

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 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. Pielech, Mr. Miller, 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. He welcomed all those in attendance.

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

1. Public Participation: Terri Schrader addressed the Board in regard to the Summer Swim Team and the use of the Buckeye Local name. She requested permission to continue to call the team the "Buckeye Local Summer Swim Team". Mr. Pielech stated that our legal counsel had advised the Board to contact the Treasurer of the group and request that they cease using the "Buckeye Local" name due to liability concerns. Mr. Pielech suggested that a name such as "Buckeye Summer Swim Team" or any name that does not indicate affiliation with the Buckeye Local School District would be fine. The Board agreed to investigate the feasibility and cost of establishing a Buckeye Local swim team which would be a school sponsored activity. In the meantime, Mr. Pielech and the Board commended Mrs Schrader and everyone who helped make this summer activity available to area youth.

Mr. Moore extended congratulations to Mr. Zelek's son, Joe, upon his performance at Jamboree in the Hills and his many other musical accomplishments. Buckeye Local can be proud to call him an alumni.

2. Authorized the Treasurer to advertise for bids for the purchase of up to two school buses.
3. Employed Beth Kirk as an Educational Aide for a visually impaired student on a six month probationary contract effective August 27, 2007. Continued employment is contingent upon continued enrollment of this out of district visually impaired student.
4. Employed Jeremy Vittek as a teacher on a one year limited contract, contingent upon proper certification and approved BCI check. Immediate assignment LD teacher at North Elementary.
5. Employed Krista Kurucz as a teacher on a one year limited contract, contingent upon proper certification and approved BCI check. Immediate assignment CD teacher at West Elementary.
6. Employed Heather Long as a teacher on a one year limited contract. Immediate assignment 4th grade teacher at Northwest Elementary.
7. Approved the revised Permanent Appropriations Measure for fiscal year 2007.
8. Approved the advance of funds needed to close out FY07 from the General Fund to Food Service in the amount of \$49,910.65. This will be repaid upon receipt of Federal and State reimbursement monies.
9. Employed the following certified people for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2007/08 school year:

BLHS	Freshman Class Advisor	Andrea White
	Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach	Abbey Otto

10. Employed the following classroom reduction teachers for one year :

Amber Mellott	Shane Burkhead
Jessica Figurski	Vanessa Bouchet
Patricia Romestan	
11. Employed the following non-certified person for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2007/08 school year:

SWM	7th Gr. Football Coach	Robert Hennebert
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12. Approved Action Images as the official High School photographer for the 2007/08 school year. The Board thanked and commended Everett Briggs for the many years of photography service he has provided to Buckeye Local.

13. Entered into a contract with Glenn Trudo to provide part time athletic trainer services at the monthly rate of \$1200.
14. Agreed to provide an additional \$1485 as Buckeye Local's share of the Walking Track Proposal. This added funding is necessary due to the fact paving proposals exceeded original estimates. The Board also agreed to earmark the yearly Walmart Community Grant of \$1000 for this project.
15. Authorized the paving of designated areas at War Memorial Stadium at a cost of \$23,900. The following groups have provided written confirmation of funding assistant for this project in the amount of \$12,000 which leaves a balance from the General Fund of \$11,900. Football Boosters - \$6,000; Buckeye Local Athletic Department - \$3,000; Band Boosters - \$2,000; and Cross Country Boosters - \$1,000.

Discussion Items

Mrs. Kolkedy inquired as to the status of the funding request from Brian Davis for new wrestling mats. The Board expressed support for the request however requested more definitive cost figures. Will delay action until August meeting.

Dana Prebeg, Treasurer, reported as a result of the annual audit a Finding for Recovery was issued in the audit report. The finding named Toni Blumenauer, former High School Secretary, solely responsible for \$45,271.37 in missing funds during the period beginning October 2004 through September 2006. In summary, Ms. Blumenauer substituted checks for cash in various deposits, did not deposit cash received, and improperly recorded receipts. Ms. Prebeg stated that it was the district that discovered the missing funds and took immediate action to call the Auditor of State's office to further investigate the matter.

The district along with the audit team have revised internal control procedures to prevent this from recurring. Each year the district is audited on internal controls. After discovering this matter, we have added more controls. Proper handling of public funds is of utmost importance and will make certain that appropriate procedures are implemented and followed. The district has an accounting of what funds are to be repaid and will do so as restitution is made by Ms. Blumenauer.

In other areas of the audit, a few citations were issued dealing with public records in reference to student activities; transfer of funds; excess of expenditures over appropriations by an immaterial amount in Title V Fund; exclusion of principal amounts of nonexpendable trust funds; expenditures of professional development monies in Title I programs in an ineligible building; support documents for cash requests for grant funding. Recommendations were also made to address estimated resources exceeding actual resources (not overspent, just overestimated); record of all asset additions in excess of \$5000; develop a formal policy on credit cards, cell phone and vehicle use; student activity reports needed more information posting estimated revenue each time it is revised; formal procedure for complying with the comparability requirements and implement annually. In summary, the Auditor's office issued a clean opinion for the Buckeye Local School District audit for FY 06.

Mr. Moore stated that he hopes the Audit reports puts to rest any misunderstanding about the issue of missing funds and stated the Board places no credence in anonymous letters it receives.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2007 AT BUCKEYE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DILLONVALE, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.