



WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S MEETING




BEDFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEDFORD, OHIO



Public Meetings

The Board conducts all business in public meetings. The Board establishes the dates for its regular meetings for the year at its Organizational Meeting in January. Additional meetings are held as needed. Agendas are made available the evening of the meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Board President, Chief Financial Officer, or any two members of the Board, **with one day notification to the media**. All regular and special meetings are open to the public.

Regular meetings usually begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Center, 475 Northfield Road in Bedford; although the Board occasionally holds meetings in other locations. Residents may call 440-439-1500 to confirm the time and location of meetings.

Sometimes, the Board adjourns to an Executive Session during its regular meeting. Ohio Sunshine Law permits the Board to call an Executive Session within a regular or special meeting to discuss:

- Specific personnel matters.
- Sale of property at competitive bidding.
- Purchase of property for public purposes.
- Pending or imminent court action.
- Negotiations with employees.
- Security issues.
- Other matters required to be confidential by law.

These discussions are closed to the public. However, Ohio law requires all voting to be done in a public session. The Board cannot take action in Executive Session.

The Bedford Board of Education welcomes communication from residents during the public participation portion of the meeting. A Board Member will announce and clarify communication procedures at each meeting. Any individual who wishes to address the Board is asked to write his or her name and subject to be addressed on paper provided. All comments are limited to three minutes, with a maximum of 30 minutes devoted to public comment.

The Board president is responsible for making certain that the Board can accomplish its business in a timely fashion. No one may speak more than once on the same topic, unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. The president may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, or irrelevant. The Board president can call for a recess or adjournment of the meeting if there is a lack of orderly conduct.



Leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, like these student leaders from Central School, is a time-honored tradition in the Bedford Schools.

Responsibilities of the Board of Education

The Board of Education functions as the governing body of the Bedford City School District. The Board consists of five citizens, elected by non-partisan ballot, each serving a four-year term. The Board's major responsibilities are to set policy and oversee its implementation by the superintendent and staff. Additional responsibilities are to:

- Select, employ and evaluate the superintendent and chief financial officer.
- Monitor overall fiscal operation of the district.
- Consider the recommendations of the superintendent regarding policy, personnel, curriculum, and other matters.
- Evaluate the performance of the schools in achieving their educational effectiveness.
- Inform the public about the progress and needs of the schools.

Superintendent's Role

The superintendent is not a member of the Board, but is employed by the Board to carry out policies and to administer the district's educational programs. The superintendent is responsible for curriculum, staffing, evaluation, and other educational services.

Treasurer's Role

The treasurer is the district's Chief Financial Officer. The treasurer is not a member of the Board, but reports all information relevant to the financial and legal business of the school district to Board members in cooperation with the superintendent.

The Bedford Board of Education



TIM TENCH

Mr. Tench joined the Board in 2006. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Medical Massage, he is the owner of Hands on

Wellness, a massage therapy business. Mr. Tench is retired from the Cleveland Heights/University Heights (CH/UH) School District, where he worked for 22 years as a tradesman. He also served as secretary and vice president of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Chapter #617. Before joining CH/UH Schools, Mr. Tench worked for Warner and Swasey from 1973 to 1978 and during that time was a committeeman and chief shop steward for the union. Mr. Tench served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1971 to 1977. He is also a member of the band, AKA, which has performed from Put-in-Bay to Key West. A life-long Bedford resident and 1969 graduate of Bedford High School, he was 1st team all-conference, captain, and Most Valuable Player for the Bearcats Varsity baseball team. He was a member of a Bedford School District Strategic Planning Action Team in 2003, and currently serves on the Superintendent's Roundtable, and Bedford City Schools Foundation Board of Trustees. He has two daughters, both graduates of Bedford High School. Mr. Tench's term expires on December 31, 2009.

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DEBORA J. KOZAK

Mrs. Kozak was Board Vice President in 2006 and 2008, and President in 2007. She is a buyer for the

employee-owned Joseph Industries, Inc. of Streetsboro, Ohio, an industrial distributor of driveline parts. She was appointed in 1992 by the Board of Directors to the ESOP Committee which oversees the Retirement Plan of the employee owners. Mrs. Kozak has actively volunteered in the school district for many years. She was a 22-year member of the PTA and served as Treasurer, Secretary, and President of various building PTAs. She also served as Council Delegate and Treasurer to the Bedford Council of PTAs. She received the PTA Lifetime Member Award in 2001. Mrs. Kozak is a member of the Superintendent's Roundtable, Bedford City Schools Foundation Board of Trustees, Bedford Band and Orchestra Parents (BBOP), and serves as concession chairperson; she was BBOP treasurer for three years. A graduate of Bedford High School, Mrs. Kozak has a Bachelor's of Education Degree in Physical Education and Health from Ohio University. She has three children and two stepchildren, all Bedford High School graduates. She and her husband, Terry, reside in Walton Hills. Mrs. Kozak's term expires on December 31, 2009.

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BARBARA A. PATTERSON

Mrs. Patterson was Board Vice President in 2005 and 2007, and President in 2008. She is Assistant

Principal at John F. Kennedy High School in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. She was an assistant principal at Max S. Hayes Vocational School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, John Hay High School, and Central Middle School; and a teacher of health, physical education, and science. In addition, she was a detention officer at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. She has a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Cleveland State University; a Bachelor's Degree in Health, Physical Education, and Science from Bluefield State College in Bluefield, W.V.; and a diploma from the Philadelphia School of Practical Nursing in Philadelphia, Pa. In 2007, she served as the Bedford District's Student Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA). She has also been president of the OSBA's Black Caucus for the past three years. She and her husband, James, reside in Oakwood Village. Mrs. Patterson's term expires on December 31, 2011.

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JOSEPH V. MESTNIK

Mr. Mestnik was a Board of Education member from 1990-1997; he was re-elected in 2003 and in

2007. Mr. Mestnik was Vice President in 1993 and President in 1994, 1996, 1997, and 2006. Currently, he is president of Alpha Consulting Alliance, a business consulting firm, and editor of the *Liberty News & Views*, a local newspaper and printing company. Mr. Mestnik is a 1961 graduate of Bedford High School, a 1965 graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and a 1979 graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He is a member of the school district's Business Advisory Council, a member and past president of the Bedford Rotary Club, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Vietnam), Church of the Resurrection, and the Benedictine High School Board. The *Bedford Sun Banner* selected him as one of the most influential people in the Bedford area in 2006. A district and state wrestling champion and resident of Oakwood Village, Mr. Mestnik was inducted into the high school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. He has three sons and all are graduates of Bedford High School. His current term expires on December 31, 2011.

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**ANDREW C.M.
MIZSAK, M.A.P.**

Mr. Mizsak is the director of Research and Development and Senior Governmental Affairs

and Political Consultant for Blue Streak Strategies, LLC, a local public affairs consultancy group. He is a member of the Ohio School Boards Association's Legislative Platform Committee, the Northeast Region Executive Committee, and the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network. Mr. Mizsak is also a recipient of the Ohio School Boards Association Award of Achievement. A 1998 graduate of Bedford High School and life-long Bedford resident, he was on the district's Strategic Planning Committee, and five Levy Steering Committees. He is President of the Bedford High School Alumni Association, Democratic Leader of the City of Bedford and the Village of Walton Hills, and a member of the Ohio Democratic Party Local Elected Officials Caucus Advisory Council where he serves as the Chair of the Administration, Rules, and Procedures Committee. He is also a member of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Historical Society, and the Ohio School Resource Officers Association. Mr. Mizsak has a Master of Applied Politics (M.A.P.) Degree from the University of Akron's Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Bowling Green State University. His term expires December 31, 2009.

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**JANET M.
PAVLIC, CPA,
Treasurer**

Mrs. Pavlic joined the Bedford School District in

December 2005. She has extensive experience in government finance. She was Fiscal Officer, Tax Administrator, and Clerk of Council for the Village of Walton Hills. She had similar responsibilities for the City of South Euclid from 1999 to 2004. Mrs. Pavlic was Acting Director and Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Solon from July 1998 to November 1999, and was Supervisor of Accounting for the City of Cleveland Heights from 1992 to 1998. She also has several years experience as an internal auditor.

Mrs. Pavlic is a Certified Public Accountant and a licensed school treasurer. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kent State University, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Cleveland State University, and an Associate's Degree in Finance from Lorain Community College. Her professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Government Finance Officers Association. She also was President of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Northeast Ohio for 2001-2002.

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MARTHA A. MOTSCO, Esq., Superintendent

Martha A. MotSCO has spent her entire career as an educator in the Bedford

Schools. She was an Elementary Teacher, Supervisor of Elementary Education, Intermediate School Principal, Director of Pupil Services, and Assistant Superintendent before being named Superintendent of Schools in August 1997. While a teacher, Mrs. MotSCO was recognized as a Jennings Scholar by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. She was the first Bedford School District Teacher of the Year. She is a past recipient of the Educator of the Year award from the Bedford Council of PTA. She received the Educator of the Year award from the Cuyahoga Valley Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa in recognition of her significant contribution to the promotion of public education through research, service, and leadership. In 2005 she was named Educational Administrator of the Year by the Educational Office Professionals of Ohio. In 2008 she received the Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Mrs. MotSCO is a member of several professional organizations, including Phi Delta Kappa, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the American Association of School Administrators, the Horace Mann League, and the

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. She is past president of the Greater Cleveland School Superintendents' Association, past chair of the Ohio Schools Council, a member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance for Adequate School Funding, and a member and past chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Cleveland Educational Development Center. She is also Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the State Support Team for Region 3 in Special Education, and a member of the Executive Committee of the SMART Management Council. SMART (which stands for Science and Mathematics Achievement Required for Tomorrow) is a collaboration of several school districts in Northeast Ohio that are working with the Ohio Department of Education to improve math and science achievement among today's students.

Mrs. MotSCO grew up in Bedford and graduated from Bedford High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from The Ohio State University, a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Kent State University, and a law degree from the University of Akron School of Law. She is a licensed attorney in the State of Ohio.



Members of the Bedford High School Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Gary Kaplan, perform at a Board meeting.

Bedford City Schools Mission Statement

June 2003

The mission of the Bedford City Schools – a district rich in tradition and diversity – is to educate all students to their potential, so they will become responsible, resourceful adults who appreciate the differences among people, by providing a well-disciplined, safe, secure learning environment, utilizing a progressive, comprehensive curriculum facilitated by highly qualified, caring personnel, incorporating state-of-the-art technology in partnership with our four communities.

Board of Education

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