

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 27, 2007**

The Board of Education of the Vandalia-Butler City School District met in **Executive Session** in the lecture room at Butler High School on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. and met in **Regular Session** at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present were:           Bud Zupp, President  
  William Hibner, Vice President  
  Judy Abromowitz  
  Mark Forte  
  Robert Cupp

Others present were:           Dr. Christy Donnelly, Superintendent  
  Dan Schall, Treasurer

**2007-043: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mark Forte, seconded by William Hibner, to adjourn to executive session to consider the employment of public employees.

**Roll Call:**

Judy Abromowitz, yes; Mark Forte, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

The Board of Education entered executive session at 6:31 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Bud Zupp led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**2007-044: ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Robert Cupp, that the Board of Education approve the additions to the agenda.

**Roll Call:**

Judy Abromowitz, yes; Mark Forte, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**2007-045: MINUTES**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by William Hibner, to approve the minutes for the workshop on February 1, 2007 and the regular business meeting on February 27, 2007.

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Judy Abromowitz, yes; Mark Forte, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON VOTING ISSUES**

Board President Bud Zupp recognized anyone wishing to address the Board of Education.  
(None)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Coaching Award – Mark Peck**

Butler High School teacher and varsity wrestling coach Mark Peck was recognized for his coaching award.  
**National Board Certification presentation** – Susan Buck received certification and reviewed the process with the board.

### **High School Happenings**

Adam Bialek presented the board with a High School update.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Donnelly updated the board on the Governor's Budget and the Constitutional Amendment.

## **FINANCE**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **2007-046: EDUCATION TAX POLICY INSTITUTE**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Mark Forte, to approve the district's participation with The Education Tax Policy Institute for a fee up to \$3,000.00 to cover the period from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

### Roll Call:

Judy Abromowitz, yes; Mark Forte, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **2007-047: DONATIONS**

Motion by Bud Zupp, seconded by Robert Cupp, to approve the following donations:  
Computer monitor from Joan Drake valued at \$50.00  
\$561.00 from Vandalia Rotary Club to Butler National Honor Society  
\$300.00 from Optimist Club of Vandalia-Butler for Demmitt Art Department  
\$3,600.00 from the Helke PTA to the 2006-07 Aullwood Adventures Program

### Roll Call:

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

## **INSTRUCTION**

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Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by William Hibner, to approve the following supplemental books for Grade 5 Language Arts classes at Morton Middle School:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u> <u>COPYRIGHT</u>
A Week in the Woods	Andrew Clements	Aladdin Paperbacks/2002
Early Thunder	Jean Fritz	Puffin Books/1987
The Jacket	Andrew Clements	Aladdin Paperbacks/2002
Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold	Jean Frtiz	Putnam & Grosset/1981

**Roll Call:**

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;

Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**2007-049: SUMMER B.A.S.E. PROGRAM FEES FOR 2007**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Robert Cupp, to approve the following fee structure for the Vandalia-Butler summer B.A.S.E program for 2007:

**First Child in Family:**

Five-Day Week	-	\$100.00
Four-Day Week	-	\$ 85.00
Three-Day Week	-	\$ 70.00
Two-Day Week	-	\$ 50.00
One-Day Week	-	\$ 30.00

**Additional Children in Family:**

Five-Day Week	-	\$70.00
Four-Day Week	-	\$60.00
Three-Day Week	-	\$40.00
Two-Day Week	-	\$25.00
One-Day Week	-	\$15.00

Registration Fee - \$20.00 per family (All students eligible to attend will need to be registered each year.)

**Roll Call:**

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;

Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**2007-050: SUMMER SCHOOL 2007 PROGRAM FEES**

Motion by Mark Forte, seconded by Judy Abromowitz, to approve the following fees for the 2007 summer school program:

**High School Program:**

\$240 Resident/Two Terms

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- \$155 Resident/One Term
- \$310 Physical Education/Two Terms
- \$180 Physical Education/One Term
- \$ 75 Additional Non-District Student Fee

Grade 2-6 Programs:

- \$148 Gr. 2 Summer Reading/Math Remediation
- \$148 Gr. 3 Summer Reading/Math Remediation
- \$148 Gr. 4 Summer Reading/Math Remediation
- \$148 Gr. 5 Summer Reading/Math Remediation
- \$148 Gr. 6 Summer Reading/Math Remediation
- \$ 75 Additional Non-District Student Fee

Roll Call:

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**2007-051: SCHOOL FEES FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by William Hibner, to approve the following fees for the 2007-2008 school year:

Kindergarten	\$40.00
Grades 1-4	\$50.00
Middle School	\$45.00
High School	See Attachment E.4.4.

Roll Call:

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**2007-052: APPROVAL OF ACCELERATED READER TESTS**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Robert Cupp, to approve the Accelerated Reader tests as presented on Attachment E.5.

Roll Call:

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**PERSONNEL**

**2007-053: PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Motion by Mark Forte, seconded by William Hibner, to approve the following personnel items as identified and as recommended by the Superintendent:

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**Resignations**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education accept the following resignations:

John Kuhns, head boys tennis coach, eff. 2/22/07

Jerry Hoke, Morton 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball coach, eff. 3/19/07

Sharon Elliott, accounting clerk, for the purpose of retirement, eff. 6/30/07

**Approval of Contracts for Administrators**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education approve the following administrators for a contract, effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2009:

Charles Stewart, Director of Business Services

Brandon Hartley, High School Assistant Principal

Robert O'Leary, Elementary School Principal

Garry Martin, Middle School Assistant Principal

Roger Bowen, Athletic Director

**Approval of Contract for School Psychologist**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education approve a contract for Patrick Maloney, School Psychologist, effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2009.

**Approval of Contracts for Supervisors**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education approve the following supervisors for a contract, effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2009:

Rebecca Bush, Food Service Supervisor

Eric Hannahan, Maintenance Supervisor

**Employment of 2007 Summer School Coordinator (Attachment: F.5.)**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Board of Education approve Amy Uhl, teacher, as the 2007 elementary summer school coordinator.

**Approval of Substitutes for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends approval of the following substitutes in the categories listed for school year 2006-2007 school year (pending certification/licensure/permits):

**Substitute Teacher**

Shirley Kraus

Emily Stewart

James Wilson, eff. 3/7/07

Jennifer Jones

Vicky Rozelle

John Bowling

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Barry Grady  
**Substitute Aide/Secretary**  
Emily Stewart  
Mary Wheeler  
**Substitute Custodian**  
David Sutter, eff. 3/12/07

**After School Tutors**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends the Board approve the following after school tutors:  
Diane Lileas, eff. 3/12/07  
Kelly Smith, eff. 3/12/07  
Candy Sharp, eff. 3/12/07  
Chad Arnett, eff. 3/12/07  
Amanda Gallup, eff. 3/12/07  
Farhat "Bobby" Khan, eff. 3/12/07  
Kate Mansfield, eff. 3/12/07

**Resolution to Employ Non-Certificated Individuals for Coaching or Directing a Pupil Activity Program (Attachment F.8.)**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Employ Non-Certificated Individuals for Coaching or Directing a Pupil Activity Program as presented on Attachment F.8.

**Approval of Supplemental/ExtraCurricular Staff for 2006-07 (Attachment F.9.)**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends the Board approve the following supplemental/extracurricular staff for the 2006-07 school year:  
Amy Darr, middle school track coach, eff. 3/5/07  
Larry Jackson, head boys tennis coach, eff. 3/6/07 (noncertificated)  
Nancy Anderson, assistant boys tennis coach, eff. 3/6/07 (noncertificated)  
Matthew Helmick, volunteer middle school track coach, eff. 3/19/07 (noncertificated)

**Request for Leave of Absence**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly requests that the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education approve a leave of absence for Kathryn Crane, teacher, for maternity leave from March 16, 2007 through May 31, 2007.

**Employment of Classified Staff (Attachment F. 11.)**

Superintendent Christy L. Donnelly recommends the employment of classified staff  
Lesia Galloway, 2-hour food service, step 1, eff. 3/26/07  
Marian DeVaney, 2-hour food service, step 1, eff. 3/26/07

Roll Call:

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;

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Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - GENERAL COMMENTS**

Board President Bud Zupp recognized anyone wishing to address the Board of Education.

Larry Taylor spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Harold Wherry spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
David Brusman spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Larry Lutz spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Dr. David Bone spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Margo Steinbaugh spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Lenny Maenza spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Kevin Moeller spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Jack Barnes spoke about the Steven Pelfrey suspension.  
Rob O'Leary thanked the board and spoke about the strategic planning process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2007-054: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Judy Abromowitz, seconded by Mark Forte, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

William Hibner, yes; Bud Zupp, yes;  
Robert Cupp, yes; Mark Forte, yes; Judy Abromowitz, yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

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Bud Zupp, President

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Daniel Schall, Treasurer