert, Programs and Decorations
The Student Council		Christmas visit to Rosewood Nursing Home - Sang carols Donated gift packets to Rosewood Nursing Home residents

**CTA Personal Best Award**

Katie Tomazoli		Organized fund drive for student with cancer, raised over \$2100.
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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2007 AT THE BUCKEYE CENTRAL OFFICE, DILLONVALE, AT 7:30 PM**