

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at Buckeye Local Administrative Offices. In attendance were Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Miller, Ms. Prebeg, Mrs. Vargo, Mr. Kalman and Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Kolkedy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all those in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board adjourned to executive session at 6:03 pm to review negotiations with public employees and to discuss the promotion, demotion or compensation of employees. Reconvened at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Clark reported to the Board details of the two classes that he will be offering during flex time at the High School made possible as a result of money he received from a grant. Students taking these classes will receive 1/2 credit for each class completed. Financial Management is a class being offered to seniors to prepare them to manage their personal finances once they are on their own. The Computer Graphics and Programing class will teach students how math applies to various computer graphics programming including animation and video game production.

Mr. Donahue stated that the annual bus inspections went very well. He thanked all of the school personnel whose hard work made this possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Miller reported that the Athletic Council will be conducting Softball Coach interviews in the new future. We have received a number of applications.

Karen Vargo, Parent Coordinator, reported that Back to School Bash was a hugh success, with over 1100 people in attendance. Over 400 children received back to school bags containing various school supplies and healthy snacks. She thanked everyone involved especially Lynda Piergallini and the High School Cheerleaders who prepared the school bags. She also thanked the local community for supplying much of the supplies along with a generous donation from the Counseling Grant. Various local agencies were represented including area fire departments, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, as well as informational booths set up by local groups.

Mrs. Kolkedy read a thank you card from the recipient of the Board of Education Scholarship, Amanda Lovell.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the months of June and July, 2009.
2. Approved the transfer of funds from the North Middle Athletic Fund and Cheerleading Funds into SouthWest Middle Athletic Fund and Cheerleader Fund respectively and renamed fund accounts as Junior High Athletic Fund and Junior High Cheerleader Fund.
3. Approved Treasurer to certify PO #60281 in the amount of \$6342.74.
4. Approved participation in the worker's compensation program for the 2010 rating year with Sheakley Uniserve. The cost will be \$2225 for third party administration and unemployment services.
5. Changed the name of the Physics Club (222-957Z) to Chi-Phi Society as it more accurately reflects the function of the club as a chemistry-physics honor society
6. Returned the following advances to the General Fund:

From: Title I (562-9009)	\$5873.76	Title I School Improvement (572-9091)	\$1919.22
Title IV Safe & Drug Free (584-9009)	\$1537.91		

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

7. Approved the new Ohio Department of Education Policies and procedures for serving children with disabilities as presented.
8. Renewed a contract with Jefferson Behavioral Health System for Psycho-Educational Group Services and Youth Partial Day Treatment Services for the 2009/10 school year.
9. Entered into a cooperative agreement with the Jefferson County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to provide services for students with specific disabilities.
10. Approved the course of study for the following high school classes: Computer Graphic Programming and Personal Finance Management.
11. Approved school bus stops for the 2009/10 school year and authorized the Superintendent or his designee to designate or relocate subsequent school bus stops.
12. Approved the 2009/10 Elementary Handbook
13. Accepted the following foreign exchange students tuition free for the 2009/10 school year:

Andrea Mora	Ecuador	Host Family: James Maderia
Jan Thedinga	Germany	Host Family: Bryan Terrill
Bastran Stoker	Holland	Host Family: Bryan Terrill
Cecilie Mahle	Norway	Host Family: Rob Ledfors
Maria Erazo	Columbia	Host Family: Rob Ledfors

Personnel

14. Accepted the resignation of Lauren Florence effective at the end of the 2008-09 contract year.
15. Accepted the resignation of Jamie Kovalski effective at the end of the 2008-09 contract year.
16. Employed the following on a one year limited certified contract effective August 24, 2009 contingent upon proper certification and satisfactory criminal background check:

Kathy Celestin	Lang Arts/Soc Std	SouthWest Middle
Andrew Long	Social Studies	High School
Kimberly Smith	Gifted Teacher	District
Melanie Cunningham	CD Teacher	North Elementary
Colleen Hildebrand	LD Teacher	North Elementary
17. Employed the following supplemental positions for the 2009-10 school year:

NM	Ass't Athletic Director	Co	Abbey Otto
		Co	Jami Cammer
	Intramural Coach		Carolyn Gullen
	8th Gr Girls Basketball Coach		Abbey Otto
BLHS	Volunteer Var. Football Coach		Blair Closser
	Volunteer Ass't Var. Cheering Coach		Lori Roberts
	Ass't Athletic Director	Tri	George Laase
	Ass't 7th Grade Football Coach		Bill Gooch
18. Employed the following teachers as long term substitutes for the 09/10 school year:

Abby Petrozzi	4th Grade	Northwest Elem
Susan Bachmann	Science/Math	North Middle
William Gooch	Science	High School
Amy Porreca	Science	North Middle

19. Employed the following Classroom Reduction Teachers on one year non renewable certified contracts effective August 24, 2009:

Mary Applegarth	Christine DeFede
Kimberly Malechowski	Melissa Sobleski

20 Employed the following substitutes for the 09/10 school year contingent upon satisfactory fingerprint check:

Substitute Custodians

Returning:	Keith Adamson	Kelton Belon
	Stacey Griffith	Diane Peltz
	Leroy Strupe	Terry Timmerman
New:	Michael Todoroff	

Substitute Cooks

Returning:	Shari Gaul	Molly Gavorcik
	Tina Glover	Carole Levi
	Mary Matthews	Kriss Otto
	Diane Peltz	Beverly Pernick
	Nichole Short	Christy Staats

Substitute Bus Drivers

Returning:	David Ankrom	Tish Balthazor
	James Fleming	Susan Kujawa
	Mark Mayle	
New:	Jolynn Peshek	

Substitute Secretary/Aides

Returning:	Elizabeth Basich	Linda Brown
	Shirley Carpenter	Karla DeLong
	Janis Ferguson	Shari Gaul
	Molly Gavorcik	Alice Hoover
	Verda Ingram	Pam Kinsey
	Gladys A. Lewis	Cherilee McClung
	Carole Levi	Jelene Moffo
	Margaret Nickoson	Audrey Owens
	Michelle Pastor	Christy Staats
	Jamie Wallace	
New:	Christina Crawford	Anthony Hayes

21. Employed Karen Vargo as the Parent Coordinator for Title Funds effective July 22, 2009.

22. Accepted the resignation of Carol Brown, custodian, for the purposes of retirement effective August 3, 2009

Miscellaneous

22. Approved Naoma Kolkedy as Buckeye Local Delegate to the OSBA Conference in November 2009. Appointed Don Moore an alternate.

24. Agreeded to use Buckeye ILocal Facilities as Mass Care Shelters in cooperation with the Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

25. Approved membership Agreement with Educational Technology of Southeastern Ohio for Enhanced Instructional Technology Services at a cost of \$1186.90.

26. Approved the Title I Program for the 09/10 school year.

27. Entered into a contract with the ESC to participate in the Math Teacher Mentor Program for the 2009-10 school year.

28. Approved Jim Horton as an Emergency Medical provider for the 2009/10 school year at a rate of \$1200 per month.

29. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jefferson County General Health District to use Buckeye Local High School as a site for emergency mass vaccination/phophylasis of Jefferson County residents.
30. Entered into a contract with McGuire & Associates for professional services for the 21st Century grant.
31. Approved the following vendor contracts for the 09/10 school year:

Pest Control	Buckeye Pest Management, Inc.
Bakery Items	Nickles Bakery, Inc.
Diary Products	United Dairy
32. Approved the Strategic Plan for District Fiscal Stability.
33. Resolve due to financial reasons to close the following school: North Middle School, located at 1004 Third Street, Brilliant, Ohio, effective June, 2010. The students otherwise assigned to attend Buckeye North Middle School will be reassigned to attend Buckeye SouthWest Middle School, ocated at 100 Walden Avenue, Tiltonsville, Ohio 43963.
34. Resolve due to financial reasons to close the following school: West Elementary School, located at 243 N. Mill Street, Adena, Ohio, effective June , 2010. The students otherwise assigned to attend Buckeye West Elementary School will be reassigned to attend Buckeye Northwest Elementary, located at 680 Hill Street, Rayland, Ohio 43943, Buckeye North Elementary School, located at 1004 Third Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913 and Buckeye South Elementary School, located at 209 Market Street, Yorkville, Ohio 43971.
35. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.172 and Article 10 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and OAPSE, the Board of Education has determined that it needs to reduce its non-teaching staff due to financial reasons (lack of funds), lack of work, abolishment of positions, a combination of positions and/or decreased enrollment. The reduction in staff will include the following:
 1. Abolishment of one (1) clerk position;
 2. Abolishment of two (2) custodian positions;
 3. Abolishment of one (1) educational aide position; and
 4. Reduction of thirteen (13) regular, full-time head and assistant cook positions by 8.33%, or from six (6) regular hours per work day to five and one half (5.5) regular hours per work day.

The reduction in staff, and all rights associated therewith shall be governed by Ohio Revised Code 3319.172 and Article 10 of the Negotiated Agreement. The reduction will be effective September, 2009.

The Superintendent, Treasurer and/or their designees are authorized to take the necessary actions to carry this resolution into effect.

Comments:

Mr. Miller stated that change is hard - nobody likes change - but something needed to be done. The 10 year enrollment project continues to show decline, buildings are going to require major repairs in the near future and cash reserves are nearly depleted. In order to have no cuts to student services and remain solvent we must make unpopular decisions. The Strategic Plan calls for a number of changes over the next three years. Buckeye Local will be different but we will still be a district dedicated to providing the best possible education to our students.

Mr. DeLuca stated that it would irresponsible for the Board to ignore the financial facts that the district is near the point of deficit spending. It would be a mistake to assume that anything is going to change in regard to school funding in the near future, therefore the Board has embarked on the least painless route. The proposed changes will result in approximately \$1.3 million dollars in savings over three years. However based on two independent studies it is estimated to cost \$60 million to make needed repairs to our seven buildings, this figure alone makes it imperative that we consolidate and utilize what money we save to maintain the minimum number of buildings.

Mr. Moore expressed disappointment in regard to the recent levy results. He thanked everyone who worked and donated countless hours to the bond effort but stated that the Board must listen to the wishes of the Public - No new schools. It is our responsibility to provide the best education possible for our children with the resources we have available.

Mrs. Kolkedy also stated that the students and their academic preparedness comes first and is at the heart of every decision.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- 1) Back to School Bash
- 2) Freshmen Orientation, Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30
- 3) SouthWest - 6th Grade Orientation, August 19th, at 7:00 pm
- 4) OHSAA Mandatory Parent Info Meeting, Monday, August 24, 7:00 pm at BNM and also August 26 at BLHS
- 5) New Teacher Breakfast, Tuesday, August 18, at 8:00 am at BLHS
- 6) North Middle - 6th Grade Orientation, August 20, at 6:00 pm
- 7) Teacher's First Day - August 24
- 8) Student's First Day - August 25

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, 7:00 PM AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, DILLONVALE. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.