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NEWS RELEASE

The Buckeye Central Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Buckeye Central Local School to discuss auxiliary gym planning.

The Buckeye Central Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Central Local School.

Hearing of the Public:

- No requests

Correspondence:

- None

Board Committee Reports:

- Financial – Mrs. McDougal met with Mrs. Ackerman prior to the board meeting to review the previous month’s finances. The actuals are running closely in-line with the projections. They also discussed the permanent improvement funding details regarding the auxiliary gymnasium.
- Legislative – No report; the Ohio legislature is just entering new sessions for 2017.
- Student Achievement – No report
- Policy – No report
- It was noted during the board reports that Zoe Rutledge was the District winner for the American Legion “Americanism” test. She earned a full expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg during the week of March 6-11.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were read and approved
- Bills approved as submitted
- Approve investments

Superintendent’s Report and Discussions:

- **American Institute of Research (AIR) Testing** – state-required testing in English, Math, Science and Social Studies will be administered in April and May. On April 4, 5 and May 2, 3, juniors and seniors will begin their days on a 2-hour late start schedule due to the overall testing schedule 9-12. The high school administration will contact the parents with all testing specifics including the late start component.
- **Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy** – Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Aichholz shared information from a meeting with Great Lakes Biomedical regarding a student drug/alcohol testing program for student-athletes, drivers, and participants in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Robinson presented a policy and guidelines drafted for Buckeye Central Schools. Discussion around this policy and guidelines followed. All agree that we would like to see a program in place beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. A coaches, parents, and community members meeting will be scheduled to review and discuss the program for those interested. Watch the Herald, District website, and other local media outlets in the near future for the date/time.
- **Business Education** - Mr. Robinson discussed the advantage of offering the Career Tech and Administrative Services Pathway Courses within the high school business program. A resolution to approve these courses followed later on the agenda (resolution passed).
- **Substitute Teacher Rate** – Mr. Robinson discussed the need to increase the substitute teacher rate from \$75/hour to \$85/hour. It’s becoming increasingly difficult to find and assign excellent

substitutes which affects the students' education. The proposed rate increase would raise Buckeye Central Schools' rate to the level of nearly all Crawford Co. and region's districts. A resolution to approve the rate increase followed later on the agenda (resolution passed).

- Mr. Robinson reported that Ridgedale would no longer be fielding a varsity football team in the N-10 Conference beginning next year (2017-2018). At present, it is projected that BC will schedule Sandusky St. Mary's into this open week.

Building/Departmental Reports:

- Written reports from the building principals and department supervisors were provided to the Board members. These one-page reports list and explain the many areas addressed within the building, grounds, or department during the immediate past month. This activity enables the Board members to stay up-to-date on the many happenings within the district on a regular basis.

The board approved the following Superintendent recommendations:

- Building use form for Crawford County Park District to use the Outdoor Learning Lab for Outdoor Education Public Event/Program on Wednesday, February 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm with Joshua Dyer in charge
- Building Use form for Buckeye Central FFA to use the Café and Kitchen on Saturday, February 25 from 3:00 – 9:00 pm for the annual pulled pork dinner with Tyler Pope in charge
- Building use form for the Community Foundation for Crawford County to use the Outdoor Learning Lab on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from noon – 2:00 pm with Lisa Workman in charge
- An increase in the substitute teacher pay from \$75/day to \$85/day effective February 13, 2017
- District 2017-2018 school year calendar
- The Career Tech Business & Administrative Services Pathway Courses for the Buckeye Central students grades 7-12
- Bus driver physicals for 2017-2018 school year by Avita Health Systems on site June 5, 2017 for \$55/physical
- District lawn mowing contract with S&K Development, LLC for 2 years, April 1, 2017 – March 30, 2019
- Extend the natural gas contract with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC through the Ohio School Consortium from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
- Classified staff supplemental contracts:
 - Mark Heydinger, Musical Director, Spring 2016
 - Kari Tarvan, Musical Accompanist, Spring 2016

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Items for Discussion: Special Board Meeting on March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss auxiliary gymnasium flooring options. The meeting will be held in Multi-Purpose Room at Buckeye Central Local School.

The Buckeye Central Board of Education will hold the next regular board meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 at Buckeye Central Local School, 938 South Kibler Street, New Washington, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

We encourage you to attend the Board of Education meetings as your calendar permits. The monthly Board of Education meetings are meetings of the Board in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business. While not considered a public meeting, every meeting agenda provides an opportunity for public participation as established through district policy. Please contact Mark A. Robinson, Superintendent, with any questions or input. Thank you!