

**Union Academy of Belleville
Board of Trustees
Bi-Annual Meeting – October 12, 2022**

The Union Academy of Belleville Board of Trustees bi-annual meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 following the Pledge of Allegiance. President Ned Martelle welcomed (19) Trustees. Trustees present were: Jean (Williams) Appleby, Mary (Lee) Bettinger, Nancy (David) Cobb, Rusty Corron, William Eastman, Michael Gleason, Barbara (Overton) Greene, Dwight Greene, Gregory Golding, Melanie (Smith) Golding, David Kiblin, Lydia (Millard) Miller, Barry Ormsby, Marisa (Zehr) Riordan, Sally (Wodell) Stevens, Alison (Miller) VanBrocklin, Craig Veley, Kirk Williams, and Linda (Curtiss) Zehr. BHCS Superintendent Jane Collins was also in attendance.

The April 28, 2022 Bi-Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed for information.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Barbara Greene. (See attachment.) The only change is the deduction of \$1,000 from the General Endowment Fund to the Book of Memory for the formation of the Class of 1971 Scholarship. A motion was made by Barry Ormsby and seconded by Bill Eastman to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Endowment Committee Report was given by Bill Eastman. (See attachment.) The committee met with RBC on October 7, 2022. Mary Bettinger, Bill Eastman, and Ned Martelle audited the treasurer's books and all is in good order. It was stated that \$60,000.00 was written from the checking account to be invested with RBC. A motion was made by Dwight Greene and seconded by Barry Ormsby to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Endowment Promotion Report was given by Marisa Riordan. (See attachment.) A motion was made by Bill Eastman and seconded by Mary Bettinger to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Scholarship Committee Report was given by Marisa Riordan. (See attachment.) A motion was made by Linda Zehr and seconded by Mary Bettinger to accept the report. Motion carried.

Linda Zehr reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. She stated that there are two (2) trustee vacancies. A ballot was distributed to each member, with four (4) nominated individuals on it. The members were directed to vote for two (2) of the four (4). The results of the new members were given by Linda Zehr. Proposed new trustee members are J.W. Allen and Deborah (Stoodley) Griffith. Linda will contact them via a letter and ask if they would like to serve and if so, what committee they might be interested in joining. Marisa Riordan will send them a copy of the last two (2) meeting minutes, reports, and brochure.

The Charter & By-laws Committee Report was given by Greg Golding. He suggested that each member review the Charter and By-laws that can be found on the internet and in the brochure. Members are encouraged to let Greg know if there are any new ideas, suggestions, or changes that need to be made and he will put it together to bring to the next meeting. A motion was made by Bill Eastman and seconded by Lydia Miller to accept the report. Motion carried.

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The Buildings & Grounds Committee Report was given by Barry Ormsby. Barry worked with Jim Illingsworth of getting the slab of mahogany for the new door on the Bell Tower. Barry is working on finding an individual to drill and bore for the door hardware. Also, work will need to be done to make the door fit as flush as possible. The door will come primed and sealed for painting and is identical to the old door. Barry asked Superintendent Jane Collins to speak in reference to getting the bell chiming again in the Bell Tower. Superintendent Collins thanked the trustees for resurrecting the fact that the bell wasn't chiming. With the hard work and dedication of some of the trustees, Superintendent Collins, BHCS Business Manager Stephen Magovney and the retired and current BHCS Head of Maintenance, insurance will cover the entire cost of parts and repair of damage to the bell. The cost of labor and the \$1,000.00 deductible will need to be covered still. Barb Greene was given a copy of the purchase order detailing the cost of the parts that have been ordered. It may be 3-4 months before the parts are in. A motion was made by Craig Velej and seconded by Dwight Greene, for the Union Academy Board of Trustees to pay BHCS the cost of the \$1,000.00 deductible. Motion carried. A motion was made by Barry Ormsby and seconded by Bill Eastman for the acceptance of the report. Motion carried.

Lydia Miller gave the Historical Committee Report. She has been in contact with Rick Colwell in regards to the 1901 UAB Cookbook that he intended to donate to the UAB this past summer. Mr. Colwell stated that once his sister is finished looking through it, he will donate

it to the UAB. Lydia and Alison went through boxes of old yearbooks and were able to get one set together to give to the Richland Half-shire Historical Society, as the UAB has what is needed. The remaining yearbooks that were not needed were taken care of by the BHCS Maintenance Department. Lydia hopes to be able to get through Maurice Herron's donated materials/items and keep what is associated with the UAB and Graduates' Association. All remaining material that isn't associated with the UAB will be disposed. There have been many times that Lydia has come to the archives room to find donated items with no names or information attached. She encouraged the UAB Trustees that if someone wishes to donate, that they please leave their name and contact information so that she can send a thank you and get the donor to sign a log that she keeps. A motion was made by Barry Ormsby and seconded by Bill Eastman to accept the report. Motion carried.

There wasn't a Publicity Committee Report.

There wasn't a Resolutions Committee Report.

Superintendent Collins' gave the Superintendent's Report. It was shared that the opening of the 2022-2023 school went great and the climate is back to normal following the pandemic. The students, parents, faculty, and staff are happy and harmonized. The Board of Education's newest goal is the focus of kindness, respect and professional behavior. Another focus is on the safety of the district as a whole. BHCS hopes to be able to have a School Safety Officer in

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place no later than December 2022. For the protection of the students and staff, BHCS does intend for the School Safety Officer to be able to carry a firearm. A single point of entry has been a very important focus point for BHCS, as well. Everyone enters and leaves via the main front entrance (unless otherwise directed by Administration). Superintendent Collins mentioned that there may be the possibility of a future Capital Project, as the bus garage roof is leaking leading to other issues. Also, the communication/speaker system is obsolete and new parts can no longer be purchased.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: A discussion was had on the old playground surrounding the Bell Tower, who it belongs to and if it is a liability. It was suggested to take it out and replace with swings or take it out altogether and make the BHCS playground the main focal point. There was a conversation of making sure that members (especially new members) know what sub-committees are available if they wish to join or if any current member would like to shuffle, join, or drop out of any of them. Marisa will send an email with the list of committees, current members and will take all inquiries of members that wish to join or drop. Barry was wondering if the Trustees would find it feasible to create a PayPal account for donations and contributions to be made to the UAB. How would we get the word out about it? It was suggested that the Annual Notice of the Alumni Association could be used to get the information out to all of the

Alumni. Barry stated that he thought JW Allen had done something very similar for the FFA Alumni and would be willing to look into it and contact JW Allen. Barb mentioned that several years ago a resolution was made for the Historical Committee to be allotted \$700.00/annually from the General Endowment. There is currently a little over \$3,800.00 in the Historical Committee line. In speaking with Lydia, it was decided the amount was plenty and it was not necessary to allot \$700.00/annually anymore. A motion was made by Lydia Miller and seconded by Barry Ormsby for the General Endowment to no longer give the Historical Committee an annual allotment of \$700.00. Motion carried.

The Budget Report was given by Barb Greene. (See attachment.) There aren't any changes from the year prior. However, with the new resolution, the \$700.00 allotted to the Historical Committee will not occur. A motion was made by Bill Eastman and seconded by Barry Ormsby to accept the report. Motion carried.

The 2022-2023 slate of officers was presented by Barry Ormsby. Ned Martelle has agreed to being president for one more year, Barry Ormsby as vice president, Barbara Greene as secretary and Marisa Riordan as treasurer. There were not any nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Bill Eastman and seconded by Mary Bettinger to close the polls and have the secretary cast one ballot for the presented slate of officers. Motion carried. (An email will be sent to all members to vote on accepting the slate

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of officers for 2022-2023, as that was not carried out at the meeting.)

Marisa announced that Frank Bovee and Teri Bovee Brabant have asked to be placed as honorary members. The trustees will need to vote for their replacements at the April 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Craig Veley and seconded by Bill Eastman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Marisa (Zehr) Riordan