

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Buckeye Local Administration Offices. 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. DeLuca gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed all those in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Ken Bonnell, Northwest Elementary Principal, addressed the Board and distributed information on building programs implemented that have helped Northwest Elementary become and remain a State School of Excellence. In this same vein, Jennifer Aubrey, Northwest Elementary teacher, explained the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) program which was implemented at Northwest last year and has been implemented in all of our elementary schools this year. During the power point presentation, Mrs. Aubrey gave the Board a brief overview of the program and how it impacts intervention strategies. Mrs. Aubrey stated that the program is a valuable resource tool and the basic program is available at no cost to the district.

Scott Celestin addressed questions the Board had in regard to the High School Handbook. He then recommended the 08-09 handbook for approval by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As a member of the Board Athletic Committee, Mr. Moore stated that the committee had interviewed a number of quality people for the open head coaching positions. He thanked the candidates and the members of the committee for their time.

A Finance Committee report was presented by Mr. DeLuca. He explained that this year Buckeye Local is eligible for Ohio School Facilities (OSF) funds. These are the same funds that have been used to build new schools in neighboring districts such as Bridgeport and Martins Ferry. The Committee as well as the entire Board have met on several occasions with OSF personnel, construction experts, etc. in an effort to access our position. All OSF funds are matching funds which means that a district is assigned a percentage figure which is their "matching" amount for any building projects. It looks like Buckeye Local's matching percentage will be approximately 50%. Mr. DeLuca stressed that we are in the preliminary stages of the process and that the Board has made no decisions and will make no decisions until they have public input. He stated that OSF funds come with many strings attached, once the process is started you can't stop or control it. One certain requirement will be consolidation of schools and this will be a "hard nut to swallow". Preliminary building plans have an estimated cost of \$40 to \$50 million. Mr. DeLuca stated the Board will keep the public informed and hoped that communities will get involved as the process evolves.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Prebeg gave the Board a report detailing the findings of the FY 2007 Audit. She stated that we were issued an unqualified (good) opinion on our audit. BLSO, in all material respects, complied with requirements that apply to each of its major federal programs. One finding for recovery related to a fundraiser shortage due to students not remitting money for items sold. The advisor was able to recover part of the money during the course of the audit and the remaining shortage was paid by the advisor. In reference to prior audit findings from FY 06, the audit explained that restitution has not been made and that the district has fully corrected internal control procedures to safeguard cash collection points. One noncompliance citation was issued for a student activity advisor who retired and did not leave records with the district. The audit also gave six recommendations for the district to review and consider implementing.

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the month of March, 2008.
2. Approved entering into an agreement with the Auditor of State's Office to provide services in preparation of the fiscal year 2008 annual financial report (GAAP). The cost is estimated not to exceed \$13,320.
3. Approved the following transfer of funds:

| <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Football (300-4516-912Z) | Golf (300-4524-5100-914Z) | \$300.00 |

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

4. Approved a revised Network Privacy and Acceptable Use Policy for staff members and a revised Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Agreement for students.
5. Authorized Buckeye Local to participate in the 2008-09 Close-Up Foundation Program in March 2009 and to sponsor two students.
6. Adopted a revised 2008-09 school calendar as presented.
7. Accepted the Members of the class of 2008 for graduation as presented by the Principal, pending satisfactory completion of all requirements.
8. Mr. Zelek moved, seconded by Mr. Signorini, to adjourn to executive session to discuss employment of personnel. Adjourned at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 8:00 pm.

Personnel

9. Employed Coy Sudvary as Assistant High School Principal on a one year limited contract effective August 1, 2008.
10. Employed Joann Staten as a cook on a six month probationary contract effective April 28, 2008.
11. Approved the employment of a part-time person to assist with summer computer maintenance at a rate of \$12/hour.
12. Approved the employment of Leanne Hutton as a Summer Services Teacher, 3 hours a day, 2 days a week for six weeks.
13. Approved a one year limited classified contract for Kim Svoboda, cook.
14. Employed the following teachers on limited contracts effective with the 2008-09 school year: (all contracts contingent upon proper certification and fingerprint check)

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| Jessica Figurski | 2 Year |
| Brianna Henceroth | 1 Year |
| Shelby Luther | 1 Year |
| William Luther | 1 Year |
| Amanda Polen | 1 Year |
| Gary Raber | 1 Year |
15. Approved the employment of up to three (3) part time summer help employees as requested by Don Donahue Business manager. These employees will be considered from the list of regular bus drivers according to seniority list and current substitute drivers. Rate of pay will be \$7.20 per hour.

16. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 08-09 school year:

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| BLHS | Head Varsity Wrestling Coach | Nathan Skrzypek |
| | Head Volleyball Coach | Shelby Luther |
| | Head Boy's Basketball Coach | Gary Raber |
| | Head Girl's Basketball Coach | William Luther |
| | Athletic Director | Gary Raber |
| | Assistant Athletic Director | Jeff Vinci |
| | Ass't Var. Wrestling Coach | Andy Weiss |
| | Ass't Var. Wrestling Coach | Ryan Turnbull |
| | Ass't Band Director | Russ Armstrong |
| | Ass't Band Director | Chuck Eddy |
| | Ass't Band Director (Auxiliary) | Cheryl Pompeo |
| | Ass't Golf Coach | Jeff Durbin |
| | Cheerleader Advisor - Var. Res. | Jamie Kovalski |
| | Cheerleader Advisor - 9th Grade | Allison Neavin |

17. Accepted the following resignations for the purposes of retirement:

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| James Hamilton | High School Guidance Counselor (effective June 20, 2008) |
| Linda Noon | High School Business Teacher (effective at the end of current school year) |
| Margaret Warren | Preschool Teacher (effective October 1, 2008) |
| Deborah Witthuhn | North Middle Special Education Teacher (effective June 1, 2008) |
18. Recognized the week of May 5-9 as Staff Appreciation Week.
19. Approved the 08-09 High School Handbook.
20. Adopted a Resolution of Commitment and Ratification for the OMERESA constitution as revised on April 18, 2008.

A small reception was held in honor of the retiring teachers. Cake and punch were enjoyed by all present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- 1) NHS Formal Ceremony - May 4th at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Six Grade Camp - May 6-9
- 3) Mock Crash - May 7th at 10:15 am - stadium
- 4) Mock Court - May 7th at 1:00 pm
- 5) S.A.D.D. Concert - May 9th, 1:00 pm
- 6) Jr./Sr Prom - May 10 at 5:30 p.m., Carnes Center, St. Clairsville
- 7) Right to Read Week - May 12-15
- 8) District Inservice - May 16
- 9) Baccalaureate - May 18th at 6:00 pm. - Meadowbrook Church
- 10) Honors/Senior Assembly - May 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- 11) Senior Video/Field Day - May 21st at 9:15 and 10:00 a.m
- 12) North Middle Spring Concert - May 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- 13) Graduation - May 25 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Applause, Applause

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Accomplishment</u> |
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| <u>Northwest Elementary</u> | |
| Cheryl DeYarman | CTA Personal Best Award for March. Rode in ambulance with child to hospital when parent could not be present. |
| Brandon Panepucci | Boys Basketball Champions "The Cyclones" |
| T. J. Rogers | " " " " |
| Nick Kerkuta | " " " " |
| Chad Parker | " " " " |
| Saxon Wells | " " " " |
| Logan Myers | " " " " |
| Jimmy Pasco | " " " " |
| Amanda Barbarossa | Girls Basketball Champions "The Wildcats" |
| Alyssa Pugh | " " " " |
| Alexis Crummitt | " " " " |
| Carly Banal | " " " " |
| Kirsten Turner | " " " " |
| Alex Burdick | " " " " |
| Becky Lewton | Martins Ferry Area Chamber of Commerce Academic Recognition Award |
| <u>BLHS</u> | |
| Jessica Lewton | Martins Ferry Area Chamber of Commerce Academic Recognition Award |

Mr. Gary Raber addressed the Board and thanked them for the professional process the Board utilized in interviewing possible candidates. He stated that process represents Buckeye Local very very well and he hopes to do the same.

Mrs. Kolkedy inquired as to Board scholarship applicants. Mr. DeLuca stated that he recently received the applications and will make them available to other Board members so that recommendations can be made.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2008, AT BUCKEYE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DILLONVALE. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.