

REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2012

The Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. at the Delaware Area Career Center North Campus.

CALL TO ORDER

President, Tom Sheppard, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Rod Boester
- Mike Bell
- Tom Kaelber
- Joseph Roden
- Tom Sheppard

Administration present were:

- Jamie Grube, Superintendent
- Sandra Griscom, Treasurer
- Barb Coolahan, Director of Pupil Services
- Susan Gooch, High School Principal
- Teresa Goins, Elementary Principal
- Beth Kantner, SACC Director
- Barry Lyons, Elementary Principal
- Mark Malcom, Director of Classified Services
- Andrew Miller, Middle School Principal
- Mary Schroeder, Elementary Principal
- Mark Tingley, Administrative Services Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sheppard led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

12-105 MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boester and seconded by Mr. Roden to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Bell, yes
Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

12-106 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Kaelber and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 28, 2012 and the Special meeting held March 26, 2012 at the recommendation of the Treasurer.
Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes;
Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS ON AGENDA)

1. Dan Miller – comments regarding business classes and their importance; said that personal finance is now required, that computer courses are very important for both college applications and for jobs and that we just got great computer labs at the HS. Online classes do need a teacher to assist.
2. Ray Blinn – expressed concern about the income tax being combined with the bond issue – A vote yes to keep North open is also a vote yes to close all 3 elementary schools later. Asked how much the income tax has gone down due to the recession.
3. Eileen Sheppard – spoke on behalf of the BVTA – they have already made concessions to save teaching positions and to minimize the impact to students. They are giving back the four days that were supposed to be in the 2012/13 calendar, freezing tuition reimbursement for the next year (paid in FY14) and froze steps on supplemental contracts for next year. Asked that these things could be brought back with the passage of additional operating money. Expressed concern about the closing and then possible re-opening of North – the uncertainty for students, staff and families and the stress involved.
4. David Kessler – said he was disturbed; talked to about 20 teachers in BV who are

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“appalled” with what the board is doing and afraid of the Superintendent. Asked that the board get input from the community before they close a building. Talked to 3 former Superintendents from BV who said they were shocked at what BV is doing. Concern about the combined issue – a vote for the levy is a vote to eventually close all 3 elementary schools. Also commented on the stress for families in not knowing which school their kids are going to.

DISTRICT UPDATE

Facilities – Mr. Tingley on the HS Construction Punch list and the change orders to be approved tonight. Mr. Tingley also shared that the district received an energy rebate for the HS upgrades in the amount of \$29,800 with another \$20,000 yet to come.

Finance – the only update was that the Income Tax final collection for this fiscal year will be received on April 30.

Communications – Jeff White shared that the committee met yesterday.

12-107 FINANCIAL ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Kaelber that the Buckeye Valley Board of Education approve the March, 2012 Financial Report at the recommendation of the Treasurer.

Roll call vote: Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes

Motion carried.

12-108 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boester and seconded by Mr. Roden that the Buckeye Valley Board of Education approve the following consent agenda items, at the Superintendent’s recommendation:

Supplemental Contracts

Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2011/2012 school year:

TJ Chaney HS Yearbook Advisor C-0/\$2,359

Resignation

Accept the resignation of Kathleen Arkenberg, West Elementary teacher after 7 years of service to Buckeye Valley, effective the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

Leave of Absence

Approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence for the following teachers for the 2012/2013 school year:

Debra Goedde, East Elementary
Allison Thomas, West Elementary

Classified Employment

Employ the following as a Classified Bus Driver on a one year limited contract for the 2011/2012 school year:

Stephanie Scott \$16.57/hour, Step 1 eff. April 18, 2012

Contract Renewals – Certificated

1 year	2 year	5 year	Continuing
Matt Kennedy	Cary LaCourse	David Berg	Carol Arny
Matt Miller	Jacqueline Dexter	Jamie Marshall	Anna Diller-Stried

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1 year	2 year	5 year	Continuing
Ryan Perry		Amanda Bindel	Sophie Halliday
Lora Pierce		Sarah Range	Christopher Pileski
Barb Thomas		Tamara Sawmiller	Elizabeth Young
Whitnee Dickson		Heidi Marzola	Carol Rackley
Jill Harrington		Abby Chrismer	Jill Johnson
Elizabeth Flegm		Julie Spaulding	Wendy Humble
Melanie Fifield		Rachel Messaros	
		Cathy Edwards	
		Reanna Evans	

Non-Renewals – Certificated Tutors

Sharon Comstock	Nicholas McKee
Melanie Fifield	Elizabeth Rice
Katie Jividen	Mynda Shilling
Jill Suver	

MEC Cooperative

Approval to participate in the MEC Cooperative advertising and receiving bids program for school bus chassis and bodies.

School Bus Purchase

Approve the purchase of two 2013 buses. Bids were received through MEC and Mr. Malcom is recommending the bid from Center City. Each bus costs \$83,663 for a total cost of \$167,326. There will most likely be trade-ins that will offset some of this cost.

High School Construction Change Orders

Approve the attached change orders for High School Construction:

E-041	Converse Electrical	(\$676.60) CREDIT
E-042	Converse Electrical	\$285.66
P-022	Aggressive Mechanical	(\$6,867.33) CREDIT
M-008	Vaughn Industries	\$2,452.17
M-009	Vaughn Industries	(\$123,639.90) CREDIT

Roll call vote: Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Bell yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

12-109

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Motion by Mr. Kaelber and seconded by Mr. Boester that the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education approve the following resolution recognizing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11, 2012:

WHEREAS, the week of May 7-11, 2012 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week, and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education recognized the extremely important and most worthwhile job that the teachers of our district are engaged in, on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, it is important that the community, parents and students are made aware of the

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feelings of gratitude, appreciation, and commendation that the Buckeye Valley Board has for its teaching staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of May 7-11, 2012 be specifically designated as Teacher Appreciation Week in the Buckeye Valley Local School District.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Boester, yes. Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

12-110 REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES
Motion by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Boester that the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education approve the following motion:

Resolution to Suspend Certified Contracts through Reduction in Force

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended to this Board that it make a reasonable reduction in the number of teaching employees; and

WHEREAS, due to financial reasons cost reductions are needed for the 2012-13 school year in order to comply with legal budgeting requirements; and

WHEREAS, due to the return to duty of regular members of the bargaining unit after a leave of absence a reduction in the number of teaching employees is required; and

WHEREAS, Section 3319.17 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article VII of the Agreement between the Buckeye Valley Teachers Association and the Buckeye Valley Local School District Board of Education authorize the implementation of a Reduction in Force (RIF) due to financial reasons and the return to duty of regular members of the bargaining unit after a leave of absence.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

(1) To suspend contracts as indicated effective June 30, 2012:

<u>Area of Certification/Licensure</u>	<u># of Positions</u>
Business Education (HS 7-12)	2.0 FTE
Physical Education (Multi-Age P-12)	1.0 FTE
Mathematics (HS 7-12)	0.5 FTE
Early Childhood (P-3)	1.6 FTE
Middle Childhood (4-9)	1.0 FTE
Reading (K-12)	1.0 FTE
Education of the Handicapped/Intervention Specialist (K-12)	1.0 FTE
Physical Science/Physics (Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	1.0 FTE

(2) To direct the Superintendent to identify the specific individuals whose contracts are to be suspended in order to accomplish the above reduction in accordance with the terms of the negotiated agreement, and to provide such persons with written notice of this action on behalf of this Board.

Roll call vote: Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

12-111 REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
Motion by Mr. Boester and seconded by Mr. Roden that the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education approve the following motion:

Resolution to Suspend Classified Contracts through Reduction in Force

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WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended to this Board that it make a reasonable reduction in the number of non-teaching employees; and

WHEREAS, due to the abolishment of positions it has become necessary to reduce the number of non-teaching positions in the Buckeye Valley Local School District; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of funds, the Buckeye Valley Local School District must make cost reductions for the 2012-13 school year in order to comply with legal budgeting requirements; and

WHEREAS, section 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code and Article 15 of the negotiated agreement with OAPSE Local #236 authorize the implementation of a Reduction in Force (RIF)/Layoff due to the abolishment of positions and a lack of funds.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

(1) To implement a reduction in force/layoff and suspend contracts in the following job classifications effective June 30, 2012:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u># of Hours/Day</u>	<u># of Employees</u>
Head Maintenance	District	8.0	1.0 FTE
Maintenance	District	8.0	1.0 FTE
Mechanic	District	8.0	1.0 FTE
Secretary	North	7.5	1.0 FTE
Library Media Specialist	North	7.0	1.0 FTE
Head Custodian	North	8.0	1.0 FTE
Custodian	North	8.0	1.0 FTE
Aide	North	3.0	0.38 FTE
Head Cook	North	7.0	1.0 FTE
Aide	HS	4.5	0.56 FTE

(3) To direct the Superintendent to prepare a list for Board approval that contains the names, seniority dates, and classifications and an indication of which employees are to be laid off in order to accomplish the above reduction; once approved by the Board, to post said list in a conspicuous place and to provide such persons with written notice of this action on behalf of this Board.

Roll call vote: Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

12-112

PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES

Motion by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Kaelber that the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education approve the following Pay to Participate fees, effective for the 2012/2013 school Year:

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<u>PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES	\$200/season
Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Track, Tennis, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Swimming	
MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES	\$150/season
Track, Baseball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Girl's Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling	
HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULARS	
Marching Band, Flag Corp, Majorettes, Show Choir	\$200/season
In the Know	\$75
Drama Club (Cast and Crew)	\$50 per play/musical
Pep Band, Nat'l Honor Society, Newspaper, Science Fair, Student Council, Teen Institute, Yearbook, Ski Club	NO FEE
MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULARS	
Play	\$25/play
Student Council, Yearbook, Newspaper, Science Fair	NO FEE
6 th Grade Camp, 7 th Grade Lake Erie trip, 8 th Grade DC trip	Cost to Student Varies (No add'l school participation fee)
FAMILY MAXIMUM	\$900

Roll call vote: Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes;
Motion carried.

12-113

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED

Motion by Mr. Boester and seconded by Mr. Bell that the Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education approve the following motion determining to proceed with the Income Tax and Bond Issue. After some discussion regarding the length of time of the Income Tax, Mr. Boester amended his motion to state that the income tax will be for 5 years; Mr. Bell seconded the amended motion:

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUCKEYE VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELAWARE, MARION, MORROW AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO**

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Buckeye Valley Local School District, Delaware, Marion, Morrow and Union Counties, Ohio (the "School District"), met in regular session on April 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Career Center North Campus, 1610 SR 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015, with the following members present:

M____. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH INCOME
TAX AND BOND ISSUE AND CERTIFYING SAME TO THE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
(R.C. Section 5748.08)**

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on March 28, 2012, determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of at least \$1,200,000 for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is one-quarter percent (0.25%) per annum; and

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on March 28, 2012, determined that it is necessary to issue bonds in the amount of \$30,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of constructing school facilities, including an elementary school, and renovating existing school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof, and acquiring land and interests in land, and that it is necessary that a direct tax be annually levied on all the taxable property in the School District outside of the ten mill limitation to meet the debt charges on the Bonds and any securities issued in anticipation thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Buckeye Valley Local School District, Delaware, Marion, Morrow and Union Counties, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying a tax, outside of the ten mill limitation provided by law, on the income of individuals and estates in the School District (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) per annum, shall be for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of the School District, and shall take effect on January 1, 2013, and shall be levied for five (5) years.

Section 2. It is necessary to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds in the amount and for the purpose described in the preamble to this resolution, and to levy, outside of the ten mill limitation provided by law, an annual tax on all the taxable property in the School District to pay debt charges on the Bonds and any securities issued in anticipation thereof.

Section 3. The Bonds shall be dated approximately September 1, 2012; shall bear interest at the estimated rate of 4.50% per annum; and shall be paid over a number of years not to exceed 28.

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax and issuing the Bonds shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held at the usual voting places within the School District, on August 7, 2012 (the "Election").

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Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said Election shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall the Buckeye Valley Local School District, Delaware, Marion, Morrow and Union Counties, Ohio be authorized to do the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of 0.25% on the school district income of individuals and estates, for five (5) years, beginning January 1, 2013, for the purpose of paying current operating expenses?

(2) Issue bonds for the purpose of constructing school facilities, including an elementary school, and renovating existing school facilities; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof, and acquiring land and interests in land in the principal amount of \$30,000,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 28 years, and levy a property tax outside the ten mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period 3.5 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to \$.35 for each \$100 of tax valuation, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE
	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Delaware County, Ohio on or before May 1, 2012.

M____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Voting Aye: _____

Voting Nay: _____

Passed: April 17, 2012

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUCKEYE VALLEY LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELAWARE, MARION, MORROW
AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO

Attest: _____
Treasurer

Board President

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Buckeye Valley Local School District, Delaware, Marion, Morrow and Union Counties, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Education of said School District on April 17, 2012, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the Board of Elections of Delaware County, Ohio on _____, 2012.

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Treasurer, Board of Education
Buckeye Valley Local School District Delaware,
and Union Counties, Ohio

Marion, Morrow

Roll call vote: Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Roden, yes;
Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion regarding architect firms and how soon to get a firm working on the new Elementary school plan. We do not have to bid it but we need to rank them and have the top three ranked firms for the board to review. There was brief discussion about having a committee to review firms.
2. There was some sad news as a DACC student was killed this morning. Also, recognition of the death of the son-in-law of our former Superintendent Mr. Schiller. There was a moment of silence.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Items not on Agenda)

1. David Kessler – asked if there would be any additional items voted on after the executive session and the Board President said No. Asked if the board was considering extending the contract of our current Superintendent.
2. Beth Bennington – asked about selling old furniture at auction instead of throwing it out or storing it.
3. Tim Bishop – has lived in BV his whole life – said he has a problem with Mr. Grube; said his mind is not here; there is chaos in the community. Said that Mr. Bell downgraded Radnor School. Asked the board to consider renovating the three elementary schools. Asked who had law enforcement at board meetings lately? No need for it. Said the board is acting like a dictatorship – asked Mr. Grube to resign.
4. Candy Staley – asked about the elementary supplementals and if they are being cut or not.
5. Robert Rice – said that \$30million to build one school seemed like too much money. Asked what that amount included. Said he hopes it passes and asked for transparency.
6. Jay Sparks – asked if the board has considered keeping all three elementary schools open, intact and where they are? Said they are in good shape and can be retrofitted. Expressed concern about long bus rides for students with one building. Said that elementary schools make the communities.
7. Bryan Pfeiffer – asked about Mr. Grube’s application for the Superintendent position at Gahanna – read from the application a statement about the BV board acting on an extension of his contract at the board meeting tonight. Read parts of this application and asked Mr. Grube to either move here or resign.
8. Ray Blinn – said he is a structural engineer and that older buildings can be restored and retrofitted and gave examples. Concern about the estimate of \$30 million for one elementary school.

12-114

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Kaelber and seconded by Mr. Roden that the board go into executive session to discuss G-1, discussion of the employment and evaluation of public employees, and G-4, Negotiations, at 8:47 p.m.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Bell, yes;
Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

BOARD RECONVENED

The board reconvened in Regular session at 9:53 p.m. and upon roll call vote the following members were present:

Mr. Bell
Mr. Boester

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Mr. Kaelber
Mr. Roden
Mr. Sheppard

There was brief discussion regarding renovating three buildings, how costs can change because of unknowns, sizes of rooms are small, etc. There was also brief discussion about the levy campaign for August.

12-115

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kaelber and seconded by Mr. Roden that the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Roden, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Bell, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes
Motion carried.

President

Treasurer