

Big Walnut Schools Board of Education

Big Walnut High School Media Center
Thursday, October 8, 2015
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Big Walnut Board of Education

Present: Mrs. Angie Pollock, Superintendent; Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President; Ms. Terri Day, Treasurer; Mr. Mark Cooper, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member; Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member; Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member; Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President

1 OUR MISSION:

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

The mission of the Big Walnut Local Schools is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.

2 OUR VISION:

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

In order to realize our mission, we will strive to achieve and maintain our vision of:

- *Student-focused, professional, collaborative staff*
- *Student-focused, challenging and current curriculum*
- *Supportive, involved and informed community*
- *Safe, respectful and welcoming environment*

3 DISTRICT GOALS:

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

- *Improve academic achievement*
- *Improve communication*
- *Plan for growth (facility plan)*
- *Financial responsibility*

4 President

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

5 Roll Call

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

6 15-118 Approve Minutes

Board

Review and approve the Board meeting minutes of the September 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Minutes

Approved

Motioned: Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member

Seconded: Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President	X		

Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member	X
Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member	X
Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member	X
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President	X

7 Superintendent's Report

7.1 District Goal: Improve Communication

Mrs. Angie Pollock

- State of the Schools - November 5 at 6:30, Big Walnut Middle School
- Coffee Chat
- Big Walnut Middle School Service Day - Mr. Josh Frame

Minutes

Two students presented an overview of the Student service day.

7.2 District Goal: Planning for Growth

Mrs. Angie Pollock and Ms. Terri Day

- Central Office Facilities
- Update on Economic Development Committee

Minutes

- *Mrs. Pollock discussed the options of the move of our central office. The district is researching the best options for the staff as well as what avenue is the most fiscally responsible.*
- *Mrs. Pollock explained the purpose and design of the Economic Development Committee. The committee will be made up of representatives from our townships, villages, fire depts, library, chamber, and sheriff dept. We will then be forming a sub-committee, Facilities Planning Committee, which will be comprised of experts in the field of construction, electrical, development, engineers, safety, etc.*

7.3 District Goal: Student Academic Achievement

Mrs. Jen Young

- General Rosecrans Elementary Building Presentation
- General Rosecrans CIP Update
- Kindergarten Entrance Date
- Academic Update

Minutes

- *GRE students presented on how what they are learning connects to the 2020 vision.*
- *Mrs. Jen Young discussed the kindergarten age entrance date. The state indicates we can now choose Sept 30 or August 1. The board will be reviewing the change in policy to move to the August 1 date.*

8 Recognitions

Mr. Brad Schneider

- Addison May, Student of the Month, General Rosecrans Elementary

9 Treasurer's Report

Ms. Terri Day

9.1 District Goal: Financial Responsibility

- Monthly Report
- Update of 5 Year Forecast



[Aug 2015 monthly financials.pdf](#)



[Big Walnut Local School District summary August 15.ppsx](#)

10 Selected Board Policies

Mrs. Angie Pollock

10.1 .

First reading of the following policies:

- 5112 - Entrance Requirements (Bylaws & Policies revision)

11 School Board Items of Interest or Discussion

Board

Minutes

- Ms. Wecker stated that four student council students attended a leadership program in Columbus. It entailed athletic motivational speakers and leadership based games. She announced that volleyball and soccer have games Tuesday, the Powder-puff games are scheduled for the 24th, the LEO Club drive is Wednesday, Challenge Day is Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the yearbook is selling ads and the junior class is selling spaghetti dinner tickets to raise money for prom.
- Dr. Fagan thanked Angie for the Coffee Chat at her home, it was well attended. She is pleased to announce that the BWHS PTO is up and running. She appreciates Mr. Jados efforts in getting the PTO up and running. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, if you are unable to attend you can join the webinar. She toured the facilities with Mrs. Pollock, she loved walking around and seeing that the administration was not sitting behind desks but out and about in buildings with staff. She saw them with their sleeves rolled up and people working. She felt a sense of excitement from teachers toward visiting administrators, there was a mutual respect. Insurance committee working hard to look at implications of ACA - nothing to bring forward yet but conversations continue. She is volunteering at Challenge Day. With the recent shooting at a community college it has made her realize that we have no answers but we are taking every step possible to ensure the safety of our students.
- Mr. Wecker is a member on the Development Committee, he thanked Mrs. Pollock and Ms. Day for coordinating. Ms. Day has attended a great deal of twp and village meetings, her presence has made a difference. He wished the FFA students good luck when they present their projects in Louisville KY. The project is based on the land use and growth with Simon Tanger at the interchange. One of the students has an uncle that is a zoning inspector in twp and they are making full use of that knowledge, not just reading a book.
- Mr. Schneider completed the tour with Mrs. Pollock a couple of weeks ago, he echoed

Dr. Fagan's comments. However, as we move toward 2020 vision there are many things we are trying for first time, he appreciates attitude of trying things and not being afraid or saying I don't know how that works. He congratulated GRE for winning the homecoming parade spirit award. He thanked BWE for bringing COSI on Wheels to district. On the development front, he caught wind of a little bit more of multifamily units; he explained that multifamily units create such a burden all across the community. He encouraged officials to really think hard about these requests and the impact beyond what is occurring in just that particular zone. Sheriff Martin talked favorably about committee and our effort to be unified.

- Mrs. Hess watched the parade, she is enjoying how it is getting bigger over the years. Lots of friendly competition! She thought it showed what a community our size can do. Participated in Big Nut Strut, she thanked all the people there it personally means so much to her - administration, teachers, volunteers, over \$70,000 raised - 219 more people than last year. She asked everyone to get out and vote on November 3.
- Mrs. Pollock recognized the tremendous job our staff does to make the parade happen. Angie Stooksbury puts so much time into homecoming.
- Mrs. Meyer also toured district, she loves seeing kids in action and all the different things going on. She cannot wait to see facilities report, she was blown away at some of the buildings - how narrow the halls are and how full the buildings are. It was an eye opening experience, she thanked Mrs. Pollock for taking the time to show all the board around, it reminds us of why we are here doing what we are doing. She is excited that she is serving as a panelist for 6th grade projects at BWIS. The panel will vote and select projects that could have a great impact on our community.

12 Public Participation

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public community meeting. This is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. (Please reference criteria for Public Participation attached to the agenda.)

1. Scheduled
2. Non-Scheduled

Minutes

- None

13 Business Items

13.1 15-119

Ms. Terri Day

It is recommended the Board approve the Resolution of Intent to Participate in the School Building Assistance Expedited Partnership Program.



[Resolution Expedited Local Partnership Program.pdf](#)

Minutes

Approved

Motioned: Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member

Seconded: Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President	X
Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member	X
Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member	X
Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member	X
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President	X

13.2 15-120

Mrs. Angie Pollock

It is recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Big Walnut Education Association and the Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education agreeing to the change in Article XVIII, Professional Development and Educational Improvement, Item D.2. Tuition Reimbursement, per the attached MOU.



[TuitionReimbursementMOUBWEA 1 .pdf](#)

Minutes

Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member

Seconded: Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President	X		
Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member	X		
Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member	X		
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President	X		

13.3 15-121

Board

It is recommended the Board accept the following donations:

- \$200 donated to Big Walnut Challenge Day, donated by BWEA (BWHS Challenge Day Fund 200-9271)
- 13 chromebooks to Hylen Souders Elementary, donated by Donorchoose.org
- \$52.10 donated to Hylen Souders Elementary, donated by Ryan Dunlap (SOU Principal Fund)

Minutes

Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member

Seconded: Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member

14 Human Resource Items

Mr. Mark Cooper

14.1 15-122

It is recommended the Board rescind the co-curricular supplemental for Deb Dunkerley, Mock Trial Supervisor, motion 15-92.

Minutes

- Mr. Wecker requested consent agenda 14.1-14.8 inclusive

Approved

Motioned: Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President

Seconded: Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President	X		
Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member	X		
Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member	X		
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President	X		

14.2 .

It is recommended the Board approve the co-curricular supplemental contract for the 2015/2016 school year for Kristin Kovak, Mock Trial Supervisor, group 6, step 0.

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

Approved

14.3 .

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Laura Roberto, Big Walnut High School General Secretary II, effective October 9, 2015.

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

14.4 .

Consent in 16.7

It is recommended the Board approve the modification of the following supplemental contracts for the 2015/2016 school year approved in motion 15-92:

- Katherine Kiedaisch, Assistant, group 4 step 2 - modify to a .5 contract (fall) - motion 15-92
- Laura Roberto, .75 Freshman Assistant, group 4 step 2 - modify to a .375 contract (fall) - motion 15-92
- Chelsea Carothers, Assistant Cross Country Coach, group 4 step 3 - modify to a .5 contract - motion 15-102

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

Approved

14.5 .

It is recommended the Board approve the change of position for Michelle McDermott from part-time office assistant at Hylen Souders Elementary to full-time Secretary II, Big Walnut High School, effective October 12, 2015. Current one-year contract and salary scale/step to remain in place.

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

14.6 .

It is recommended the Board approve a 90-day classified contract for Deborah Kennedy, full-time Bus Driver, step 0, effective September 28, 2015.

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

Approved

14.7 .

It is recommended the Board approve fifteen (15) extended days for Erin Curtis, Student Services Coordinator, for the 2015/2016 school year.

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

14.8 .

It is recommended the Board approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2015/2016 school year:

Boys Basketball

Ric Cavicchia, Varsity Assistant Coach, group 2 step 11
 Charlie Rowley, Assistant Coach, group 3 step 9
 Chris Rupe, Assistant Coach, group 3 step 10
 Doug Eckelbarger, Assistant MS Coach, group 3 step 7
 Chris Holly, Assistant MS Coach, group 3 step 8

Girls Basketball

Gary Miller, Varsity Coach, .75, group 2 step 11
 Frank Turner, Assistant Coach, .75, group 3 step 11
 Mike Tutorow, Assistant MS Coach, group 3 step 11
 Sarah Bechtel, Assistant MS Coach, group 3 step 0

Wrestling

Aaron Renner, Assistant Coach, group 4 step 5
 Tony Eisnnicher, Assistant MS Coach, group 4 step 11
 Braden Hale, Assistant MS Coach, group 4 step 3
 Tim Halbakken, Volunteer
 Aaron Morris, Volunteer
 Kenneth Moore, Volunteer

Gymnastics

Victoria Lawyer, Volunteer

Swimming

Rebecca Brigham, Head Coach, group 3 step 6
 Jen White, Volunteer
 Kate Sweeney-Bendure, Volunteer
 Rusty Huff, Volunteer

Bowling

Scott Morrison, Volunteer

Cross Country

Dora Riggs, .5 Assistant Coach, group 4 step 8

Minutes

- *Consent 14.1 motion 15-122*

Approved

15 Scheduling of Next Board Meeting

Board

Special Board Meeting:

October 26, 2015
7:30 A.M.
Big Walnut Intermediate Building, Central Office Conference Room

Work Session
November 4, 2015
7:30 A.M.
Big Walnut Intermediate Building, Central Office Conference Room

Regular Board Meeting:

November 19, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Big Walnut High School, Media Center

16 15-123 Executive Session

Mrs. Mindy Meyer

It is recommended the Board enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee and to discuss confidential information related to negotiations with other political subdivisions regarding requests for economic development assistance.

16.1 15-124

It is recommended the Board exit Executive Session and the meeting adjourns.

Minutes

- *Meeting adjourned at 8:12*
- *Entered executive session at 8:30*

Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member

Seconded: Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Mindy Meyer, Board President	X		
Dr. Allison Fagan, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Nicci Hess, Board Member	X		
Mr. Brad Schneider, Board Member	X		
Mr. Andy Wecker, Board Vice President	X		

