

**Union Academy of Belleville  
Board of Trustees  
Annual Meeting October 14, 2015**

The Union Academy of Belleville Board of Trustees annual meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 following the Pledge of Allegiance. President, Ned Martelle welcomed 17 Trustees, BHCS Superintendent Rick Moore, and guest Jean Williams Appleby. Trustees in attendance were: Mary Bettinger, Frank Bovee, Charlotte Briant, Benjamin Cobb, Nancy Cobb, Gannett Eastman, Betty Eastman, John Eastman, Michael Gleason, Eleanor Green, Barbara Greene, David Kiblin, Ned Martelle, Charlotte Richmond, Marisa Riordan, Douglas Shelmidine, Craig Veley, and Linda Zehr. Ned thanked Barb, Mary and Marisa for the refreshments.

The October 2014 and April 2015 minutes were read for information only. There were no corrections. Ned thanked Charlotte Richmond and Sally Kohl for preparing the annual brochure.

The Treasurers Report was given by Barbara Greene. An audit of the books was completed by Ned and Mary on October 8, 2015. See annual brochure. A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Craig to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Endowment Committee Report was given by Mary. See attached report. A motion was made by Charlotte Richmond and seconded by Doug to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Endowment Committee and Scholarship Committee Reports were given by Marisa. 4 new scholarships were

established in honor of: Ermin & Ella Ainsworth, Phyllis Fulton Ormsby, Maurice Herron and Linda Zehr. Scholarships of over \$9,000 were given to seniors and \$30,000 to alumni this year. Marisa posts minutes of meetings and scholarship recipients on the Alumni section of the schools website. A motion was made by Charlotte Briant and seconded by Nancy to accept the reports. Motion carried.

The Membership Committee Report was given by Linda. There are 2 Trustee positions open. Discussion followed. A Trustee Opening Suggestions form was given to each Trustee. It was decided to call either Linda or Ned with suggestions and voting would occur at the annual meeting in October 2016.

There was no Charter & By Laws Committee Report.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee Report was given by Gannett. Bob Parow donated a 30 ft. church pew wood bench to be housed in the Bell Tower. Stan modified it so there is now a bench on 2 walls. The rotted corner beam was repaired by Brian Overton Construction in 1 day. No bill has been received yet. Gannett does not see any future repairs needed at this time. Over 30 people visited the Bell Tower open house during the Ag. Fair in September. A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Craig to accept the report. Motion carried.

There was no Historical Committee Report. Mary, Linda and Charlotte Briant asked to join the committee. Craig reported that he and Stan repaired the large replica of the Book of Memory and that Lydia has displayed it at several events.

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There was no Publicity Report. An article was published in the South Jefferson Journal, thanks to Charlotte Richmond, Committee Chair, regarding scholarships given by the UAB Board.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Nancy. She read tributes to long time dedicated Trustees Phyllis Fulton Ormsby and Maurice Herron. Both will be sadly missed. See attached tributes. A moment of silence followed.

Rick Moore, BHCS Superintendent, gave the following report. Scholarships given by the Board are greatly appreciated. Paving has been completed, the asbestos is no longer an issue at the bus garage, and new carpets have been installed at the school building. He thanked the Maintenance Dept. for their hard work and service to the school. The "old" tennis court has been modified from 2 courts to 1 with new fences. New lockers are due to be installed during this year's Christmas break. Updates for the lighting and sound systems in the auditorium are being discussed as well as internet availability throughout the building. The playground will be totally rebuilt with the help of a \$50,000.00 grant given by NY State Senator Patti Richie. The telephone system will be updated. More students took the SAT tests and attend Vo-Tech than in years past. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program was discussed. Members of the STEM program completed in a soap box derby at Sackets Harbor.

Old Business: Nancy and Charlotte Richmond requested there be transportation from the school building to the Bell Tower at the Ag. Fair. Nancy also

mentioned that the Book of Memory needs to be brought up to date and asks for volunteers help do so.

New Business: There was much discussion about 2 maps that have been donated to the UAB Board. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Charlotte Richmond to frame both of these rare, old maps. Motion carried. Ned will work with Mr. Moore and David Kiblin to decide where to hang them in the school building.

The 2015-2016 Budget was presented. See attached Budget. A motion was made by Charlotte Richmond and seconded by Ben to accept the budget. Motion carried.

Nominations of Officers: There were no nominations from the floor. Craig asked the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers. Officers for 2015-2016 are as follows: Ned Martelle, President, Barry Ormsby, Vice President, Mary Bettinger, Secretary, and Barbara Greene Treasurer.

The meeting minutes were read for approval. Marisa made a motion and Gannett seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The pre-annual meeting will be held April 13, 2016 and annual meeting October 12, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Guest, Jean Williams Appleby, Class of 1980 BHCS alumni, shared a power point presentation she completed showing a collection of poems by former students and information regarding the 180 years of history for the Bell Tower.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Mary Lee Bettinger, Secretary