

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUMMARY**

The Buckeye Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Local Central Office, Dillonvale. In attendance were Mr. DeLuca, Mrs. Kolkedy, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Moore, Mr. Signorini and Mr. Zelek. Also present were Mr. Miller, Ms. Prebeg, Mrs. Vargo and Mrs. Hicks. Mrs. Kolkedy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all those in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Celestin and Mr. Sudvary addressed the Board in regard to possible changes to the High School class schedule. For a number of years we have been operating on the block schedule, 80 minute classes. Due to declining enrollment, discrepancies in class sizes, more effective use of teacher certification, and the possibility of offering more class choices to students, etc, the administration is looking at the possibility of going back to a more traditional schedule of 8 or 9 forty plus minute classes. Mr. Sudvary gave the Board information on OGT testing results for the past few years which indicates that the block scheduling system has not been effective in raising scores. Mr. Celestin also stated that we are one of only a few areas schools operating on the block system and this makes it very difficult when a student transfers during the school year into or out of our district.

Also addressing the Board in this regard were members of the Student Council who are in favor of keeping the block schedule. They made the argument that the 80 minute classes allow the students more time to learn new concepts and provide lab time, etc. They also presented testing information showing that Buckeye Local scores are similar to other area school districts. They felt the block schedule makes it possible for students to take a greater number of advanced classes. They felt the block schedule enables a student to repeat a class if necessary and also results in less homework as there is more time in class plus a student only has four subjects per semester rather than 8 or 9.

Mr. Miller stated that this is a fact finding process and that no final decisions have been made. Recommendations will be made to the Board at a later time.

Mrs. Hicks presented her annual incident report as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Hicks stated that there has been no major change from last year's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Signorini and Mr. Moore reported that the Athletic Council met and addressed the following issues. The junior high football program will consist of one 7th grade and one 8th grade team made up of players from both North Middle and SouthWest Middle Schools. They will practice and play their games at the high school. The golf team will play at Becwood Golf Course. There will be no practice for any sport on days that school is canceled for calamity day.

Community Engagement - Karen Vargo gave the Board an update on the proposed building project. The Levy Executive Committee met on February 18 at the High School. The committee is comprised of representatives from the District, community, and the architects. Areas discussed included campaign time lines, formation of sub committees, etc. An aerial view of the proposed site was presented and proposed core drilling sites noted. In an effort to keep the public informed there will be a Community Meeting on Sunday, March 1st, 6:30 pm, at Meadowbrook Church. The Master Plan will be presented as well as the potential impact the bond issue will have on individual tax payers. Everyone is welcome to come and ask questions. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be March 19th at 4:00 pm and the sub committees will meet at 6:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approved the minutes, bills, financial statement, reconciliation statement and checks for the month of January, 2009.
2. Approved the following transfer of funds:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Football	Softball	\$1500.00
Boys Basketball	Baseball	\$1500.00

3. Established the Merit Scholar Account (200-944Z). The advisor is on a volunteer basis and no supplemental pay will be assigned.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum and Instruction

4. Approved the first reading of the following Board Policies as presented:

Policy Number

Policy Name

ADMINISTRATION

1460 Physical Examination

PROGRAM

2220

Adoption of Courses of Study

2421

Career-Technical Education Program

2464

Gifted Education and Identification

2623

Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

3120

Employment of Professional Staff

3120.04

Employment of Substitutes

3120.05

Employment of Personnel in Summer Intervention and Adult Education Programs

3120.06

Selecting Student Teachers/Administrative Interns

3120.07

Employment of Casual Resource Personnel

3120.08

Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities

3120.09

Volunteers

3121

Criminal History Record Check

3138

Suspension During Pending Criminal Actions

3139

Staff Discipline

3140

Termination and Resignation

3160

Physical Examination

3210

Staff Ethics

3214

Staff Gifts

CLASSIFIED STAFF

4120.04

Employment of Substitutes

4120.08

Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities

4120.09

Volunteers

4121

Criminal History Record Check

4138

Suspension During Pending Criminal Actions

4139

Staff Discipline

4160

Physical Examination

4210

Staff Ethics

4214

Staff Gifts

STUDENTS

5114

Foreign-Exchange Students

FINANCES

6460

Vendor Relations

PROPERTY

7540.01

Technology Privacy

OPERATIONS

8141

Mandatory Reporting of Misconduct by Licensed Employees

8142

Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services

8210

School Calendar

8310

Public Records

8315

Information Management

8351

Security Breach of Confidential Databases

8900

Anti-Fraud

RELATIONS

9211

District Support Organizations

9270

Equivalent Education Outside The Schools

5. Approved the 2009/2010 school calendar.

6. Accepted the following foreign exchange students for the remainder of the 08/09 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Host Family</u>
Christiane Laidane	Columbia	Jessica Grant
Gho Cho	South Korea	Crystal Jackson
Maria Ariza	Columbia	Karen Butler

7. Approved entering into an agreement with Harcatus Head Start to collaborate to ensure successful transition of students to kindergarten.

8. Approved a Merit Scholar Trip to New York City on December 1-4, 2009. All expenses to be the responsibility of participants.

9. Approved and authorized submission of the District Technology Plan for school years 2009-10, 10-11, and 11-12.

Personnel

10. Approved Family Medical Leave for Stacey Raber retroactive to January 8 and extending through January 22, 2009.

11. Approved maternity leave for Alisha Chrest effective approximately May 11th through the remainder of the school year.

12. Approved a one year medical leave of absence in accordance to OAPSE contract, Article 38.01 to Carol J. Brown effective April 10, 2009.

13. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2009-2010 school year.

BLHS	Head Football Coach	Ron Pobolish
	Head Cross Country Coach	Eric Laughlin
	Head Golf Coach	Dave Cybulski
	Head Volleyball Coach	Shelby Luther
SWM	Athletic Director	Sam Jones

14. Accepted the following resignations from supplemental duties for the 2008/09 school year:

BLHS	Ass't Softball Coach	Megan Bartrug
	Ass't Softball Coach	Jim Bartrug
	Ass't Baseball Coach	Josh Rinkes

15. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2008/09 school year:

BLHS	Ass't Baseball Coach	Josh Vinci
	Ass't Girls Track Coach	Eric Laughlin
	Ass't Softball Coach	Tri* Megan Bartrug
	Ass't Softball Coach	Tri* Jim Bartrug

*Three coaches to split two stipends divided three ways

16. Approved the following classified substitutes for the 2008/09 school year contingent upon satisfactory criminal background checks and proper certification:

<u>Substitute Cooks</u>	<u>Substitute Aide/Secretary</u>	<u>Substitute Bus Driver</u>
Shari Gaul	Kelly Miller	Jeffery Blumenauer
Candy Wilson-Harris		
Nichole Short		

17. Approved the following classified contracts:

Ashley Lester	Aide	1 Year Contract
Arnetta Kurtz	Cook	1 Year Contract

18. Approved the following administrative contracts:

James Kalman	Elementary Principal	4 Year Contract
Coy Sudvary	Ass't High School Principal	2 Year Contract
Melissa Runnion	Elementary Principal	2 Year Contract
Susan Nolan	Elementary Principal	2 Year Contract

Miscellaneous

- 19. Entered into a contract with H.C. Nutting to perform a Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation of property owned by Buckeye Local School District. The cost is estimated to be \$10,500.00. Additional drillings (if needed) will cost \$18.00 per lineal foot.
- 20. Enter into a contract with H.C. Nutting to perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Jurisdictional Water Delineation of property owned by Buckeye Local School District. The cost is estimated at \$2400.00.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

- A) Ohio Graduation Test - March 16-20
- B) End of Third Nine Weeks - Friday, March 27
- C) Make Up Days - February 16, April 9, June 3
- D) Cheerleader Banquet - March 1 @ 2:00 PM - High School
- E) Community Meeting - March 1 @ 6:30 PM - Meadowbrook Church of God
- F) High School Drama Production - March 12-14 @ High School
- G) United Way - Buckeye Local commended for Outstanding Contributions to the United Way 2008 Campaign

APPLAUSE APPLAUSE

Accomplishment

Name

CTA

February Personal Best Award

Following staff were instrumental in aiding student who suffered seizure: Ron Retzer, Rhonda Hinton, Amber Basich, Jason Kovalski, Deborah Danley, Michelle Vucelich and Margie Omais.

Deborah Paugh presented an engraved plaque by parent as a thank you for all that she had done for his son when he was in her class, which made it possible for him to graduate high school.

DISTRICT

Tyler Pasco, SWM	8	1st Place District Spelling Bee
Blythe Peterson, SWM	8	2nd Place District Spelling Bee
Syarra Hughes, NM	6	3rd Place District Spelling Bee
Josh DeLong, SWM	6	4th Place District Spelling Bee
Alexandra Burkick, SWM	6	5th Place District Spelling Bee
Rachel Hoagland, NM	8	6th Place District Spelling Bee
Nick Fry, SWM	8	7th Place District Spelling Bee
Zack Stewart, SWM	8	8th Place District Spelling Bee
Meagan Crothers, NWE	5	1st Alternate
Haley Kropka, SWM	6	2nd Alternate

BLHS

Boys Bowling Team		Champions - Holubeck Holiday Tournament
Ben Hazelton	12	Top Bowler Holubeck Holiday Tournament
Lanson Bell	11	2nd in Top 10 Bowlers - Holubeck Holiday Tournament
Lance Rutter	10	4th in top 10 Bowlers - Holubeck Holiday Tournament
Boys Basketball Team		Commended by Habitat for Humanity for volunteering to help at project house.

SouthWest Middle

Middle School Wrestling Team		1st Place Springfield Tournament
		2nd Place Indian Creek Tournament
		4th Place BMAC Tournament

North Elementary

Duane Wetherell	KG	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Andrew Carman	4	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Travis Light	1	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser

Ethan McHugh	PS	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Michelle Eddy	K	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Michael McCain	4	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Makayla Wells	PS	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser
Jake Ingram	4	Top seller in PTO Fund Raiser

Staff, students & community

Charity Fund, under the direction of Heather Weekley, and in conjunction with the Brilliant Lions Club and Wells Township Fire Department and other members of the community, provided Christmas gifts and food baskets to fourteen families.

Staff & Students

Return the Warmth Winner/Jefferson County Beautification. Placed 25th in the nation - received fleece jackets for every student, \$50 from JBRSWA and \$1000 gift card from Sam's Club.

Kevin Wilson	5	1st Place Building Spelling Bee
Dylan Westling	5	2nd Place Building Spelling Bee
Emily Smith	5	1st Alternate Building Spelling Bee
Taylor Norman	5	2nd Alternate Building Spelling Bee
Michael Turby	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Tyler Boyd	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Jordyn Casey	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Adrienne Yanssens	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Abigail Freeland	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Herbie Devore	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Kenny Green	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Mikaela Piasecki	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee
Sandra Gardner	5	Participant in Building Spelling Bee

Northwest Elementary

52 students

Participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon raising over \$1500 for cancer research at the hospital.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 23, 2009, AT BUCKEYE WEST ELEMENTARY, ADENA. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.