

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING
June 19, 2017

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Support Center. The following members were present: Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour, President; Mrs. Donna Corbett, Secretary; Mrs. Jan Anderson, Member; Mr. K. Lee Cotner, Member; and Mrs. Jenny Higbie, Member. Also present were the following administrators: Dr. Brad Snyder, Superintendent; and Mr. Bill Briscoe, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Operations. Ms. Lee Ann Wiseheart, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Galligan, Member were absent.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gardenour called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Gardenour asked everyone to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ACTION ITEMS:

Consider the Hiring of New Albany High School Football Coach:

Mr. Don Unruh, Athletic Director at New Albany High School, recommended the hiring of Mr. Steve Cooley as Head Football Coach at New Albany High School. Coach Cooley has 22 years of experience as a head coach, over 125 wins, four Sectional championships, and two Regional championships. Mr. Cooley's high-energy approach, emphasis on building positive relationships with the student athletes and parents, and the importance he places on his work as a teacher distinguishes him from other candidates.

Mr. Unruh introduced and thanked the interview committee: Chris Miles, community businessman and former NAHS football player; Gary Austin, former NAHS Head Football Coach and Athletic Director; Tim Clark, current NAHS football parent; Ryan Apple, NAHS Assistant Principal; Lee Kelly, member of the local media and former football parent; John Breeding, NAHS Physical Education Teacher and Volleyball Coach; and Don Unruh, NAHS Athletic Director.

Upon motion by Mr. Cotner, second by Mrs. Anderson, approval was given to hire Mr. Steve Cooley as the New Albany High School head football coach. The motion unanimously carried following a roll call vote.

Mr. Cooley thanked the interview committee, administration at New Albany High School, and his family. He said, "I am humbled to be the Head Football Coach at New Albany High School. I will work diligently and as hard as I possibly can to put a great product on the field. But, more importantly, develop young men of character that are basically going to be role models for this community. We care about the entire student. I have a vision of making football important in New Albany as far as the community goes. The entire program is a priority for myself. I am here for the kids and I believe in what I do. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Head Football Coach."

Dr. Snyder shared that he had a few minutes before the meeting to talk with Mr. Cooley and given that conversation and the strength of the interview team, job well done.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schindler, Recording Secretary