

**BEACON HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**7:00 AM**  
**Lighthouse of Hope**  
**10470 Winesburg Rd, Dundee, OH 44624**

**Call to Order**

Having Due Notice, the following board members were present: Roy Schlabach, Maynard Miller, Mark Hochstetler, Joe Miller and John Henry Miller. Also in attendance were Maureen Businger, Office of Community Schools, Joy Zuercher-Pyle, and Sandy Hadsell, Beacon Hill.

Mark Hochstetler called the meeting to order and delegated the chair to Treasurer Sandy Hadsell.

**Treasurers Business:**

**2023-64 Hochstetler moved and Schlabach seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Business:**

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.
2. Approve the October 31, 2023 Financial Reports as Presented:  
  
Monthly Revenue: \$ 56,735.07                      Monthly Expenses: \$ 93,615.75  
  
General Fund Balance: \$ 168,075.03 General Fund Reserve: \$ 145,000  
  
All Funds Balance: \$ 223,518.18                      Grants Receivable \$ 54,257.64
3. Approve the transfer of \$32,500 from General Fund (001) to School Wide Pool FY24 (598-9024).
4. Accept the donation of \$125,000 from the Beacon Backers toward the purchase of the Mount Eaton Building and contents.
5. Approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund (001) to the General Fund Reserve (001-9001).
6. Approve the agreement with Strategic Management Solutions to file for Erate funding at a cost of \$1,200 for FY24.

**Vote: Yes: M Miller, Schlabach, JH Miller, Hochstetler, J Miller**

**Sponsor's Report:** Maureen reported that Beacon Hill is up to date on all compliance items. The next update is due December 11. The Governor has appointed the new Director for the Department of Education and Work Force Development.

## **Beacon Hill Administrator's Report: November 2023**

*Prepared by Joy Zuercher-Pyle*

Enrollment: 6th Grade- 7 7th Grade- 26 8th Grade – 23 High School -5 (TOTAL: 61)

Attendance Rate for October 2023: 95.3%

Proof of Residency attached

One suspension, no expulsions.

### **German Instructor Increased Pay to be Retroactive**

### **German Instructor Substitute Approval: Alexis Miller**

### **Beacon Hill Logo**

I would like to update our current Beacon Hill logo and letterhead design to one with a simpler, cleaner and more modern look that still appears clear when photocopied and can be modified for various uses as our school grows. (See attached examples for discussion and feedback). It would be best to make this shift before the website change is fully in motion.

### **Website Redesign Update**

We have a meeting scheduled for next Monday, November 20th, at Crossbridge Media & Marketing to prepare for our website needs and changes, which will include style elements as well as necessary organization and required components.

### **Change to Board-Approved Calendar for 2023-2024**

We need to change our 2023-2024 school calendar to remove Monday, April 8th, 2024 as a school day, as a solar eclipse will take place that will affect our local area throughout the afternoon, dominantly during the typical school bussing times. Following the lead of other Northeast Ohio schools, the Southeast Local board recently approved a revision to their 2023-2024 school calendar to no longer have school on this day due to the solar eclipse. East Holmes has advised us that they will also be adjusting and will function on a 2-hour early release on that day. Garaway has not yet advised us of their plans for the day. (Revised calendar attached)

### **Planning Considerations & Discussion Elements for 2024-2025**

- Enrollment: We currently have 167 students on the list for K-12, without including any students considering joining the incoming 9th grade class. We plan to send out welcome letters with enrollment forms this week. Enrollment forms sent in by January deadline will get priority.
- Home Economics & Trades Space Needs: Potential collaboration with Beacon Backers & Community Sponsorships
- Consideration of general school needs moving forward: physical space
- Adjustment to 9th Grade Structure (Draft of letter to families attached)
- Trades Coordinator needs for 2024-2025
- Potential Job Posting Dates for bulk of hiring needs
- Consideration of Staff Supplemental Summer Contracts: Moving and school set-up/development
- Scheduling of Community Work Days in Summer to prepare the space for use
- Consideration of Delayed Start to School Year for 2024-2025: Allow for preparation of expanded BH team and physical space
- Planning of Programming & Events moving forward: Survey prepared to send with Enrollment forms
- Technology Needs/Purchases: Consider expanded student numbers
- Daily schedule for K-12: All the same or split scheduling for transportation purposes?
- Large Tool/Appliance/Supply Wish List Posting

-Writing grants for necessary supplies: library books, appliances, tools, furniture, etc.

**2024-2025**

**Enrollment**

(as of 11-14-23)

K -16

1st -16

2nd - 19

3rd - 16

4th - 10

5th - 20

6th - 16

7th - 23

8th - 27

Potential 9th- apx. 8

Returning HS - 4

**Administrator's Business Items for Approval:**

- Approve Pay Rate increases as retroactive for German Instructors (as described on meeting agenda)
- Approve Alexis Miller as German Instructor Substitute (as described on meeting agenda)
- Approve update to board-approved calendar to remove April 8th, 2023 as a scheduled day of school

**Director's Business:**

**2023-65 JH Miller moved and M Miller seconded the motion to approve the Director's Business:**

1. Approve New Pay Rates retroactive to the beginning of the school year for German and Guitar Classes for FY24 (3 Grade Levels instead of 2). Dena Wengard \$110 per day  
Raymond Hershberger \$90 per day.
2. Approve German Tutor Substitute Alexis Miller at \$90 per day.
3. Approve the revised School Calendar for FY24.
4. Approve the Director's Report and approve the Director's recommendations.

**Vote: Yes: JH Miller, Hochstetler, J Miller, M Miller, Schlabach.**


**2023-66 JH Miller moved and Hochstetler seconded the motion to set the next meeting date as:**

Next Meeting Date: Organizational and Regular Meeting: January 17, 2024 at 7:00 AM.

**And to adjourn the current meeting at 8:36 AM.**

**Vote: Yes: J Miller, M Miller, Schlabach, JH Miller, Hochstetler**

  
Board President

  
Treasurer