

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4th of March 2010 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:33 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Kearns, Mrs. Ko, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray & Mrs. Shorter
Absent: None

Also present: Mrs. Milligan, Mr. Otten, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Lane & Mr. Clemmons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Youth Commission – Electronic devices in school
Students present stated that the current policy is too strict and that the policy is not enforced consistently.
They believe that electronic devices could be used to do research via the internet and that they could be used as polling devices.
The students feel that electronic devices should be allowed during non-instructional time also.
- B. Review of suggested revisions in the following Board policies and regulations:
- IGD Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities
 - JEG Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
 - JN Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
 - JM Staff/Student Relations
 - GBH Staff/Student Relations
 - GBCB Staff Conduct

Mr. Otten presented the proposed changes in the policies stated above which will be brought before the Board for approval at the March 18th meeting.

- C. Presentation of Superintendent's recommended cost-savings measures effective 7/1/10
Mrs. Milligan presented recommendations to Board.

Board discussion:

Mrs. Shorter asked if all day kindergarten was included in the projections-it is not.

Mr. Murray asked the cap of student-teacher ratio for transition classes-18 students.

Mrs. Shorter questioned if intervention help would be needed for the students that normally would have been in transition classes.

Mrs. Shorter asked if we have looked at schedules other than block scheduling.

The Board stated that no action would be taken at this time.

The Board will take a vote at the March 18th Regular Meeting.

D. New items for discussion – None

COMMUNICATION

This is the portion of the meeting where you, the residents of the Fairfield City School District, are invited to share your thoughts with the Board. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each.

Thirteen individuals addressed the Board about the proposed cost cutting measures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 6, 2010 - Crystal Classic Show Choir Competition, FHS Arena and PAC
March 15, 2010 - City, Township, School District mtg., 6:00 PM, Fairfield Community Arts Center
March 18, 2010 - Next Board meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Ko

She stated that the Board takes the proposed cost-savings measures very seriously. All of the Board members respect all of the comments made.

The Board intends to maintain the excellent school district.

It is not an easy decision to make.

Dr. Morris

He stated that the teachers will still connect with students on a seven period day.

The district has a real crisis (with the state) and we can either control the changes ourselves or let outside sources make the changes for us.

He does not want the district to “sell ourselves short.”

He has the utmost confidence that all the folks here can do this.

No one is taking this decision lightly.

Mrs. Shorter

She stated that we have tough decisions to make. She does not believe that the Board or administrators take any of these decisions lightly.

She said, “Don’t short change your teachers.”

She believes that we will be OK as a district.

Mr. Murray

His comment; “Cathy Milligan bleeds Fairfield red. She believes that this is the right thing to do for our district.”

He stated that future resources for this district are not there.

He stated that there are many ways for kids to learn and that the students are the primary consideration of the Board.

He asked that concerned parties email the Board.

Mr. Kearns

He stated that he knows that the Board members realize cuts must be made.
The decision will weigh heavily on the Board members.

10-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to recess to Executive Session at 8:50 pm to discuss the following:

- Employment and Compensation of Personnel 121.22(G) (1)
- Purchase or Sale of Real Estate 121.22 (G) (2)
- Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation
- Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Kearns, Mrs. Ko, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 10:23 pm.

10-24 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Shorter to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Ko

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mrs. Ko, Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer