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NEWS RELEASE

The Buckeye Central Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. at Buckeye Central Local School.

Hearing of the Public:

- No requests

Correspondence:

- Mr. Robinson shared a letter from the Crawford Co. Sheriff's Department which detailed the results of the safety (seat) belt survey that was conducted regarding student/staff driver's seat belt usage when arriving at school. Seat belt usage on the survey day indicated 92.28% seat belt usage. These are excellent results.
- The district received a letter from ODE designating the middle school as a "Watch" school based upon 2014 OAA testing data. The "Watch" designation is due to a gap in student achievement between two groups of students at the middle school level. Mr. Robinson provided more specific details in his Superintendent's Report.

Board Committee Reports:

- Financial – Mrs. McDougal met with Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Robinson to review the district finances on Monday, October 5, 2015. The monthly transactions and Five-year Forecast were highlighted. Please see Financial Report below.
- Legislative – Mr. Martin reported that House Bill 2 (HB2) had been approved by the Ohio legislature. HB2 provides laws and regulations for Ohio's charter schools.
- Student Achievement – Mrs. Diesch shared several areas of student experiences and success. The FFA placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Crawford County in the Soil Judging Contest. The Art Club teamed up to paint an ODOT snow plow blade to be used during our winter season in the county. Mousetrap cars were designed and tested in Mrs. Ruffing's science classes which utilized many scientific, problem-solving, and technological topics. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students experienced a field trip to the Heritage Days in Tiffin and the Kindergarten students traveled to Pickwick Place in Bucyrus. Both of these field experiences were excellent, real-life learning activities for the students.
- Policy – Mr. Robinson presented policy additions and revisions to the Board members for first approval on the meeting agenda. He indicated that the revisions/additions were changes in Ohio law (ORC). Mrs. Diesch shared that the BOE Policy Committee would establish a meeting prior to the November regular meeting to discuss the policies under "first approval" in order to share any needed specifics before a second reading vote.

Financial Report:

- Financial reports were read and approved
- Bills approved as submitted
- The five year forecast was presented to the Board. We are very fortunate to be showing an increase in revenue that we have not seen in the past. It is very early in the fiscal year and all revenue and expenditures will be constantly monitored. If the increases hold true to the estimates, it will allow us as a district to consider some options that we have not had in the past. The forecast may and will be updated throughout the fiscal year as more information becomes available.

Superintendent's Report and Discussions:

- **Middle School – “Watch” designation** – Mr. Robinson shared that based upon 2014 OAA test results, the middle school is 1 of 952 schools state-wide designated as a “Watch” school due to an achievement gap between groups of students – all students tested and students with disabilities. While the gap standards are very stringent, he explained that the administration and teaching staff would be working with the students to reduce this gap in the current and future years.
- **Leader In Me** – Mr. Robinson and Mrs. McDougal gave an update on the “Leader in Me” (LiM) initiative being studied and discussed within the district (K-8). The initiative introduces the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to the students which become a positive component of the schools and district culture. Student leadership and responsibility are critical components of the initiative. The LiM committee has met twice and staff members are planning to visit other schools and attend a LiM overview meeting in Columbus in November. Also, a LiM representative will visit our schools on December 16 to provide an overview of the initiative.
- **Community Connections Grant** – Mr. Robinson provide an update on the Crawford County Community Connections Grant. The purpose of this grant is to secure new mentors for the students in Crawford County, provide mentor training, and support existing programs initiated by CCEEDP and Crawford 20/20 Vision. In addition, the initiative has as a primary objective to implement The Leader in Me program in all of the six Crawford County school districts. The grant demonstrates the highest level of collaboration within our county and is a model for sharing services between the private and public sector. Mr. Steve Mohr, Superintendent at Wynford Local, is retiring at the end of December 2015 and will assume the role of Program Coordinator.
- **Thank You!** – Mr. Robinson extended a thank you to Cliff Alt Excavating for donating their services to grade and seed the Outdoor Learning Center area.

#### 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 the Buckeye Knights 10U, 12U Travel Baseball Team to use the HS Gym, multi-purpose room as available on Sunday nights January 30 – April 24 and the batting cages on select Monday & Thursday evenings with Chad Jensen in charge
- Building use form for the MS Baseball Club to use the HS or MS Gym March –May on most Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings as needed and the park baseball field afterschool, weather permitting with Chad Jensen in charge
- Building use form for BC Alumni and Community Basketball to use the MS or HS Gym as available November – April on Wednesday and Sunday evenings with Craig Niese in charge
- Building Use form for the Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland Council to use the Café on October 26 for Troop Formation Night with Missy Tate in charge
- Building Use form for the Buckeye Central PTO to use the multi-purpose room and café on November 13 for Family Movie Night with Liz Hafner in charge
- First reading to adopt/approve the following District policies:

2271 College Credit Plus Program

1530 Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators

2114 Meeting State Performance Indicators

2413 Career Advising (New)

3220 Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation

5114 Nonimmigrant Students and Foreign-Exchange Students

5340 Student Accidents

5350 Student Suicide

5460 Graduation Requirements

6108 Authorization To Make Electronic Fund Transfers (New)

8390 Animals On District Property (New)

8400 School Safety

1130 Conflict of Interest

1630.01 FMLA Leave (New)

2260.02 Single Gender Classes and Activities (New)

2461 Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents

3113 Conflict of Interest

3220 Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation

3430.01 Family & Medical Leaves of Absence ("FMLA")

4113 Conflict of Interest

4430.01 Family & Medical Leaves of Absence ("FMLA")

5517.02 Sexual Violence (New)

7510 Use of District Premises

8420 Emergency Situations At Schools

8452 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

8500 Food Services

9211 District-Support Organizations

- Home Schooling Services contract (FY2016) with NCOESC
- Foreign language/art field trip to Italy, France for June 2017
- BC Middle School , 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. educational trip May 11-14, 2016
- Certificated Staff for the supplemental positions listed:
  - Phil Loy – Head Varsity Boys Basketball
  - Terry Oswald – Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball

Mitch Robinett – Junior Varsity Boys Basketball  
Chad Jensen – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball ; Head Varsity Baseball  
Tyler Pope – Varsity Assistant Baseball  
Joe Wiles – Head Boys Track  
Thad Metzger – Head Girls Track  
Chris Smith – Varsity Wrestling

- Classified staff contract:
  - Liza Hafner – Food Service
  - Haley Carrick – Part Time Guidance Secretary
- Classified staff substitute contracts:
  - Chet Cobb - Custodian
- Classified staff supplemental contracts:
  - Aaron Clady – Freshmen Boys Basketball
  - Greg Mooe – Head Varsity Girls Basketball
  - Steve Heiby – Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball
  - Ron Charlton – Junior Varsity Girls Basketball
  - Ron Wenninger – Varsity Assistant Softball

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Items for Discussion: None

Executive Session:

- The board went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state statutes. The executive session adjourned at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken.

The Buckeye Central Board of Education will hold the next monthly board meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. 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!