

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 10th of September 2009 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:36 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Engel, Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray & Mrs. Shorter

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

- A. Graduation Recognition
- B. Welcome Center Staff Recognition

09-113 RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Personnel -- Certificated
 - 1. Resignation
 - a. Lori Mills, District, Occupational Therapist, 40%
(effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, for personal reasons)
 - 2. Leave of Absence
 - a. Stacey Ewen, Senior High, Social Studies
(effective August 26, 2009 through October 23, 2009; for childrearing purposes)
 - 3. Employment
 - a. Donna Kimmel, Intermediate, ESL Teacher
(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective August 20, 2009; for a replacement position)
 - b. Ronda Lawson, North, 1st grade
(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective August 20, 2009; for an additional position due to enrollment)

- c. Beth Moore, Intermediate, Intervention Specialist
(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective August 20, 2009; for a replacement position)
- d. Meredith Richter, South, Transition 1st grade
(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective August 20, 2009; for a replacement position. The 1st grade added due to enrollment was filled through internal reassignment.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter
Public comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, & Mrs. Shorter
Abstain: Mr. Engel
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4-0

09-114 RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF COMPRESSORS AT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

- A. Recommend approval for Treasurer to advertise for bids for replacement of compressors at the Senior High School.
Mr. Lewis presented.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray
Public comments: None

Board comments:
Mr. Engel asked if the compressors would be new or rebuilt.
Mr. Lewis responded that the bid is for rebuilt compressors.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, & Mrs. Shorter
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5-0

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Enrollment update
Pat Glauer, EMIS Coordinator, and Paul Otten, Assistant Superintendent presented.

- B. Assessing our capacity to offer full-day kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year
Paul Otten presented the following information:

Considerations
for Full-Day Kindergarten

Curriculum

- Additional curriculum resources (books, materials, etc.) will be needed.
- Re-design the kindergarten curriculum to address full day vs. half day
- Training of all current and new staff members on curriculum changes

Physical Changes

- Additional classrooms will be needed to service students (determined by need)
- Location at elementary buildings will be needed to offer kindergarten.
- Food service for current kindergarten building (on-site or delivered)
- Cafeteria needed
- Expansion of current playground for recess

Personnel

- Additional teachers and related service personnel (currently -18 teachers a.m., 16 teachers p.m.)
- Cafeteria staff required (cooks, kitchen manager, educational assistant, etc.)

Transportation

- Change in bus routes to service additional students at the elementary buildings
- Additional bus routes for the Kindergarten Center (9:00-3:30)
- Additional bus routes for students remaining in half-day kindergarten

Equipment

- Technology resources for new rooms (computers, overhead, etc.)
- Furniture (classroom, cafeteria, etc.)
- Kitchen equipment
- Special education equipment to support student needs

Dr. Morris asked what the educational value is for having all day kindergarten. He stated that we need more background information on this option.

Mrs. Shorter asked about looking at the maturity level of the child and changing the entrance date.

Mr. Engel stated that he is not opposed to all day kindergarten but we need to figure out how we are going to fund these mandates.

- C. Social networking as a potential communication tool for the district
Jennie Thompson presented.
The Board decided not to move forward with official Facebook or Twitter accounts.
- D. Potential contract with DCS Technologies to control costs in printing services and supplies
Jennie Thompson & Chad Lewis presented.
Mrs. Shorter asked if there is a penalty if we exceed a specified number of copies.
Mr. Lewis will bring the answer to the Board at the next meeting.
- E. Recommended contract with Butler County Educational Service Center for the Butler County Success Program
Mrs. Milligan presented information regarding the program and cost to the district. She will bring the contract for a vote at the next meeting.
- F. New items for discussion

Mr. Engel has concerns about unfunded mandates from the state.
He would like to see everything in the Five Year Forecast.

Mr. Kearns would like to see the administration take a look at the supplementals coming up this year.

We need participation information for clubs from our sponsors.
We need the club's plan for the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 17 - Regular board meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Engel welcomed the kids back to school for a new year.

09-115 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to recess to Executive Session at 8:12 pm to discuss the following:

Employment and Compensation of Personnel 121.22(G) (1)
Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 9:15 pm.

09-116 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

Attest: _____

President