

AGENDA

Monday, December 19, 2011

Regular Meeting

Buckeye Elementary – 7:00 p.m.

The Entire Meeting is Open to the Public

*Superintendent, Tom Bratten
Treasurer, Jill Rowe*

Call to Order – Mr. Nick Bush

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Mr. Nick Bush | _____ | _____ |
| Mr. Brad Myers | _____ | _____ |
| Mr. Andrew Null | _____ | _____ |
| Mr. Steve Bailey | _____ | _____ |
| Mr. Jeff Cushman | _____ | _____ |

*This is a meeting of the Board of Education **in public** for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is a meeting open to the public but is not an open public meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. Please fill out a yellow card if you wish to speak. A limit of three minutes per person to speak shall be allowed. The public may address the Board only during the Public Request portion of the board agenda.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Salem City Schools Board of Education Goals

(Approved February 24, 2011)

1. Maintain and build on our Excellent rating into the future, achieving the State's highest level of distinction by 2015.
2. Continue to work on fostering a fair and welcoming classroom environment conducive to student learning and a feeling of belonging, as measured through improvements in annual customer satisfaction surveys.
3. Introduce and implement initiatives that make Salem students more competitive for 21st century careers by 2020, through the introduction of more challenging classes, advanced technology, and comprehensive career planning.
4. Create effective communication tools in order to provide information to and receive feedback from students, parents, and community members in a timely manner, making it easy for them to understand the news, activities, and performance of the District by 2013.
5. Prepare for and plan District-wide facilities renovations within the next 5 years in order to modernize our existing school buildings for 21st century learning while responsibly managing taxpayer funds.

Reading, Correcting and Approving of Minutes

(See pages 11 - 36)

Motion By _____
Second By _____

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Reading, Correcting and Approving Agenda

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Superintendent's Report

Recognitions

Information Items

Buckeye:

- The High School Encore Choir came to Buckeye and performed for all of our students. It was a great way to begin the Holiday season.
- Students at Buckeye have been busy collecting change at home to bring in for the Salvation Army Kettle.
- All first grades presented their Holiday program for parents, grandparents and guests on December 13th and 14th. Mrs. Samu and the classroom teachers worked hard to learn the music and coordinate the program. Everyone enjoyed their hard work.
- All first graders traveled to the High School to perform for the Retiree's Tea. They had a chance to share their Christmas Music and show off their costumes. It was a great time!
- All kindergarten students are traveling to Essex Nursing Home to sing and bring holiday cheer to the residents.
- The Buckeye Staff served the Banquet in Salem on Monday, December 12th. JR Straley prepared the food and the staff took over from there with serving, making cakes, bringing fruits and vegetables, providing live musical entertainment and cleaning up. We all had a fun time giving to others.
- All second graders are traveling to Blossom Nursing Home to sing and bring Holiday cheer to the residents.
- All Buckeye students are working hard to become "Quality Quakers." Awards are presented each week to the students who have exhibited special behavior during the week. One classroom is recognized for their behavior and gets to keep the "Quality Quaker Q" in their room until the next assembly.
- Buckeye Staff is busy working on a new report card which will allow us to use the benefits of Dazzle and Progress Book.

Reilly:

- Congratulations to our December "Students of the Month": Kyla Jamison, Kaley Davis, Alexis Solmen, Tessa Keener, Corey VanHorn, Savannah Ross, Halle Cochran, Sarah Kerr, Ellysa Exline, Cait McTrusty, Caemon Hill, Taylor Troy, Tyson Swiger, and Dylan Ulrich!
- On December 7th, our third graders had the wonderful opportunity to perform during the High School Choral Concert. The Salem High School Choir performed with our students and did an amazing job!
- Mrs. Samu led our third graders in the Reilly Christmas Program on Monday, December 12th. We had a great turn out for both performances! The students had so much fun and their singing really got everyone into the Christmas spirit!

- For the past several weeks, our students saved their pennies / change to help fill “The World’s Largest Kettle” sponsored by the Salvation Army. All the money collected will go to help the needy in our community.
- On December 15th, all of our students had the opportunity to go to the Salem Community Theatre to see the performance of “A Christmas Carol.”
- On December 15th, the Salem High School Show Choir performed for our students at Reilly.
- Reilly PTO hosted their annual “Reilly Christmas Shop” on Friday, December 16th.
- Later this week, our staff will present a Christmas gift, a book, to our Reilly students.

Southeast:

- Congratulations to Southeast Quaker Kids that were honored at the October Luncheon: Sixth Grade – Alexis Vanhorn, Dakota Wolfe, Marley Zeigler, Nathan Little, Randy Byrd, Braydon Gibson, Dana Tonkinson and William Davis. Fifth Grade – Owen Kirkland, Zacary Hawkins, Kennedy Grimes, Abi Hochadel, Casey Dickey, Ellie Davidson and Tanner Whitman.
- Winter Art Programs were held on December 5th and 8th. Congratulations to our students, Mrs. Piatt, Mrs. McFarland and Mr. Martenelli for an outstanding performance. Thank you to the band boosters and our student council for helping with our Hot Chocolate and Cookie Reception.

Jr. High:

- Please see the Salem Jr. High December / January newsletter.

Sr. High:

- Salem High School choral groups sang to a packed house on December 7, 2011 in the Salem High School Auditorium. Mr. Samu’s choirs were joined by Mrs. Samu’s bell choir and by her third grade choir. The concert ended with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah, and all alumni were invited to come to the stage and sing along. The Salem High School Encore Choir will perform at an assembly for all high school and junior high school students and staff on December 21st. The Salem High School Jazz band and the middle school choirs will also perform.
- Salem High School and Junior High staff sponsored the Banquet of Salem on November 21, 2011. Teachers and administrators served grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, stuffing, soup, fruit, sandwiches, desserts, and coffee and milk to more than 250 guests.
- PSAT results are in. Almost 100 students took the exam in October. The High School guidance counselors, Jamie Kemats and Valerie Sullivan, will distribute results to students the week of December 12, 2011.
- The National Honor Society sponsored a dance after the West Branch men’s basketball game on December 9, 2011. Students from West Branch were invited to attend. The National Honor Society advisor, Bob Viencik, termed the dance a great success.

Spread the Good News

Legislative Update – Andrew Null

Hearing of Public Requests

Treasurer's Reports

Financial Report - Treasurer Jill Rowe

(See pages 37 - 45)

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Finance Committee Report on Bills - Board Finance Committee

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Building & Grounds Committee Report – Jeff Cushman

NEW BUSINESS, CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS12-092 Certificated Substitute Teachers 2011/12

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve Jacque Rich as a substitute teacher for the 2011/12 school year pending the BCI/FBI results and certificate renewal.

12-093 Classified Substitutes for 2011/12

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the following classified cafeteria, custodial and/or aide substitutes for the 2011/12 school year pending the BCI/FBI results:

- a. Lisa Carroll
- b. Rich Lobdell

12-094 Approval of Salem Public Library Trustee

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Margaret Gibbs to serve a full seven year term, without compensation, as a Trustee of the Library Board to begin January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2018.

12-095 Common Core Standards Adoption

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics as well as the revision to Ohio's academic content standards in Science and Social Studies. The standards will be effective in 2014-2015 when newly aligned assessments also will be implemented.

12-096 House Bill 136 Resolution

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representative is currently considering legislation that would significantly expand the availability of vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would grant vouchers to any public school student in Ohio to request and be granted a voucher, subject only to a family income standard of \$95,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

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WHEREAS, the bill provides that students already enrolled in private or parochial schools would be eligible for such vouchers; and

WHEREAS, students receiving vouchers would be able to retain any excess funds in those instances where the cost of the tuition is less than the value of the voucher for use in any private school or college in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed program would take dollars directly from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts resulting in fewer resources for the education of the remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Salem Board of Education hereby express its opposition to this legislation, HB 136 School choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salem Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives.

12-097 Resolution Authorizing Ground Lease Agreement

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve a Resolution authorizing a Ground Lease Agreement to the Salem Athletic Boosters as located on pages 46 - 47 for the purpose of the construction of dugouts for the girls' softball field.

12-098 Hannah E. Mullins Part-Time Instructor

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve Susan Suarez as a part-time instructor for Hannah E. Mullins at \$20.50 per hour to be paid for out of Hannah E. Mullins funds.

12-099 Gifts and/or Donations

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve a monetary donation of \$4,000.00 from J. Robert Sebo for a new softball home run fence at Southeast Elementary.

Approval of Consent Agenda for December, 2011

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Adjourn Meeting

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