

BOARD BRIEFS

November 13, 2023

Statements From the Audience

Chylind Kelley, student at PHMS, addressed her concerns about bullying with the board. Chylind discussed the anti-bullying policy and encouraged more training for staff on handling bullying situations.

Special Recognition

A - BHS Girls Golf - Coach Brennan Torgerson introduced his assistant coaches and players who were in attendance. He had 24 girls on the team this year. They were a young team but still had a very successful season. The JV team were AVCTL champions. The varsity team earned second at League and third at regionals, which qualified the team for the State tournament. The team qualified for day two of the State tournament and finished fifth.

B - BHS Girls Tennis - Coach Matt Babcock introduced the team and his assistant coach, Lyle Goertzen and gave highlights of their season. The team had only one returning varsity player this year but they still had a very successful season. They placed third at League and they were the Regional champions with all six players qualifying for the State meet. The team placed sixth at State with Sophia Spies finishing as the State runner up for singles.

C - BHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams - Coach Curtis Morgan has built a great program that encompasses grades 7 through 12. He introduced his assistant coaches and had the athletes who were in attendance introduce themselves. Eighth grade boys and girls, JV boys and girls and varsity boys and girls all won their league championships! The varsity boys went on to win Regionals and earn second place at the State Championships. Kai Mendenhall was the boys individual Regional Champion. The varsity girls had a stellar postseason as they were champions at the Regional meet as well as State Champions! Corbin Starkweather was the girls individual Regional Champion.

They all thanked the board, administration and other activities for their wonderful support. Congratulations to all of the students and coaches in these activities.

Approval of Minutes

As recommended the board approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 14, 2024.

Approval of Building Financials

As recommended the board approved the financial reports from each building.

Retirement/Resignation of Licensed Staff

As recommended the board accepted the retirement/resignation of the following licensed staff effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year:

- i) Karen Overton, Interventionist teacher at UV, retirement.
- ii) Martin Vieyra, Interventionist teacher at UV, resignation.

Resignation of Classified Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation of the following classified staff:

- i) Pam Shelton, Shining Stars assistant at PCE, effective September 30, 2024.
- ii) Julie Willis daycare room aide at Crusader Corner Daycare, effective October 21, 2024.
- iii) Brittainy McConnell, daycare room lead at Buhler Beginnings Daycare, effective October 22, 2024.
- iv) Adrian Hawkins, Shining Stars assistant at UV, effective November 6, 2024.
- v) Carl "Brian" Sosnoski, sub driver, effective October 25, 2024.
- vi) Chloe Cooper, Cares Club aide at UV, effective December 20, 2024.
- vii) Misty Ulloa, dishwasher at PHMS, effective November 8, 2024.

Resignation of Supplemental Staff

As recommended the board accepted the resignation from Kara Warren, 7th grade volleyball coach at PHMS.

Change of Status

As recommended the board approved the following status changes:

- i) Sonny Deister, paraprofessional at UV, termination effective October 31, 2024.

Transfer of Staff

As recommended the board approved the transfer of Kathy Keller from Kindergarten teacher at PCE to 2nd grade teacher at UV for the 2025-2026 school year.

Employment of Licensed Staff

As recommended the board approved the employment of the following licensed staff:

- i) Chelsey Nichols, Business/Computer Science teacher at BHS for the 2025-2026 school year.
- ii) Bailey Gorges, ELA teacher at PHMS for the 2025-2026 school year.
- iii) Jennifer Inslee, Kindergarten teacher at PCE for the 2025-2026 school year.
- iv) Emma Wilson, Kindergarten teacher at PC for the 2025-2026 school year.
- v) Mattyson Schrag-Galloway, third grade teacher at UV for the 2025-2026 school year.

Employment of Classified Staff

As recommended the board approved the employment of the following classified staff:

- i) Donavan Scott, cooks assistant and Shining Stars assistant at PCE.
- ii) Kayla McGarrah, daycare room lead at Crusader Corner Daycare.
- iii) Destiny Powell, daycare aide at Buhler Beginnings Daycare.
- iv) Addyson Matthews, daycare aide at Crusader Corner Daycare.

Acceptance of gifts and grants

As recommended the board accepted the following gifts and grants:

- i) \$5000 from the Buhler Community Foundation to Buhler Grade School for playground equipment repairs.

out of State Travel

As recommended the board approved the out of state travel requests for:

- i) BHS baseball coaches to travel to Washington DC from January 2 to January 5, 2025 for the American Baseball Coaches Association National Convention.

Band uniforms

As recommended the board approved the quote for the design change on the band uniforms in the amount of \$3,346.50.

Professional Development Council (PDC) Report

As recommended the board approved the professional development points as presented. Points were awarded for those who reflected on the September 9, 2024 professional development day and the new teacher observations.

ATS Contract Renewal

As recommended the board approved the proposed 3% increase from ATS

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Additional Supplemental Positions

As recommended the board approved the proposal to restructure the coaches for the boys and girls swimming program. This includes the addition of two assistant coaches, one for each season.

Facility Updates

Mrs. Couchman shared that the HVAC project is in progress at BGS. We are still waiting on city and county decisions to take the next steps on the water situation at Crusader Corner Daycare.

NexTech Wireless has contacted the district and would like to put up a cell tower on the PHMS property. They would lease a square of land to do that. This tower could also serve a double purpose as a light pole if we ever decided to put up lights on the football field. More information will be coming to the board in the following months.

Comments

- Mr. Hecox, Tammy Heidel and Tanya Emery attended the Fall KASBO conference where they were able to attend sessions and network with other business office staff from around the State.
- Busby, Ford, Reimer LLC will be in our office next week for the district financial audit.
- Mrs. Couchman reminded the board that the BHS musical, Sound of Music, is being performed this week on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
- The BHS FFA attended the National Convention in October where they received awards for their accomplishments in the past year.
- Congratulations to the football team as they move on in the postseason with a win over Mulvane last week.
- Mrs. Couchman will be out of the office later this week to attend the Superintendent of the Year banquet as well as the KASB Annual conference.
- ESSDACK, along with other area service centers are looking at the possibility of merging together for health insurance benefits.

Executive Session - Personnel

The board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The next regular Board meeting will be held December 11, 2023 at the Burkholder Administrative Center.