

**Fairfield City School District:
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

November 19, 2020

**REGULAR SESSION 6:30 PM
CATHERINE D. MILLIGAN COMMUNITY ROOM
FAIRFIELD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Scott Clark

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. Planning for the ACT – Bill Rice and Kareem Sanders

COMMUNICATION

This is the portion of the meeting where you, the residents of the Fairfield City School District, are invited to share your thoughts with the Board. Please know that this time has been set aside for the Board to listen to you. Your comments are valued and will be taken into careful consideration. The Board will not engage in dialogue at this time. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Personnel – Professional

1. Resignation

a. Robin Turner, Creekside, 8th grade Language Arts
(effective August 12, 2021; for retirement reasons)

2. Employment

a. Extracurriculars – 2020-2021

Senior High

David Loper, Basketball, Girls, Head Coach
Pam Matteson, Bowling Coach, Assistant
Terrence Mitchell, Basketball, Assistant Girls
Blair Willcocks, Wrestling, Head Coach
Carl Woods, Basketball, Assistant Boys, 90%

Freshman

Shaun Shanklin, Wrestling

Middle – Middle Creekside and Middle Crossroads (combined)

Dave Shotwell, Swim Team Coach

Middle – Creekside Middle

Jarrod McGuffey, Basketball, Boys 7th/8th Grade

Middle – Crossroads Middle

Todd Hayes, Basketball, Girls 7th/8th Grade

- b. Home Instructor 2020-2021

Jennifer Guenther

(Periodically the district has students who qualify for English as a Second Language, as determined through the district’s established assessment process. It is recommended that the above-noted person(s) be employed as a designated ESL Tutor at the rate of \$31.46 per hour, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.)

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

Motion to accept the recommendations: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

B. Personnel – Support

1. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- a. Maureen Fields, East, Educational Assistant
(effective .75 of a day on December 3, 2020 through December 10, 2020;
for personal reasons)
- b. Richelle Hubbuch, Compass, Educational Assistant
(effective November 12, 2020 through March 18, 2021; for personal
reasons)

2. Employment

- a. Julie Cain, District, Confidential Secretary II
(effective December 14, 2020; for a replacement position)
- b. Holly Haggard, Transportation, Bus Driver
(effective November 23, 2020; for a replacement position)

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

Motion to accept the recommendations: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Five Year Forecast – Nancy Lane
2. Board Policies
 - a. GBX – Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students – Roger Martin
 - b. JFCK – Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students – Roger Martin
3. Job Description
 - a. Vocal Director, High School Musical – Roger Martin
4. Student Change of Placement for Second Semester – Mandy Aug
5. A Resolution to Endorse the Fair School Funding Plan – Nancy Lane and Billy Smith

D. Other Items for Board Action

1. Recommend the approval of the following Board policies:
 - a. JHCD – Administering Medications to Students
 - b. KJ – Advertising in the Schools
 - c. KJ-R – Advertising in the Schools
2. Recommend adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE COMPANION BILL TO SUBSTITUTE H.B. 305, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio’s method for funding schools through the state’s school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio’s school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio’s constitutional standard of securing “... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state”; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court’s order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of “funding fixes” legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s previous biennial budget crafted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with “capped” districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the “guarantee”; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either “capped” in their funding, or on the “guarantee,” which is a testament that Ohio’s funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s current biennial budget crafted by the 133rd General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on “the guarantee”), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the “Cupp-Patterson Workgroup”), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a “thorough and efficient system of common schools” that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan that is an investment in Ohio’s children and Ohio’s future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in S.B. 376 of the 133rd General Assembly (the Senate companion bill to Substitute H.B. 305), to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21st century.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representatives Carruthers and Lang and Senator Coley and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion to accept the recommendations: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the following meetings:

- October 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- November 5, 2020 – Regular Work Session Meeting

B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for the month of October 2020.

C. Recommend approval of the 2020-2021 Amended Appropriations Resolution.

D. Recommend approval of the disposal of the following fixed assets:

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
19757	Milk Cooler	East Elementary

E. Recommend approval of the following donations:

1. A donation of books valued at \$56 from Ruthie Back to Fairfield North Elementary School.
2. A donation of earbuds valued at \$275 from AurGroup Financial Credit Union to Fairfield South Elementary School.
3. A donation of \$2,500 from The Wendy’s Company to Fairfield High School.

Total donations for 2020: \$36,225.00

F. Recommend that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution for declaring transportation to be impractical:

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Fairfield City School District Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the following, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

<u>Student Names</u>	<u>Schools Selected & Grades</u>	<u>Parents/Guardians</u>
Caelum Coffey	Central Montessori Academy, 4	Sharon Coffey
Olivia Harris	Mother Teresa Catholic, 6	Monique Harris
Noah Heidger	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, 8	Jessica Sorn
Emma Hurley	Mother Teresa Catholic, 1	Jennifer Hurley
Abby Snell	Cinti. Hills Christian Academy, 5	Ronald Snell

Anna Snell	Cinti. Hills Christian Academy, 8	Ronald Snell
Margot Sorn	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, 1	Jessica Sorn
Ethan Vandewater	Mother Teresa Catholic, 6	Cheryl Vandewater

G. Recommend approval of the Five Year Forecast.

Motion to accept the recommendations: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

A. Personnel – Professional

1. Employment

a. Extracurricular - 2020-2021

Middle - Creekside Middle
Kyle Smith, Athletic Director, 75%

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

Motion to accept the recommendations: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative Update – Balena Shorter
- B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding
- C. Planning Commission – Brian Begley
- D. Student Achievement – Jerrilynn Gundrum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 25, 2020 – Conference Exchange Day (No School)
 November 26-27, 2020 – Thanksgiving Break (No School)
 November 29, 2020 – City of Fairfield Parade of Lights, 6:00-8:00 PM, Harbin Park
 December 9, 2020 – Business Advisory Council Meeting, 1:00-2:00 PM. This is a virtual meeting. Please contact Mandy Aug at aug_m@fairfieldcityschools.com if you are interested in attending virtually

December 10, 2020 – Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room
 December 21, 2020 – Conference Exchange Day (No School)
 December 22, 2020 – Winter Break Begins (No School)
 January 4, 2021 – School Resumes following Winter Break

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS:

The employment and discipline of a public employee 121.22 (G) (1)
 Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation

Motion to convene executive session: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

President convenes executive session at _____ **P.M.**

President resumes regular meeting at _____ **P.M.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: _____; **2nd** _____

_____ **Begley** _____ **Berding** _____ **Clark** _____ **Gundrum** _____ **Shorter**

President declares motion _____.

President adjourns meeting at _____ **P.M.**