

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Special Meeting on the 24th of September 2020 that was held at Fairfield High School in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by the President, Mr. Berding.

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

Also present: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Lane & Mr. Clemmons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jerrilynn Gundrum

A. Item for Board Discussion

1. Process for filling vacated Board of Education seat – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding stated that Carrie O’Neal has resigned from her board seat effective October 1, 2020.

He used the Ohio School Boards Association guidelines and conferred with Mr. Clemmons on the process for appointing someone to fill the position on the Board and the timeline that must be followed for each step of the process.

The decision was made by the Board to post the application for applying for the position from September 25, 2020, until October 5, 2020, at noon.

Mrs. Lane was assigned the task of communicating to the public the deadlines for the application and the distribution of the packet. She will provide the Board with all of the applications for their review after the deadline on October 5th at noon.

The Board decided to hold a Special Meeting on October 6th at 6:00 pm to determine who to interview from the pool of applicants. The Board can come to an agreement on who to interview, but no action can be taken during the meeting.

Mr. Berding will call the applicants selected for the interviews to occur on October 8th.

An additional Special Meeting will be held on October 8th to interview the applicants that the Board has chosen based on the discussion at the October 6th meeting. The Board can take no action on their decision during the meeting.

Sample interview questions were provided by Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. Shorter would like to limit the number of applicants interviewed. That number will be agreed upon once the applications are reviewed in the October 6th meeting.

Mrs. Shorter would like to add an additional item in the application process- the applicants provide their social media accounts/platforms on the application. This could include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Gundrum

She hates to see Mrs. O'Neal leave her board position. She stated that Mrs. O'Neal is a passionate advocate for kids.

Mrs. Shorter

She stated that Mrs. O'Neal is like a ray of sunshine when she enters the room. She has a heart for kids. She will miss her and hates to see her go.

Mr. Begley

He noted that the comments made about Mrs. O'Neal were very well said. He hopes that the Board can find someone as passionate as Mrs. O'Neal. He is confident that there is a candidate to fill the position.

Mr. Berding

He was saddened as well to hear that Mrs. O'Neal was leaving. She served the Board during a dark time in the aftermath of the death of Jerome Kearns. He will miss her enthusiasm, creativity and passion for the drama programs. She has worked well with administrators and staff. He wished her and her family well.

20-95 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

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

Absent: Mrs. O'Neal

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm by the President, Mr. Berding.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer