

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Northwest Elementary, Smithfield. In attendance were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Mr. DeLuca began the meeting in the absence of Mr. Moore who arrived a few minutes late due to other commitments. 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. DeLuca 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: Cheryl DeYarmon, teacher at Northwest Elementary, demonstrated for the Board the new video conferencing equipment recently purchased as a result of a grant she had received. She explained to the Board the instructional resources that are available, some are available free of charge and others are fee based. Northwest has set in place various fund raising activities to generate money to purchase some of these resources however this will take time and she would like to purchase a program that could be utilized this school year. Such a program would cost approximately \$500. Mr. DeLuca made a motion to set aside \$1000 to get the program started. Mr. Zelek seconded the motion and the resolution passed.

Martina Herrlein addressed the Board in regard to junior high cheerleader tryouts. Her daughter was unable to tryout due to a scheduling conflict and she had asked that a videotape of her daughter be made and used for judging purposes. She was told that no such exception could be made for her daughter. Ms. Herrlein accepted the decision however she felt that exceptions were made for other students in regard to a mandatory meeting that not all students attended but were still allowed to tryout. She questioned why some exceptions are made and others are not - rules are rules and they should be followed by all. In the discussion, it came to light that the Middle School Cheerleader Handbook requires a minimum score and the high school handbook does not. The Administration will look into any infractions and inconsistencies in the handbooks.

Marla Kenneally, OAPSE President, informed the Board that the OAPSE membership is sponsoring two \$250 scholarships. To be eligible a student must be an immediate family member of an OAPSE union employee and meet other scholarship criteria which is currently being finalized. The Board congratulated OAPSE on their efforts to help deserving students achieve this goals.

2. Recognized the following special events: April 15-21 Public School Volunteer Week
3. Approved a Merit Scholar Trip to New York City on November 28, 29, and 30, 2007. All expenses to be the responsibility of the participants.
4. Approved the following transfer of funds:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Football	All Sports	\$500
Basketball	All Sports	\$500
5. Approved Lynda Piergallini as Head Varsity Cheerleader Advisor for the 07/08 school year.
6. Employed the following certificated people for supplemental duties as indicated for the 2007/08 school year:

BLHS	Head Basketball Coach (Boys)	Joel Nau (2 Year)
	Head Wrestling Coach	Brian Davis (2 Year)
7. Approved Rick DeLuca as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 06/07 school year, contingent upon CPR and Pupil Activity Supervisor Validation.
8. Accepted the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

9. Approved the following substitutes for the 06/07 school year:

<u>Substitute Custodian</u>	<u>Substitute Cook</u>	<u>Substitute Bus Driver</u>
Diane Peltz	Candy Wilson-Harris	Mark Mayle
	Diane Peltz	

Mr. DeLuca posed the same question to Angela Hicks, newly employed Assistant Administrator. Ms. Hicks stated that she feels we are in line for a good transition. She has attended a number of meetings pertinent to her new position and is working with the current Administrator when her schedule allows. She did however have one concern and she asked to address this concern in executive session.

Discussion Items

Mr. Pielech stated that he had been asked by the BLHS Athletic Department to authorized the purchase of high jump standards at an estimated cost of \$600. The Board expressed no objection to this expenditure coming from the General Fund provided the Treasurer has funds available.

Mr. Vinci, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that he will have bids ready for approval at the April Board meeting for asphalt work at SouthWest , North Middle and the High School. Bids will also be ready for the Northwest Elementary roof. The batting cage has been installed at the high school baseball field. He has been unable to meet with the representative of the company who installed the high school track and they have moved the first event to an away rather than a home event. He is trying to have the track inspected by the official who officiates at most of our events and provided he feels the track is in satisfactory condition we will go ahead with the track schedule as normal. In regard to the termite issues at NorthWest we have had no reports of termites in the past two weeks, which is in line with what the exterminator had predicted. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Pielech reported that he had received a call from a concerned citizen in regard to drainage issues at the High School in light of the recent construction. Mr. Pielech read a letter received from Valley Hospice stating that they recognize that drainage patterns may have been altered and that they are retaining the services of a civil engineer to help alleviate any drainage problems.

Mr. Moore stated that he had been approached by the Warren Township Girls Softball league in regard to purchasing a softball batting cage. They are willing to pay half of the cost and are approaching other area leagues for possible funding assistance. After a brief discussion the Board felt that more information and guidelines need to be developed before any purchasing decisions can be made.

Mrs. Kolkedy raised the question as to why neighboring district have adopted August 1 as the birthday cut off date for KG registration and Buckeye Local's cut off date is September 30th. Mr. Pielech stated there is no obligation to attend school until the age of six but a student must attend kindergarten and this is normally when the child is age 5. Mr. Pielech said he would research the advantages and disadvantages of the August 1st date.

Mr. Zelek commended his fellow board members on their performances in the presentation of "42nd Street" at Buckeye Local High School. Everyone praised the dedication and hard work of the students and adults who make this presentation possible. Mr. Moore was especially impressed by what goes on back stage and encouraged anyone with an interest in theater to become involved with the next presentation. This is a mini "Broadway Show" in our backyard.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Accomplishment</u>
CTA Best Award		
Mary Ann Zeroski, Rebecca Donley and Lisa Smith (West Elementary)		February award for coming to the aid of a seriously ill teacher and transporting to them to the hospital
Dave Cybulski (BLHS)		March award for helping a student with a medical emergency and remaining with her until the ambulance arrived. Dave has been called upon numerous times for medical emergencies at the High School.
William Stephens		Guest Conductor and Speaker at Wetzel County All County Honors Band

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2007 AT BUCKEYE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DILLONVALE, MEETING AT 7:00 PM