

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session the 6th of May 2010 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:32 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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Kiva: Loans that Change Lives – Middle School Visions program (Kris Rojas, Secondary Gifted Coordinator with students Abby Williams & Mina Breuer presented.)
Visions Foundation – www.kiva.org
- B. Energy Education Update – Kyle Jones, Energy Manager

10-48 CERTIFICATED RESIGNATIONS/CERTIFICATED LEAVES OF ABSENCE/CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to approve the following:

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Personnel -- Certificated
 - 1. Resignations
 - a. Gail Budkie, Sacred Heart, Reading Specialist, 10% of her contract (effective with the 2010-2011 school year; for personal reasons. Approval of this recommendation will reduce her to 80% status.)
 - b. Anastasia Chambers, East, 2nd grade (effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year; for personal reasons)
 - c. Kevin Conlon, Senior High, Chemistry (effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year; for personal reasons)
 - d. Maggie Githuku, Senior High, Intervention Specialist (effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year; for personal reasons)
 - e. Kathie Harmeyer, Middle, Math (effective at the end of the day on May 31, 2010; for retirement purposes)

2. Leaves of Absence
 - a. Kira Murphy, Senior High, Guidance Counselor
(effective May 17, 2010 through June 3, 2010; for childrearing purposes)
 - b. Latisha Petrea, East, 3rd grade
(effective April 22, 2010 through May 14, 2010; for childrearing purposes)

B. Personnel -- Classified

1. Resignations

- a. Renee van Praag, Middle, Custodian
(effective the end of the day on May 5, 2010; for personal reasons)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Ko

Public comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Youth Commission – Tardiness to school
- B. Review of proposed new courses of study - Bill Miller, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, presented.
 - English 12 - English for a Graduate in the 21st Century World
 - English - African American Literature and Minority and Women’s Literature
 - Art - Advanced Ceramics
 - Art - Advanced Painting
 - Art - Advanced Sculpture

- C. Review of proposed new Credit Flexibility policy, procedures, and form
Bill Miller, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, presented.

Mr. Kearns stated that the policy will cost the school district money and that he could not vote on this policy not knowing the dollar amount. He would like more discussion of the policy at the May 20th board meeting.

Bill Miller will bring the policy and procedures to the May 20th meeting for Board approval.

- D. Review of proposed revision in Board policies and regulation – Paul Otten, Assistant Superintendent, presented.
 - IKF - Graduation Requirements – Bill Miller presented.
He has requested dropping 2 credits due to schedule changes.
 - JECE - Student Withdrawal from School (Loss of Driving Privileges)

- JED – Student Absences and Excuses
- JFC - Student Code of Conduct
- JFCK (GBS) - Use of Electronic Communication Equipment by Students and Staff Members – Jennie Thompson presented
- JO - Student Records
- JO-R - Student Records

Mrs. Ko & Dr. Morris stated that they would like to see the Pathways class evaluated.

The board wants the phrase “personal computer” included in policy JFCK.

Paul Otten will bring the policies presented to the May 20th meeting for Board approval.

E. Review of proposed fee increases

- Summer school fees – effective Summer 2010
Bill Miller will revisit the fees in the fall. The review of fees will be done on an annual basis.
- Athletic fees – effective with the 2010-2011 school year
Mark Harden will evaluate the option for a family cap for the 2011-2012 school year.
The Board would like the following information in regards to athletic fees:
 - The cost of the coaches vs. the participation fees calculation
 - Total count of students receiving activity fee waivers
 - Total number of families that would be cappedMr. Kearns stated that he would like to see data before the fee structure is changed.
- Preschool tuition – effective with the 2010-2011 school year
The Board has requested the costs from preschool that go to the general fund.

F. Community Engagement – rollout of new Board initiative

Mr. Kearns presented the Community Engagement Initiative which will include:

A Financial Review Team, consisting of Fairfield residents and business owners with expertise in finance, will be established under the leadership of Nancy Lane, Treasurer of the Fairfield City School District.

Enhancement of the New Student Welcome Center at no additional cost is being explored.

Customer service training for front line employees will take place during the summer.

One source of discussion will be how to teach 21st century skills to our students.

A review of school facilities will be included in the discussion.

Mr. Kearns thanked specific individuals for their role in initiating the Community Engagement Initiative: Mrs. Ko, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Otten, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Milligan & Mr. Oppenheimer.

Mrs. Ko thanked all of the team for taking on additional duties that have been generated from this process.

Dr. Morris stated that he is glad that this is finally going to happen. He encourages people to participate.

Mr. Murray stated that the customer service piece is very important. He stated that we only have one chance to impress our customers.

Mrs. Shorter stated that this is going to be great and that it is the right thing to do.

G. Book study – Global Achievement Gap, Chapter 3

H. New items for discussion

10-49 APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL FEES

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to approve the following:

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

A. Recommend approval of 2010 summer school fees as follows:

1. Elementary programs as listed \$60 ea. (Fairfield students only to be enrolled)
 - Raz-a-Ma-taz: The Magic of Reading (reading enrichment)
 - Phonics Clinic
 - Math Intervention
2. Secondary make-up courses \$250 ea. (Fairfield students) \$275 ea. (Out of district students)
3. Secondary courses as listed: \$200 ea. (Fairfield students) \$225 ea. (Out of district students)
 - Physical education
 - Health
 - Pathways to Your Future
4. Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) prep course \$75 ea. (Fairfield & out of district students)

(Secondary summer school fees have not been increased since 2006. Out-of-district students have been charged the same fee as Fairfield students. The district has incurred a loss to hold summer school for the past four years. These increases are proposed to prevent a loss to general fund monies by offering summer school.)
Fees will be reviewed annually.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: Rita Bowers commented on the discussion with the Youth Commission and stated that the starting time should be 9:00 am for the high school.
She stated that there is inadequate enforcement of the electronics policy.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 7, 2010 - Progress reports, grades 1-12

May 20, 2010 - Regular board meeting, 5:00 PM, FHS Community Room

May 21, 2010 - Dr. Cook's Memorial Service – FHS Arena

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

10-50 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Shorter to recess to Executive Session at 10:08 pm to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees 121.22 (G) (1)

Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation

Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

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 11:12 pm.

10-51 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer