

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, State of Ohio, held an Organizational Meeting on the 5th day of January 2006 at the Fairfield Senior High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President Pro-Tem, Nancy Wenning at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Oath of Office for Board Members was administered by Terry Senger to Arnold Engel, Mark Morris, and Dan Murray.

ROLL CALL –Present: Mr. Engel, Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Also Present: Dr. Farrell, Mr. Amodio, Mrs. Lane, & Mr. Clemmons

06-01 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2006 (ORC 3313.14)

A. Nominations

(If more than one person is nominated, the Treasurer shall publicly call the roll of the Board and ask the members to vote their choice. If only one person is nominated, a motion to close nominations, a second, and a vote by acclamation will elect the President.)

Mr. Murray nominated Mr. Morris for President.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Senger to close nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

President Pro Tem Wenning declares Mr. Morris elected President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2006.

B. Oath of Office for the President - Mr. Senger administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Morris.

C. President Pro Tem directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

D. President presides from this point forward.

06-02 ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2006 (ORC 3313.14)

A. Nominations (same as procedure for President)

Mr. Senger nominated Mr. Murray for Vice-President.

Mr. Engel nominated Mr. Senger for Vice-President.

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Wenning to close nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Roll was called by the Treasurer for nomination of Mr. Murray as Vice-President

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Nays: Mr. Engel

Motion Carried 4-1

President Mr. Morris declares Mr. Murray as elected Vice-President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2006.

B. Oath of Office for the Vice President – Mr. Senger administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Murray.

C. President directs Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

06-03 MEETING TIME & PLACE/BOARD SERVICE FUND/POSITION/PERFORMANCE BONDS/
STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2006/APPOINTMENTS TO OSBA & CITY COMMITTEES

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Senger to approve the following recommendations:

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Establish 2006 meeting date, time and place (ORC 3313.15)

1. Date: Work Session-First Thursday of the month; Regular Session-Third Thursday of the month

2. Time: Work Session-5:00 pm; Regular Session 6:00 pm

3. Place: Work Session-Fairfield City Schools Operations Building 211 Donald Drive; Regular Session- Fairfield High School Community Room

- B. Consider establishment of a Board service fund for 2006 in the amount of \$18,000 (ORC 3315.15)
- C. Recommend renewal and/or purchase of Position/Performance Bonds for Treasurer as required by Ohio Law in the amount of \$20,000 (ORC 3313.25)
- D. Recommend approval of the following standing authorizations for 2006:
 - 1. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
 - 2. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds whenever funds are available.
 - 3. Authorize the Treasurer to modify appropriations and advance money from fund to fund as needed. Modifications must then be presented to the Board for approval.
 - 4. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
 - 5. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.
 - 6. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
 - 7. Authorize Superintendent or Designee to act as purchasing agent for the district to make purchases of supplies and/or services within the limits of the appropriation measure.

8. Authorize the Treasurer to borrow short-term funds as needed for cash flow purposes.
9. Authorize the Treasurer to utilize the legal firm of Peck, Shaffer, and Williams when fiscal legal opinions are required.
10. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to approve professional day requests for certificated and classified employees for state meetings, workshops, and events in an amount not to exceed the limits in the Annual Appropriation, Board Policy, and negotiated contracts.
11. Authorize members of the Board to attend workshops, seminars and meetings for Professional Development and to benefit the academic and financial status of district.
12. Recommend that in accordance with Section 3313.26, ORC that the Board waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings.

E. Appointments to OSBA and City Committees

1. Legislative Liaison to OSBA/Federal Relations Network- Arnold Engel
2. Parks and Recreation Board – Preston Johnson
3. Planning Commission - Dan Murray
4. Butler Tech Board of Education - Terry Senger
5. Student Achievement/Youth Commission Liaison - Nancy Wenning

(Any of items “A” through “E” may be voted upon separately at the request of any Board member)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

Discussion ensued regarding Item #10. Mr. Engel expressed his desire to see overnight travel limited to payment out of grant monies, not General Fund monies. Mr. Engel is concerned about costs for overnight travel. Dr. Farrell and Mrs. Lane addressed Mr. Engel’s concerns.

A motion was made by Mr. Engel that stated the following:

MOTION – Mr. Engel would like to amend item #10 to state that any overnight travel be paid out of the General Fund must be first approved by the board.

This motion died for lack of a Second.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning
Nays: Mr. Engel
Motion Carried 4-1

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

06-04 FISCAL YEAR 2007 TAX BUDGET/TRANSPORTATION IN LIEU OF
RESOLUTION

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

- A. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2007 Tax Budget that will be submitted to the Butler County Auditor’s Office.
- B. Recommend approval of the resolution determining that transportation for certain pupils is impractical and that payment in lieu of transportation be made.

“WHEREAS, Section 3327.01, Revised Code, permits a Board of Education to make payment in lieu of transportation to a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of a student where the Board of Education determined that it is impractical to transport a pupil by school conveyance, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the State of Ohio has issued certain procedures for Boards of Education to utilize in making such determination of impracticability, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has fully considered Steps 2.1 through 2.6 of the State Board of Education Procedures and has determined that transportation is impractical and that payment in lieu of transportation should be made to the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of said student, and

WHEREAS, the names and addresses of the students have been provided to the Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, after full consideration of all the criteria set forth by the State Board of Education determines that pupil transportation is impractical and that payment in lieu of transportation by school conveyance is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the failure of a parent, guardian, or other person in charge of students to consent to the determination that transportation is impractical shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for fact finding and mediation.

SECOND Seconded by Mrs. Wenning

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion Carried 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14, 2006	Special Meeting (Team Building Session) Operations Bldg 1-5 p.m.
January 16, 2006	Martin Luther King Day No School

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Murray:

- Excited about serving on the board and welcomes the public to board meetings
- Hopes to improve the district website
- Wants to impact science and math initiatives

Mr. Engel:

- Thanked the community for electing him to the board.
- Thanked his friends for helping him with the campaign.
- Mr. Engel advises anyone with issues concerning the district to speak with Dr. Farrell first for resolution.
- Wants to work with the Board to address the 1.6 million dollar district deficit in 2007.
- Wants to address impact fees for schools
- Wants the district to provide better preparation of students for college
- Wants to address RIDs
- Wants to build a stadium with private sponsor monies
- Opposes a 2.5% increase to STRS

Mrs. Wenning

- Congratulated Mr. Morris & Mr. Murray on their leadership positions with the board.
- Thanked all of the district staff for their dedication and hard work
- Thanked Mr. Amodio for stepping up and assuming Assistant Superintendent duties in addition to his assigned duties.

Mr. Senger:

- Congratulated the three new board members
- Looking forward to a productive year

Mr. Morris:

- Would like the Five Year Plan completed as soon as possible and encourages school district residents to become involved in the plan.
- Would like to explore the possibility of the district participation in a Performance Audit
- Find new ways for better communication
- Wants to improve the board committee structure and suggests that the finance committee include other community members in addition to the current make up of board and district staff.
- Would like to create a committee to address the extra-curricular activities in the district.
- States that the board members will need the support of the community to attain all of these initiatives.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

06-05 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Senger to adjourn meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Mr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:47 pm by the board President, Mr. Morris.

President

Attest: _____

Treasurer