

Union Academy of Belleville
Board of Trustees
Bi-Annual Meeting – April 18, 2023

Vice President, Barry Ormsby, brought the Union Academy of Belleville Board of Trustees bi-annual meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Barry led the trustees in a moment of silence and prayer in remembrance of UAB President Ned Martelle. Ned played an integral role with the UAB Trustees, was a past member, including president, of the BHCS Board of Education, and was involved in many local, community and church organizations. Barry then welcomed our two newest members, John W. Allen and Deborah (Stoodley) Griffith. Besides our newest members, other members present were Jean Williams Appleby, Mary Lee Bettinger, Charlotte Reed Briant, Nancy David Cobb, Rusty Corron, William E. Eastman, John Gleason, Michael Gleason, Barbara Overton Greene, Dwight Greene, Melanie Smith Golding, Gregory Golding, Stephen Jones, David Kiblin, Lydia Millard Miller, Marisa Zehr Riordan, Douglas Shelmidine, Alison Miller VanBrocklin, Craig Velej, and Kirk Williams. Also in attendance was Superintendent, Jane Collins.

After reviewing the October 12, 2022 Bi-Annual Meeting minutes and no corrections made, Bill Eastman motioned to accept the minutes with John Gleason seconding. Motion carried.

Due to the extenuating circumstance of our President passing away in between meetings, the Vice President felt it was important to move nominations up in the meeting so that the meeting moves forward. Barb Greene nominated the following slate of officers until the October 2023 meeting: Barry Ormsby for President, John Gleason for Vice President, Barbara Greene for Treasurer

and Marisa Riordan for Secretary. With no other nominations from the floor, Doug Shelmidine motioned for the secretary to cast one ballot for each slate of officers with Bill Eastman seconding the motion. Motion carried. Doug Shelmidine motioned and Bill Eastman seconded to accept the new slate of officers. Motion carried.

Barbara Greene gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance is currently \$33,387.16, with all bills paid up-to-date. Greg Golding motioned to accept the treasurer's report with Bill Eastman seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Eastman gave the Endowment Committee Report. (See attached.) The increase of values for the RBC Wealth Management, from October 2022 to March 2023, is due to the transfer of funds from the checking account. Information is given on the value of the Bull Trust, as the UAB does not have control over the management of that fund. From August 2022 through February 2023, there was an increase in value. Charlotte Briant motioned to accept the report with Mary Bettinger seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Marisa Riordan gave the Endowment Promotions Committee Report. (See attached.) Marisa explained how an electronic spreadsheet is kept on all donations for the Endowment Fund. Donations are for new individual scholarships, for those scholarships that have not met individual status (\$1,000), to replenish a current scholarship or donated in loving memory of alumni. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with Doug Shelmidine seconding the

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motion. Motion carried.

Marisa Riordan gave the Scholarship Committee Report. The May 15, 2023 deadline date for the UAB Senior Scholarship Applications, as well as the Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bull Alumni Scholarship Application is approaching fast. Marisa has information on the senior scholarship announced at school with seniors being able to reach out to her with questions or inquiries. Alison VanBrocklin is available for any questions or inquiries regarding the Bull Alumni Scholarship Application. After May 15, 2023, the Scholarship Committee will meet to select its recipients. Since the October 2022 meeting, Marisa has taken in donations for the Class of 1961, The Arthur "Ted" Greene Memorial Scholarship, and the Class of 1971. In addition, to date, \$2,855 has been given in loving memory of Jim Stockwell for the Bell Tower Restoration and \$2,970 has been given in loving memory of Ned for the Edward "Ned" Martelle, Jr. Scholarship. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with John Allen seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Membership Committee-No Report.

Greg Golding gave the Charters and By-Laws Report. Article 1 Section 2 of the By-Laws needs to state, "At the **October meeting** of the Board, they shall elect separately the officers of the Board, who shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer..." Greg also mentioned that the By-Laws needed to be updated on the BHCS school website.

Marisa will update the site to reflect the necessary corrections. Bill Eastman

motioned to accept the report with Doug Shelmidine seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Barry Ormsby gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report. Thanks to Jim Illingsworth and Fred Langworthy for their help with completing the door on the Bell Tower. Jim Stockwell was recognized for his deep love and support of the Bell Tower, the Park, the history of the UAB, had several trees planted in the park. The Board was told that the parts for the bell in the Bell Tower have been ordered and once they arrive, they will be put in place. The BHCS Board of Education declared the Bell Tower playground equipment as obsolete and with better weather, it will be removed. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with Charlotte Briant seconding. Motion carried. *(In an email sent to the members on April 19, 2023, Barry stated that Kirk Williams would chair the Buildings and Grounds Committee.)*

Lydia Miller gave the Historical Committee Report. (See attached.) A sign-up sheet was passed amongst the members for help with the Maurice Herron collection and the filing of it. It is the 100th year of the fire of 1923 and Lydia intends to have a special display at this year's Graduates' Banquet. Lydia plans to research a new printer, scanner, and computer. Bill Eastman motioned to accept the report with Rusty Corron seconding the motion. Motion carried.

There was not a Publicity Committee Report.

There was not a Resolutions Committee Report.

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Superintendent Collins' gave the Superintendent's Report. She stated that the academics of students are increasing due to the strong Academic Intervention program that has been put in place. The NYS ELA exam is being given this week to 3rd-8th graders. The NYS Math exam will be given to the same grades in May. Help was offered from the BHCS IT Department to aid Lydia and the Historical Committee in finding a new computer, printer and scanner. Superintendent Collins thanked the community for their support in passing the 02/02/2023 Capital Building Project Vote. The roof on the bus garage will begin this September, as well as addressing the outdoor campus lighting. The PA system will also be updated this fall. The new School Resource Officer is Steven Earl, a retired NYS Trooper. He has become a beloved member of BHCS and is a great male role model for the students. Bill Eastman made a motion to accept the report with John seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Barry has had a conversation with J.W. Allen on a PayPal online account being set up for donations. J.W. stated that the NYS FFA, with Cornell, set one up. Since the UAB is non-profit, the UAB would get 100% of the proceeds. The donors would pay the online fee. PayPal would keep it in a separate account and then we would have a policy in place so that once donations meet a certain amount, it would be moved to our accounts. We would link it through social media. PayPal has an electronic database with donor information so that we could send a "thank you". It was suggested that a committee is formed that will figure out the parameters and how to promote the

fund. This committee will present at the October 2023 meeting.

New Business:

The Trustees decided to ask the Graduates' Association to include a line on their annual banquet invitations, for donations to the James Stockwell Bell Tower Fund. Barry suggested that a way to get the Publicity Committee re-activated would be to consider a social media link, like Facebook. After some discussion, it was decided that the Historical Committee will work on something that will be safe to publish updates, scholarship information, historical information, etc. This will be revisited at the October 2023 meeting.

Doug Shelmidine motioned to authorize the treasurer to use general fund money to increase the number of elementary awards currently given by the Union Academy, as the number of sections of elementary grade levels receiving this award is greater by two. The amount of the additional money shall be the amount normally given to a class multiplied by the number of additional sections. Mary seconded and the motion was carried.

Bill Eastman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM with John Gleason seconding. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Marisa (Zehr) Riordan

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Updates:

UAB Webpage – I have been gradually updating the UAB Webpage that is found on the BHCS website. Go to bhpanthers.org>Our District>Academy of Belleville. Everything on there is current, including the reflection of changes made to the Charters & By-laws that were discussed at the meeting. I will be adding minutes from over the years and hope to include some interesting information on our scholarships and history. I do not intend to add anything in regards to our finances or funds. Please let me know if you want to add information or pictures to the page. Thank you. Marisa

information is shared with me, I will be sure to keep all of you informed as well.

Reported to the Belleville Henderson CSD Board of Education by Business Manager, Stephen T. Magovney on Tuesday, April 25, 2023:

Clock Tower – “Parts for the clock are expected to ship by the end of the month. Once we have received the parts we will be able to schedule an installation date with Verdin. Some electrical work needs to be done as well before the new installation can begin. We’ll update the Board when there is an installation date scheduled.” As soon as I have word from Mr. Magovney, I will be sure to share this information with my fellow trustees.

Track – “The track around the park is in need of repair. Grass has been growing through the stone and the track is no longer as wide as when it was originally put in. We’re receiving estimates to repair the track and we’ll evaluate this further once we have projected costs.” As further