

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
held on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM
in the Batesville High School Bulldog Center

Attending:

Board Members: Jeremy Raver, President; Mike Baumer, Vice-President; Sean Townsley, Board Member; and Larry Merkel, Board Member

Administrators: Paul Ketcham, Superintendent

Others: Laura Cole, Administrative Assistant; Media Representatives; Patrons and Students

REGULAR SESSION

ITEM # 1

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Raver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
- B. Other – None.

ITEM # 2 BCSC Vision Statement

Mr. Ketcham reviewed the vision statement.

ITEM # 3 Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the regular session held on July 17, 2023, as well as the August 7, 2023, Special Meeting were previously sent to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the minutes for the July 17, 2023, Regular Session and the August 7, 2023, Special Meeting as presented.

Motion to accept: Mike Baumer

Seconded by: Larry Merkel

Action: Unanimous approval

- B. Payroll Journals and Register of Claims – The payroll journals and register of claims were previously provided to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the payroll journals and register of claims as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Sean Townsley
Action: Unanimous approval

- C. Personnel – The most recent personnel changes were previously provided to the board for review and are attached to these minutes.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the personnel list as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Sean Townsley
Action: Mr. Baumer abstained from voting; Unanimous approval by the other members present

- D. Travel Requests - Travel requests were previously given to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the travel requests as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Mike Baumer
Action: Unanimous approval

- E. Other – None.

ITEM # 4 Financial Report

- A. Monthly Financial Report - Mr. Ketcham reported that there was a current balance of \$2,065,436 in the Education Fund as of July 31, 2023. The total of all funds as of July 31, 2023, was \$7,853,061.
- B. Extra-Curricular Accounts Reports - Mr. Ketcham reported that the annual ECA report from Batesville High School as well as the report prepared at the Corporation level were previously shared with the board. Any questions can be directed to Todd Nobbe, Corporation Treasurer, or Janeen Goldsmith, Deputy Treasurer.
- C. Other - None.

ITEM # 5 1028 Hearing - Mr. Raver asked Mr. Doug Wilson, Corporation Attorney, to explain the meaning of this hearing. Mr. Wilson explained that it is the intent of BCSC to make improvements to the current outdoor athletic fields and surrounding areas. Mr. Raver then asked Mr. Damian Maggos from Raymond James to present financial information regarding the proposed projects and how they could be financed and repaid. After all information has been presented, Mr. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone present. There being none, Mr. Wilson introduced the following resolution and requested a motion for its approval:

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the Project Resolution.

Motion to accept: Mike Baumer
Seconded by: Sean Townsley

Action: Unanimous approval

ITEM # 6 Believe in Better - Mr. Ketcham reviewed the list of new staff for the 2023-24 school year.

ITEM # 7 Patron Comments

None.

ITEM # 8 Action Items

- A. Construction Bid Approval - Mr. Ketcham explained that BCSC recently went through the open bid process for the Athletic Field Upgrades. Out of the two bids received, Mr. Ketcham reported that Fanning Howey is recommending that the Board accept the bid from Bruns Gutzwiller.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves acceptance of the bid from Bruns Gutzwiller for the BHS Athletic Field Upgrades.

Motion to accept: Mike Baumer
Seconded by: Larry Merkel
Action: Unanimous approval

- B. Acceptance of \$1,000 Donation - Mr. Ketcham presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Southeastern Indiana Volleyball Club.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees, on behalf of Batesville Community School Corporation, accepts the donation of \$1,000.00 from Southeastern Indiana Volleyball Club.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Sean Townsley
Action: Unanimous approval

- C. Acceptance of \$5,000 Donation - Mr. Ketcham presented a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from The Rockwood Family Foundation to be used for the purchase of new risers for the BHS Choir.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees, on behalf of Batesville Community School Corporation, accepts the donation of \$5,000.00 from The Rockwood Family Foundation.

Motion to accept: Sean Townsley
Seconded by: Mike Baumer
Action: Unanimous approval

- D. Approval of Neola Updates 35.1 and 35.2 – Mr. Ketcham will remind the board that these updates were brought before the board as a first reading at last month’s meeting and requested approval of the updates.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the updates contained in Neola Vol. 35, No. 1 and Vol. 35, No. 2.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Mike Baumer
Action: Unanimous approval

ITEM # 9 Superintendent Report

- A. Staff Picnic - Mr. Ketcham reported that the staff picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 6. Traditionally, school administrators and board members have donated financially toward the picnic. Any donations can be sent to Mr. Tim Hunter at the administration building.
- B. Upcoming Events - Mr. Ketcham shared upcoming events with the Board.

ITEM # 10 School Board Comments

Mr. Raver asked if there is a date for the athletic booster dinner. September 20.

Mr. Baumer thanked Lisa Gausman and the cross country team for volunteering their time with the parks department recently.

It was pointed out that BHS Homecoming is Friday, September 8.

ITEM # 11 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Bulldog Center at BHS.

PERSONNEL

Monday, August 21, 2023

1. Resignation and Extended Leave Certified
 - a. BPS - Haley Litzinger-Meyer, Grade 1 Teacher, Extended Leave
 - b. BIS - Amber Koehne, Grade 4 Teacher, Extended Leave
2. Recommended Certified
 - a. BHS - Dan Borns, BHS/BMS Choir Teacher, Additional Teaching Section - Stage Craft
 - b. BHS - Blaine Gellert, BHS Math Teacher, Additional Teaching Section - PE Lifting
 - c. BHS - Eric Heppner, BHS Math Teacher, Addition Teaching Section - Pre-Calculus
 - d. BHS - Tony Gausman, BHS Math Extended Leave
3. Resignation and Extended Leave Classified
 - a. BPS - Aylissa Miller, Latchkey Assistant, Resignation
 - b. BHS - April McFarland, Secretary, Resignation
4. Recommended Classified
 - a. BPS - Barb Koester, Latchkey Assistant
 - b. BIS - Chelse Hall, Cafeteria Staff
 - c. BMS - Anna Schmaltz, Special Education Paraprofessional
 - d. BMS - Amber Ott, Cafeteria Staff, Pay Increase
 - e. BMS - Rebecca Waller, Cafeteria Staff, Pay Increase
 - f. BHS - Wayne House, Career Readiness Academy Coordinator
 - g. BCSC - Caroline (Carley) O’Gara, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
 - h. BCSC - Austin Gross, Lead School Resource Officer
5. Resignation Extra Curricular
 - a. None
6. Recommendation Extra Curricular
 - a. See attached for athletic recommendations
 - b. BPS Teacher Mentors
 - i. Katie Halverson
 - ii. Kim Taylor
 - iii. Becky Brown
 - c. BIS Teacher Mentors
 - i. Shannon McBeath
 - ii. Wendy Eisert
 - iii. Nini Ni
 - d. BMS Teacher Mentors
 - i. Tara Mills
 - ii. Emily Bower
 - iii. Dan Borns
 - e. BHS Teacher Mentors
 - i. Dan Borns
 - ii. Charlie Schuck
 - iii. Charlie Raab
 - f. None
7. Resignation Transportation
 - a. None

- 8. Recommended Transportation
 - a. None
- 9. Open postings:
 - a. BHS - Special Education Paraprofessional
 - b. BCSC - Occupational Therapist Assistant



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To: Paul Ketcham and the BCSC School Board
 From: Bryan Helvie, Athletic Director
 Re: Athletic Department recommendations / requests – August 2023 meeting

- 1. Coaching recommendations for the 2023-24 school year.

Batesville High School Fall Sports Season

Boys soccer – volunteer assistant coach	Dominic Butz	(new - volunteer)
Volleyball – volunteer assistant coach	Brian Wilhelm	(new – volunteer)
Volleyball – 9 th /C-Team coach	Morgan Meyer	(new)
Volleyball – Varsity assistant coach	Kris Baumer	(new – BCSC employee)
Football – 9 th /C-Team coach	Austin Pohlman	(was volunteer status)