

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Central Elementary’s “D-Zone” video – Dick Wood and Felecia Dorsey presented a snapshot of model behavior for students.  
They thanked the staff of Central for their help.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Youth Commission – Discussion of the Block Schedule  
High School students provided input to the Board in regards to Block Scheduling.  
Overall, the students like the Block Scheduling concept.

The students would like more classes in art, language (Chinese and sign language), business, and engineering.

They requested that the Board does not rush into the decision on whether or not to keep the Block Scheduling at the high school.

- B. New items for discussion

1. Mrs. Shorter stated that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational Group has applied for a grant and that the group is reading the “Global Achievement Gap”.

2. Mr. Lewis presented information regarding the Ohio School Facilities Commission

Mr. Lewis stated that he had spoken with the Ohio School Facilities Commission Planning Director regarding funding.

The Fairfield City School District is ranked at 452 in the statewide ranking for consideration. It may be 2013 or 2014 before the district’s number is pulled.

He further stated that additional funding for new construction is questionable.

The Board felt that it would be in the district’s best interests to meet with the Ohio School Facilities Commission Planning Director for discussion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 13, 2009 - Intervention Reports, Grades 9-12  
November 19, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Community Room

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

### Mrs. Shorter

She congratulated the members elected to the Board.

### Mr. Engel

He congratulated the members elected to the Board.

He advised parents that they can continue to call him with concerns.

### Dr. Morris

He thanked all of the people who came out and voted. The election isn't about the board members, it is about the folks whose leadership makes this district great. He thanked his family.

### Mr. Murray

He thanked all the people that helped him out during the last couple of months. He thanked his wife.

He read the following statement:

Yesterday, the voters of our school district sent a loud and clear message. With their votes, they said that they value the excellent education that this district provides every day to their children and grandchildren, to their nieces and nephews, to the future of our community. In one day, our community reinforced their belief that really great communities have excellent schools.

Our community also affirmed their trust in the leadership of this district, both from the superintendent's office and from this board. As I have said many times over the past weeks and months, there is a renewed sense of "Fairfield Pride" that is growing and flourishing in our buildings, on our stages and on the playing fields. Over the past 4 years there have been many changes made that are now paying major dividends for the investors in our schools. Those investors are the taxpayers of our district. We have shown, are showing and will continue to show that a dollar invested in the education of our kids, is money well spent.

Our district leadership team, our financial management team, and each and every school building are second to none when it comes to producing excellence. The results are there to be seen and our community recognized this yesterday. They said they do not want our schools to fall victim to some kind of ponzi scheme where our kids would somehow continue to receive an excellent education while the foundations of this district were allowed to disintegrate around us.

We now have a school board that will focus on making this district one that does not just celebrate when we achieve excellence, we will expect it. We will not be a district that hopes that our community will invest in us, we will earn that investment. And, we will not be a district that looks back and agonizes over decisions made, we will look forward to the achievements and rewards ahead of us. The past is just a link back to what-ifs and should-haves. The future is a bridge to opportunities and greater educational excellence for our kids.

Mr. Murray's comments (continued)

Yesterday, our community said "you are heading in the right direction and we are behind you". Starting today, let's turn the page to a new chapter for the Fairfield City School District, for our community and our kids. Let's learn from the past, but point to the future. A future that, after yesterday, looks a lot brighter.

Mr. Kearns

He congratulated Mark, Dan, and Sharon Ko.

He stated that the Board has to engage in a conversation about what the community wants.

09-133 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to recess to Executive Session at 7:32 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 Mr. Murray

Public comments: None

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 8:18 pm.

09-134 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting.

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 meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_