

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 in the Fairfield Administration Building Conference Room A.

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

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mrs. Gundrum,  
Absent: Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter

Also present: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Aug, Mr. Penney & Mr. Clemmons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jerrilynn Gundrum

#### PRESENTATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

##### A. Butler County Auditor's Office - Michael Stein

As part of the Auditor Outreach Program, a representative will attend board meetings twice a year – the first and third quarters of the year.

House Bill 499 passed and allows the auditor to test gas for fuel quality.

The Butler County Treasurer is going to certify taxes and the final settlement will be sent out next week.

##### B. Freshman School Momentum Award 2019 - Charlotte McGuire, State School Board Vice-President

Michael Berkemeier and Emily Newton accepted the award.

Mr. Begley congratulated Mr. Berkemeier and Ms. Newton.

Mr. Berding congratulated them for a job well done.

##### B. Business Advisory Council Update - Mandy Aug

Mrs. Aug reported that the committee meets four times per year and the committee is in its second year.

Mrs. Aug reported the Council Recommendations as follows:

The Business Advisory Council will continue to discuss economic and job market changes and their impact on in-demand jobs. The committee will continue to pursue working relationships among businesses, labor organizations and educational personnel.

Additionally, the committee makes the following recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Build a larger foundation of business partners from the community.
- Include students in committee meetings in order to better understand their needs.
- Create opportunities for business partners to network with students.

Mr. Berding asked if the members of the Business Advisory Council are listed on the website.

Response: Yes

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

### 20-24 RESIGNATIONS/ UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT – Mr. Martin

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

#### A. Personnel – Professional

##### 1. Resignations

- a. Lois Allen, Central, Art  
(effective May 31, 2020; for retirement reasons)
- b. Sterling Finkbine, Senior High/Freshman, Music/Choir  
(effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year; for personal reasons)

##### 2. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- a. Jessica Graf, North, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
(effective March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020; for childrearing purposes)

##### 3. Employment

- a. Extracurriculars 2019-2020

#### **Senior High**

Raymon Jones, Track, Head Coach, 10%  
Raymon Jones, Track, Assistant, 50%  
Clayton Peregoy, Lacrosse, Varsity Boys

- b. Home Instructors 2019-2020

William Amburgey  
Jessica Dukes  
Jennifer Waters

(Periodically the district has students who qualify for home instruction by placement on an IEP developed through the Special Services Department. It is recommended that the above noted person(s) be employed as Home Instructors at the rate of \$30.69 per hour, effective for the 2019-20 school year.)

c. Substitute Teachers 2019-2020

Madison Moore  
Gary Staggs

(All recommendations are for the 2019-20 school year at the rate of \$94 per day.)

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mrs. Gundrum

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 3-0

B. Items for Board Discussion

1. 1:1 Technology Update - Mandy Aug

The committee has been meeting regularly.

There has been discussion around teachers using laptops instead of desktop computers.

The additional cost of \$800,000 will be spread over five years.

Mr. Begley asked based on Mrs. Aug's prior experience, if the teachers did use laptops?

Response: Yes

Mr. Berding asked why the shuffling of computers between South and West for different years is part of the plan.

Response: The Tech Department recommended that the machines/devices be shuffled to avoid purchasing additional machines.

20-25 APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR INTEGRATION COACH

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Gundrum to approve the following:

C. Items for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of the following job description:

a. Integration Coach

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mrs. Gundrum

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 3-0

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative Update – Balena Shorter – Absent
- B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding read the following report:

Aubrey Moore, a Fairfield High School/Butler Tech culinary student, was the highlight of a WCPO feature on Café Lee on this evening's news. Café Lee is open to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 to 1 PM. Students run the restaurant. They design the menu, budget for the food, wait the table, etc.

Student Showcases will take place on Thursday, March 12 from 3 to 8 PM at the Butler Tech campuses. The schedule of the presentations can be found on [Butlertech.org](http://Butlertech.org). Showcases are presentations by students that take place in lieu of parent teacher conferences. As you recall the showcases also took place when we had our Butler Tech "all boards meeting" in October.

The Project Ignition Team was featured on Fox 19 news about their driving safely message. Students decorated classroom doors to promote safe driving to their fellow classmates. Project Ignition is part of a national youth leadership Council based on peer led safety programs. Statistics show 37% of Butler County traffic fatalities were teens. Car accidents are the leading cause of death amongst adolescents.

"Dunk and Donate" is a Butler Tech Foundation fundraiser to raise money for "tools for schools" scholarships. Cosmetology, Culinary, Welding, etc. students can spend upwards of \$500 on supplies from welding helmets, to chef knives, to hair clippers, etc. This fundraiser helps students get the much-needed supplies for their education. The event is March 20 from 3 to 7 PM at Miami Valley Gaming. Tickets are \$50 per couple and it includes two drink tickets, appetizers, desserts and a \$10 gaming card you could purchase the tickets at Butler Tech.org\BT-foundation.

- C. Planning Commission – Brian Begley – No report

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 11, 2020 - State of the Community Luncheon, 11:00AM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

March 17, 2020 - End of 3rd Quarter Grades K-12

March 19, 2020 - Board Meeting, 6:30PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Begley

He participated in Right to Read today at Central Elementary.

Mr. Berding

He enjoyed reading to Central students and also attended the program at North.

He stated that the Father/Daughter Dance was excellent and a great success.

20-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to recess to Executive Session at 7:04 pm to discuss the following:

The employment and discipline of public employees 121.22 (G) (1)  
Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) - Pending and Imminent Litigation  
Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mrs. Gundrum

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 3-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:09 pm.

20-27 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mrs. Gundrum

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by the President, Mr. Berding.

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President

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

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Treasurer