

MINUTES
BETHEL-TATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 16, 2007 7:00 PM
HILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Bethel-Tate Board of Education met on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM for regular session at the Hill Intermediate school library with McKee, Sandker, Adams, Dyer, and Rose answering the roll.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Dyer.

A motion was made by Adams and seconded by Dyer to approve the meeting agenda.

060-07

Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; McKee, yea; Rose, yea; Sandker, yea.

Public Participation

None

Planning Commission Report Presentation

The planning commission spoke on a variety of topics that were previously assigned by the Board of Education. Other topics will be presented in May.

Community Survey:

The planning commission committee members are Mrs. Herbolt, Mrs. Heather Ashpaw, Mrs. Susen Arn, and Mrs. Maggie Devereux. These members reported the purpose of the survey and stated that the survey would be sent to all Bethel Tate Local School District residents and parents. They also estimated a summary timeline for the survey. The committee asked if the Board wanted to proceed with the survey, since there is a cost involved. The committee further explained that research shows that these types of surveys are best done in the fall. Parents and residents will receive notification in the summer about the survey and the local newspapers will advertise that the survey will go out in the fall. The satisfaction survey for planning purposes with results will come back to the Board and Administration. The Board inquired as to if someone was not satisfied, how can we get info on what they are not satisfied with. The committee said that comments will come back to the Board after they are analyzed.

Mr. Smith commented that this is the first community wide survey done since the bond issue. We've done a lot of faculty, in school, parent & student surveys since then but not a community wide survey.

The Board stated that they appreciated all of the committee members volunteer time spent and that the School District benefits from all their hard work. The Planning commission Members stated that the Student Health and Safety report has been moved back to the May board meeting.

Principal's Roundtable Discussion – Kay Nau

Mrs. Nau gave her end of the year update. She stated that the Family Math night on January 25 was a huge success, so much so that they ran out of parking places. They had 12 stations and a scavenger hunt. The students were eager to get to all interests. The students and faculty are looking forward to another Math night, as well as, a science night next year.

The Intermediate School is undergoing test preparation. In the fall, the third grade participates in reading practice tests. The Intermediate school staff analyzes the data, with each teacher analyzing their students. The teacher then plans instruction for the rest of the year. Staff and students are also preparing for testing through the Blitz program. Fifty-four students participate in Blitz.

Teachers have been trained in the Collins Writing Program. This reading program has also helped in other content areas, including Math, Science and Social Studies. The challenges of testing faced by the staff include attendance and scheduling. The test is compressed into four days, whereas, it used to be taken over two weeks. The reduced amount of time for testing has made scheduling difficult, even lunch has to be rescheduled. Due to changing the tests to May, the results will not be announced until after the end of year report cards are issued.

Hill Intermediate is having Hillfest again on May 24, 2007. Hillfest will include a concert from our new fifth grade band comprised of forty-two students and a musical, "Freedom" performed by the fifth grade class. Artwork from every student will also be on display.

Plans for the 2007-2008 school year include: CIP, Tools for Tigers, a second annual Math Night, and a Science night.

The Board was excited to hear about the turnout and retention of the band students. Some students have even moved on to more than one instrument!

The Board also mentioned that they would like to see coaches not schedule practices during nights of testing.

Treasurer's Action Items

A motion was made by Rose and seconded by Sandker to dispense with the reading of and approve the March 19, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

061-07

Rose, yea; Sandker, yea; Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Adams, and seconded by Dyer to approve the following Treasurer reports:

1. Finance and investment report – We are tracking cash flow with monthly comparisons to the forecast. Some investments are longer term investments; even though their rates are a little lower than short term investments. The state of the economy could potentially lower current short term rates and therefore, we will be glad to have some of our investments locked into long term interest rates.

2. List of Bills – mostly routine monthly bills. Some of the larger bills paid were for monthly utilities, fuel, special education costs, replacing the hot water storage tank at the Primary; donation flow through to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (for funding the District's Performing Arts), replace the server, and to install scoreboards at the High School.

062-07

Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; Sandker, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Sandker, and seconded by Adams, to approve the FY07 Appropriation Resolution and 412 Certificate.

063-07

Sandker, yea; Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

Two Year Contracts

Nancy Abineri	part time-teacher
Heather Ashpaw	teacher
Richard Cox	teacher
Susan Dotson	teacher
Laurel Gearig	teacher
Mike Jennings	teacher
Candi Leist	teacher
Melinda Linnemann	teacher
Roger Nyam	teacher
Debbie Patrick	teacher
Sherry Patrick	teacher
Rea Reynolds	teacher
Kristi Roll	teacher
Nancy Saner	teacher
Trish Sayre	teacher
Dana Scarborough	teacher
Casey Smith	teacher
Barb Turner	teacher
Cheryl Webb	teacher

One Year Contracts

Greg Bartley	teacher
Aaron Bateman	teacher
Jamie Bischoff	teacher
Christy Calhoun	teacher
Mary Beth Christian	teacher
Kristen Colella	teacher
Virginia Fisher	part time-teacher
Heather Frost – Hauck	teacher
Deborah Jeschke	teacher
Amanda Johnson	teacher
Bjorn Knudsen	teacher
Jerrica Lamb	teacher
Kari Mays	teacher
Laura Prescott	teacher
Bev Ratcliff	teacher
Samantha Renn	teacher
Diana Schellenberger	teacher
Katrina Sies	teacher
Adam Szabo	teacher

Brian Cunningham Middle School Teacher Step 0 BA effective 8/21/07

066-07

Sandker, yea; Rose, yea; Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Adams, and seconded by Dyer to approve the following breakfast and lunch prices for the 2007-2008 school year:

	Breakfast	Lunch
K-5	\$1.00	\$2.00
6-12	\$1.00	\$2.25
Milk	\$1.00	\$.40
Adult	\$1.00	\$2.50

These prices are the same as the 2006-2007 school year.

067-07

Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; Sandker, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Rose and seconded by Sandker to accept the members of the senior class as prospective 2007 Bethel-Tate High School graduates as presented.

Katelyn Jean Alcorn
Sarah Maria Antoni
Adam Shane Armacost
Heather Dianne Baker
Erinn Rae Ballein
Dustin Lee Balzhiser
Ethan Wayne Barger
Justin Michael Bauer
Aaron James Beckelhymer
Derick Michael Bee
Elizabeth Deah Behler
Jessica Marie Beusterien
Felicia Dee Bolton
Brittany Leigh Boston
Roger Kraig Boucher
Kristin Nicole Bradley
James Gregory Burns II
Aaron Joseph Burt
Jeffrey Wayne Burton, Jr.

Cassandra Lynn Calvert
Megan Joy Cannon
Peter Joseph Canter
Marie Ann Carnahan
Sondra Alexa Childers
Joshua Nicholas Clark
Michael Robert Clayton
Emily Michele Cole
Coty Wade Colyer
Ashleigh Marie Courts
Deseree Kay Cummins
Tracey Lynn Daugherty
John Thomas Davis
Joshua David Davis
Ronald Lee Davis
Adam Scott Dean
Ian Henry Dickhaus
Matthew Harold Dotson
Amy Michelle Dyer
Laura Kristine Eaton
Bethany Rose Eubanks
Dustin Robert Fain
Lauren Amanda Farmer
Robert Michael Faulkner, Jr.
Amanda Leigh Fehrenbach
Leah Rose Fields
Nicole Marie Floyd
Wade Aaron Foley
Cynthia Lu Galea
Ashley Nicole Gall
Jessica Lynn Gates
Carly Nicole Germann
Anthony Jared Gilkison
Keith Russell Good
Nicole Lynn Grau
Brittany Rene Griffith
Derrick Alan Gullett
Phillip Roger Harmon, Jr.
Kyle Robert Hedrick
Amie Elizabeth Hennies
Brent Matthew Hensley

Sarah Nicole Hensley
Tristan David Hess
Jeffrey Allan Hodge
Zachary Tyler Howard
Jeffrey John Howey
Jeffery Blair Hutchinson
Matthew Allen Ingram
Hillary Joanne Johnson
Jeremy Edward Johnson
Kristin Danielle Johnson
Jessica Kathleen Jones
Nathan Alan Jones
Ryan Christopher Jones
Cory Adam Kamphaus
Nathaniel Ryan Kamphaus
Katelyn Elizabeth Kassen
Joshua Kane Kilgore
Amanda Nicole King
Austin David Kucera
Tyler Elliot Larbes
Jacob Matthew Lasley
Kyle David Lea
Daniel Carl Little
Jason Aaron Little
Kristin Lee Longworth
Samantha Lacey Loudermilk
Charles Douglas MacQueen
Rebecca Nicole Mansell
Justin Michael Marshall
Benjamin Matthew Martin
Tina Louise McClanahan
Michael Antonio Meadors
Michael Todd Menshouse
Rodney Lee Messer, Jr.
Devon Anton Miller
Casey Annette Moore
Francisco James Moore, Jr.
Jessica Erin Moorehous
Jessica Whitney Moorhouse
Michael Lee Myers
Christopher Lee Nester

Melissa Marie O'Quinn
Kelly Marie Orick
Alyssa Noel Overlay
Cortnie Marie Owens
Michael Tyler Pace
Erin Vera Pennington
Jacqueline Marie Phillips
Daniel Keith Poe
Amanda Carlissa Pollard
Kecia Lian Pontius
Robert Matthew Pritchard
Vanessa Gail Proffitt
Steven Lester Pyles
Hannah Timothea Reardon
Nicholas Wayne Reardon
Abigail Naida Remers
Cory Charles Roberts
Corey James Robinson
Michael Joseph Robinson, Jr.
Evan James Rose
Taylor Jean Rose
Benjamin Konrad Sandker
Steven Michael Schnurr
Julia Elizabeth Schuler
Jared Wayne Shouse
Quinton Wayne Simpson
Sandra Jean Sipos
Kayla Elaine Smith
Cory Lynn Stapleton
Shena Nicole Stayden
Robert Maxwell Steinbuch
Ashton Nicole Stephens
Tyler Grant Stober
Rebecca Lynn Sulken
Maya Ruth Swartz
Trey Nathaniel Theisler
Justin Cory Trester
Krystle Lynne Vanderpool
Whittney Kay Walsson
Denver Cole Woodruff
Monica Leigh Yingling
Cody Lee Young

Mr. Smith mentioned that the Administration is tracking about 12 students.

068-07

Rose, yea; Sandker, yea; Adams, yea, Dyer, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Rose to approve K4 Architects to conduct a feasibility study for possible future transportation and/or central office facility(s).

Mr. Smith mentioned this is to determine the knowledge needed to make a decision for construction purposes. The future central office building will be limited to the box aspect. The district is also looking at the potential of leasing from the Village, a portion of the planned new village administration building. The Construction committee feels this study is needed to move forward with the project. The estimated cost of the study is \$6,000.00.

069-07

Dyer, yea; Rose, yea; Sandker, Adams, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Sandker and seconded by Adams to adopt the following 2007-2008 student handbooks:

Bick Primary School
Hill Intermediate School
Bethel-Tate Middle School

Before being adopted the board changed the handbooks to add language for: Health & Safety and to change the vacation exception to read "exception with holidays". The Board questioned the Principals on why the Handbook stated students are to be quiet? After some discussion, the Board pulled the second part of that rule from the handbook. Also, the Board commented that they liked the problem solving section of the Bick Handbook.

070-07

Sandker, yea; Adams, yea; Dyer, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

US Grant Update

The US Grant's Board member reported that Grant's FY06 Audit was good. Staff presentations were given at the board meeting on the pathway at Grant and all its four home schools. Deputy Flam assists at Bethel and is on call as needed. Grant has integrated curriculum into it's labs.

Grant needs to replace it's paint spray booth, which will be a huge expenditure. They have put the item out to bid and are waiting for results.

April 21, 2007 is Grant's annual Community Appreciation dinner. All are welcome.

May 7, 2007 Staff Appreciation dinner at Receptions.

May 24, 2007 – Awards Ceremony which will be held at the Bethel-Tate High School due to weather. The Board commented that several of the student awards were to be given to Bethel-Tate students.

Board Committee and Representative Reports

Finance/Audit Committee – will meet on April 18.

Budget Committee – will meet on April 18.

Planning Commission – The planning commission will submit to the Board their final three reports at the May Board meeting.

Construction/Litigation – meeting with K4 planned.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Adams and seconded by Rose to enter into executive session at 8:15 pm for the following reasons:

To consider the employment of public employees and the investigation of a public employee.

071-07

Adams, yea; Rose, yea; Sandker, yea; Dyer, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Rose to reconvene to the regular session at 9:25 pm.

072-07

Dyer, yea; Rose, yea; Sandker, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Sandker to employ the following Supplemental personnel pending completion of district manifest:

John Weber Reserve Softball Assistant coach Volunteer
Effective February 6, 2007
073-07

Dyer, yea; Sandker, yea; Adams, yea; Rose, yea; McKee, yea.

Informational Items

Background checks are being done on all volunteers.

There was a general discussion on "Getting It Right" and whether or not the Board supports. The Board chose to postpone any action.

Future Agenda Items

The May Five year forecast;
Feasibility study results with recommendation for building project(s).

Bethel-Tate's prom is May 11th in Eastgate.

Bethel-Tate's staff appreciation dinner is May 14th at 5:00 pm at US Grant.

HS Awards night is May 17th at 6:30 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be as follows:

May 21, 2007 Regular 7:00 PM at the Primary School Library.

With there being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Adams and seconded by Rose to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Adams, yea; Rose, yea, Sandker, yea; Dyer, yea; McKee, yea.

President _____

Treasurer _____

