

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held an Organizational Meeting/Special Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

President Pro Tem – Michael Berding

The meeting was called to order by the President Pro Tem at 6:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Brian Begley

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Gundrum & Mrs. Shorter  
Absent: None

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

21-01 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2021 (ORC 3313.14)

A. Nominations

(If more than one person is nominated, the President Pro Tem shall publicly call the roll of the Board and ask the members to vote their choice. If only one person is nominated, a motion to close nominations, a second, and a vote by acclamation will elect the President.)

Mr. Begley nominated Mr. Berding for President

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Clark to close nominations

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

President Pro Tem declares Mr. Berding elected President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2021.

B. Oath of Office for the President – performed by Mrs. Lane

C. President Pro Tem directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

D. President presides from this point forward.

21-02 ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2021 (ORC 3313.14)

A. Nominations (same procedure applies)

Mrs. Shorter nominated Mr. Begley for Vice President

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Gundrum to close nominations

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

President declares Mr. Begley elected Vice President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2021

B. Oath of Office for the Vice President – performed by Mrs. Lane

C. President directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

21-03 ESTABLISH 2021 MEETING DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS/ESTABLISH BOARD SERVICE FUND FOR 2021/APPROVAL OF STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2021/APPOINTMENTS TO OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND CITY COMMITTEES

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

A. Establish 2021 meeting dates, times and location (ORC 3313.15)

Suggestion:

Work Sessions:

Thursday, February 4

Thursday, March 4

Thursday, May 6

Thursday, June 3

Thursday, August 5

Thursday, September 2

Thursday, October 7

Thursday, November 4

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Fairfield Senior High School

Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

8800 Holden Blvd.

(There will be no work session in April, July and December)

Regular Sessions:

Thursday, February 18

Thursday, March 18

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, May 20

Thursday, June 24

Thursday, July 15

Thursday, August 19

Thursday, September 16

Thursday, October 21

Thursday, November 18  
Thursday, December 9  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Location: Fairfield Senior High School  
Catherine D. Milligan Community Room  
8800 Holden Blvd.

- B. Consider establishment of a Board service fund for 2021 in the amount of \$9,942.00. (ORC 3315.15).
- C. Recommend approval of the following standing authorizations for 2021:
1. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
  2. Authorize the Treasurer to borrow short-term funds as needed for cash flow purposes.
  3. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds whenever funds are available.
  4. Authorize the Treasurer to modify appropriations and advance money from fund to fund as needed. Modifications must then be presented to the Board for approval.
  5. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
  6. Authorize the Treasurer to utilize the legal firm of Dinsmore & Shohl when fiscal legal opinions are required.
  7. Authorize the Treasurer to dispose of assets or property (not exceeding \$10,000 in value) that are no longer needed.
  8. Authorize Superintendent or Designee to act as purchasing agent for the district to make purchases of supplies and/or services within the limits of the appropriation measure.
  9. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's office.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory

to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

10. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's/Designee's acceptance.
11. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to appoint substitute support staff as necessary within the limits of the annual appropriation resolution.
12. Authorize the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Special Services and Director of Business Operations to approve professional day requests for professional and support employees for state meetings, workshops, and events in an amount not to exceed the limits in the Annual Appropriation, Board Policy, and negotiated contracts.
13. Authorize members of the Board to attend workshops, seminars and meetings for Professional Development and to benefit the academic and financial status of district.
14. Recommend that in accordance with Section 3313.26, ORC that the Board waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings.

D. Appointments to OSBA and City Committees

1. Legislative Liaison to OSBA/Federal Relations Network – Mrs. Shorter
2. Parks and Recreation Board – Mr. Clark
3. Planning Commission – Mr. Begley
4. Student Achievement – Mrs. Gundrum

(Any of items “A” through “D” may be voted upon separately at the request of any Board member.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

- A. School Board Recognition Month – Gina Gentry-Fletcher  
Mrs. Gentry-Fletcher presented the Board members with gifts and acknowledgement of appreciation for their service to the Fairfield City School District.

- B. Positive Messaging Campaign – Joe Markiewicz  
The Fairfield Prevention Coalition presented.
- C. 1:1 Technology Update – Mandy Aug  
An overview was presented by the Curriculum Department and Technology Department on laptop usage, distribution and programming used by staff and students.

Mrs. Shorter asked about hotspot usage.  
Response: Approximately 40 hotspots are being used.

Mr. Begley inquired about a process of evaluating the different models that have been rolled out.  
Response: Staff surveys have been sent.

Mr. Clark asked about how hotspots are marketed to families.  
Response: Teachers may notice that a student isn't participating digitally, so they may reach out to the family to see if help is needed.

#### COMMUNICATION - None

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

21-04 RESIGNATIONS/EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS/UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT - Mr. Martin

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

- A. Personnel – Professional
1. Resignations
    - a. Rebecca Ewald, District, Occupational Therapist  
(effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year; for personal reasons)
    - b. Emily Wolfrum, West, Kindergarten  
(effective January 22, 2021; for personal reasons)
  2. Extracurricular Resignations 2020-2021
    - a. Jason Laflin, Senior High, Weight Room Supervisor, 33%  
(effective for 2020-2021 school year; for personal reasons)

- b. Cathy Ogilvie, Middle School, Diving Coach  
(effective for 2020-2021 school year; for personal reasons)
  - c. Latrice Watkins, Compass, Safety Patrol  
(effective for 2020-2021 school year; for personal reasons)
  - d. Erica Wessler, Senior High, Interact Club Advisor  
(effective for 2020-2021 school year; for personal reasons)
3. Unpaid Leave of Absence
- a. Jennifer Lewis, Creekside, Language Arts  
(effective for .75 of the day on January 13, 2021 through January 14, 2021; for personal reasons)
4. Employment
- a. Extracurriculars – 2020-2021
    - District**  
Jay Muldoon, Director of Theatre Arts Program
    - Freshman**  
David Mast, Wrestling, Assistant  
Brandi Williams, Basketball, Assistant Girls
    - Middle – Creekside Middle and Crossroads Middle combined**  
Tim Adams, Wrestling, Assistant Coach  
Shawn Starkey, Wrestling, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Middle – Creekside Middle**  
Haley Lewis, Cheerleader Coach, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Zackary Nellom, Select Band Co-Director  
Shelby Stearns, Intramural Bowling, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Shelby Stearns, Intramural Volleyball, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - b. Substitute Teachers 2020-2021
    - Melissa Estep
    - Beth Hensley

(All recommendations are for the 2020-21 school year at a rate of \$94 per day.)
  - c. Volunteers 2020-2021
    - Melynda Davis
    - Michael Snyder

(The above-noted persons are recommended for approval as a volunteer coach for the 2020-21 school year in district athletic programs. Board approval of volunteers is a requirement of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Recommendation is contingent upon submission of all required documents.)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

21-05

RESIGNATIONS/UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT/TERMINATION

- Mr. Smith

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

B. Personnel – Support

1. Resignations

- a. Karen Clements, District, Custodian  
(effective the end of the day January 31, 2021; for retirement purposes)
- b. Sandra Hutson, Crossroads, Food Service Assistant  
(effective the end of the day December 16, 2020; for personal reasons)
- c. Victoria Levine, Senior High, Data Entry II  
(effective the end of the day December 18, 2020; for personal reasons)
- d. Mary Murphy, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective the end of the day December 18, 2020; for personal reasons)
- e. Joseph Penney, District, Director of Business Operations  
(effective at the end of the day January 17, 2021; for personal reasons)
- f. Kimberly Powell, Crossroads, Educational Assistant  
(effective the end of the day December 31, 2020; for personal reasons)
- g. Stephanie Smith, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective the end of the day January 8, 2021; for personal reasons)
- h. Patricia Welshans, Freshman, Head Cook  
(effective the end of the day March 31, 2021; for retirement purposes)

2. Unpaid Leave of Absence

- a. Sharon Bowling, Crossroads, Educational Assistant

(effective .50 day on December 11, 2020 through February 28, 2021;  
for personal reasons)

- b. Debbie Fehrenbach, Compass, Educational Assistant  
(extension of unpaid leave of absence starting January 2, 2021 through  
April 2, 2021; for personal reasons)
- c. Kelly Gabbard, Transportation, Educational Assistant  
(effective .25 day on December 15, 2020 through December 18, 2020;  
for personal reasons)
- d. Victoria Levine, Senior High, Data Entry II  
(effective .75 day on December 10, 2020 through December 18, 2020;  
for personal reasons)
- e. Lynnette Lewis-Jackson, Crossroads, Educational Assistant  
(effective .50 day on November 30, 2020 through January 1, 2021; for  
personal reasons)
- f. Dana Reid, East, Educational Assistant  
(extension of unpaid leave of absence starting January 4, 2021 through  
February 15, 2021; for personal reasons)
- g. Anna Wilson, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(extension of unpaid leave of absence starting January 1, 2021 through  
January 31, 2021; for personal reasons)

3. Employment

- a. Sarah Blower, Creekside, Educational Assistant  
(effective January 4, 2021; for a replacement position)
- b. Michelle Grooms, District, Confidential Receptionist  
(effective January 4, 2021; for a replacement position)
- c. Kayla Hamilton, South, Educational Assistant  
(effective January 4, 2021; for a replacement position)

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

4. Termination

- a. Lori Urrutia, North, Latchkey Assistant – Team Leader  
(effective January 1, 2021)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Gundrum & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None



Motion Carried: 5-0

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Rescission of the following Board policies:
  - a. GBRA – Family and Medical Leave Act Expansion – Roger Martin
  - b. GBRAA – Emergency Paid Sick Leave – Roger Martin
2. EL Tutor Needs – Mandy Aug  
Mrs. Aug stated that there is a need for a 50% tutor at South Elementary and a 50% tutor for the virtual learning program.

21-06

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES/RESCISSION OF BOARD POLICY/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-ADDITIONAL SEGMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING A POSITION FOR FUTURE FUNDING

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

D. Other Items for Board Action

1. Recommend the approval of the following Board policies:
  - a. BDC – Executive Sessions
  - b. DH – Bonded Employees and Officers
  - c. DM – Deposit of Public Funds
  - d. EDE – Technology and Communication Services
2. Recommend the rescission of the following Board policy:
  - a. ACCA – Grievance Procedure for Students
3. Recommend adoption of the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-ADDITIONAL SEGMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING A POSITION FOR FUTURE FUNDING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the **Fairfield City School District, Butler County, Ohio**, met in Regular and Organizational session on January 14, 2021 and adopted the following Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the School District Board had previously entered into a Classroom Facilities Assistance Program - Segmenting Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission) on October 28, 2014;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission and the School District completed the scope of construction in Segment One as follows:

Scope	Status
New Elementary School (Central ES)	Completed (August 2017)
New Elementary School (Compass ES)	Completed (August 2017)
New High School (Freshman)	Completed (August 2017)
Abate/Demolish Fairfield Central Elementary School	Completed (July 2017)
Abate/Demolish Fairfield Freshman High School	Completed (July 2017)

**WHEREAS**, the School District Board desires to apply to the Commission to construct an additional segment in order to establish and secure its position for future funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District Board acknowledges that submission of the application does not guarantee a specific period when funding will become available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will offer the School District an opportunity to enter an active planning process approximately **two (2) years** in advance of anticipated funding to prepare for a possible conditional approval of an additional segment in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the **Fairfield City School District, Butler County, Ohio** that the School District desires to apply to the Commission for funding construction of an additional segment for the purposes of establishing and securing the School District position in the priority order of assistance and the Superintendent and Treasurer are hereby authorized to notify the Commission of such application and to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate for said application on behalf of the Board of Education.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

21-07 APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO BUTLER TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

4. Recommend approval of the resolution to appoint Michael Berding to the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education wishes to appoint a member to serve on the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, to be qualified to serve on a board of education of a joint vocational school district, a member must meet the qualifications set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3311.19; and

WHEREAS, the named appointee meets the qualifications as set forth in ORC 3311.19.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, Michael Berding meets the qualification of Ohio Development Schools Board of Education for a period of three years in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3311.19. The term of office shall begin January, 2021.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Clark

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Berding

Motion Carried: 4-0

21-08 APPROVAL OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2020/APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 AMENDEND APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION/DONATIONS/ DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS/APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 TAX BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUTLER COUNTY AUDITOR/APPROVAL OF PAY FOR SEASONAL & SPORADIC ATHLETIC WORKERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021/APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR JANUARY 2021-DECEMBER 2021/APPROVAL OF OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND SERVICE CONTRACT FOR JANUARY 2021-DECEMBER 2021/APPROVAL OF NEW IRS MILEAGE RATE OF 56 CENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

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

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the following meeting:

December 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting

- B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for the month of December 2020

- C. Recommend approval of the 2020-2021 Amended Appropriations Resolution.
- D. Recommend approval of the following donation:
  - 1. A donation of Meijer gift cards valued at \$1,200 to Fairfield Academy from Dougie & Ray's for students to provide gifts to family members for the holidays.

**Total donations for 2021: \$1,200.00**

- E. Recommend approval of the disposal of the following fixed assets:

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
27253	Computer	Central Elementary
27255	Computer	Central Elementary
28133	Computer	Compass Elementary
30620	Computer	Compass Elementary
30641	Computer	Compass Elementary
31681	Computer	Compass Elementary
33039	Computer	Compass Elementary
33042	Computer	Compass Elementary
26140	Computer	Creekside Middle School
28971	Computer	Creekside Middle School
31284	Projector	Creekside Middle School
22551	Projector	Creekside Middle School
30711	Computer	Crossroads Middle School
35585	Projector	Crossroads Middle School
31180	Computer	East Elementary
31310	Computer	East Elementary
25604	iPad	ESL Program
25605	iPad	ESL Program
25606	iPad	ESL Program
25607	iPad	ESL Program
25608	iPad	ESL Program
25609	iPad	ESL Program
25610	iPad	ESL Program
25614	iPad	ESL Program
25615	iPad	ESL Program
25616	iPad	ESL Program
25617	iPad	ESL Program
28118	Computer	FAB
28962	Computer	FAB
33085	Computer	FAB
27364	Computer	Freshman School
27371	Computer	Freshman School
27403	Computer	Freshman School
30803	Computer	Freshman School
6517	Color Television	High School

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6696	Color Television	High School
7581	Color Television	High School
16975	Overhead Projector	High School
20010	Walkie-talkie	High School
20679	Walkie-talkie	High School
22525	Walkie-talkie	High School
23098	Walkie-talkie	High School
27643	Computer	High School
29391	Computer	High School
35111	Computer	High School
27590	Computer	High School
28452	Computer	High School
29212	Computer	High School
29355	Computer	High School
29381	Computer	High School
31364	Computer	North Elementary
19948	Printer	South Elementary
26649	Computer	South Elementary
27220	Computer	South Elementary
29199	Computer	South Elementary
31158	Computer	South Elementary
31604	Computer	South Elementary
32976	Computer	South Elementary
11768	Printer	Support Services
28964	Computer	Technology
33070	Computer	Technology
26647	Computer	Welcome Center
28049	Computer	West Elementary
28954	Computer	West Elementary
31108	Computer	West Elementary
31113	Computer	West Elementary
31123	Computer	West Elementary
31137	Computer	West Elementary
34876	Computer	West Elementary
35739	iPad	West Elementary

F. Recommend approval of the fiscal year 2022 Tax Budget that will be submitted to the Butler County Auditor’s Office.

G. Recommend approval of the following rates to be paid to seasonal and sporadic athletic workers, effective January 1, 2021:

Scorekeepers/Timers/Ticket takers:	\$20 - \$50 (dependent upon sport/games worked)
Site Managers:	\$60 per game
Bookkeeper:	\$150 per tournament

H. Recommend approval of the annual membership (\$7,046) with the Ohio Schools Boards Association for January 2021 – December 2021.

- I. Recommend approval of the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund Service Contract (\$250) pursuant to R.C. Section 3313.171 (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021).
- J. Recommend approval of the new IRS mileage rate of 56 cents effective January 1, 2021

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Legislative Update – Balena Shorter

Mrs. Shorter provided an update on the Fair School Funding, known as House Bill 305 (HB305). She strongly encourages the community to reach out to their Senators to urge them to pass the bill in the Senate (Senate Bill 376).

#### B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding provided the following update from the recent Butler Tech organizational meeting:

*At Tuesday's Butler Tech organizational meeting, the board appointed me to return as President and Brett Guido from Monroe to return as Vice President. We set our meeting dates to be at 6:30pm on the Third Tuesday of every month at Butler Tech Administration Building on the Fairfield Township Campus. Three new board members were sworn in to represent Hamilton, New Miami, and Middletown. This makes six new members (54.5% of the board) since the end of 2019 (Lakota, Talawanda, and Ross sent new representatives in 2020).*

*The deadline to apply for "First Choice" enrollment is January 31. There have been over 1200 applications so far this year for around 800 seats. Students will be graded on a matrix based on their application, then interviewed to gauge their passion for the coursework. This will help determine who is selected.*

*The board was presented an update on the design of the new Natural Science Building on the Monroe Campus. It is expected to break ground in July 2021 with an opening in August of 2022. This building will likely double the size of the classroom spaces students currently experience. Monies for this project has been budgeted for over the last five years and is projected to be completed without asking the community for a bond levy for construction and maintenance.*

*A new Butler Tech documentary called The Education Revolution is scheduled to be released in February. I shared a trailer for it via email today. It features four Butler Tech students as they balance their school life, career goals and other social events.*

*Every eighth grader in the eleven school districts served by Butler Tech will receive a special box in the mail soon. It is a virtual reality tool to help them take virtual tours of Butler Tech using their smart phones, a QR code and/or computers. This will take the place of the actual tour visits to our career labs.*

*Each year at the ACTE (Association of Career Technical Educators) National Policy Seminar that takes place in Washington DC, a technical school located near the seminar is featured. This year the seminar will be virtual, and Butler Tech has been asked to be the featured school. Career Educators across the nation will be able to take a virtual tour of the Butler Tech Campuses. This is a big deal to have the country see what successes our students are having here in Butler County Ohio.*

*Finally, Butler Tech recognizes the struggle that low-income students have accessing online learning due to limited internet access. Currently the campus parking lots are used as “hot spots” for students to have free access. Butler Tech is piloting a program to offer a Free Private LTE network outside of its campus boundaries. There is one problem with this idea. There currently exists federal legislation prohibiting a K-12 school getting E-Rate funding to send out free Wi-Fi outside of its property. Butler Tech has found a loophole.*

*Current technology allows Butler Tech to broadcast its Wi-Fi signal from an antenna on its property out to surrounding communities. This signal can be coded so that only Butler Tech equipment can receive the signal (non-BT equipment will not be able to use the signal even if it has the password). This can only be sent out from the Adult Education campuses that are not subject to the E-rate funding Federal law. These are the Public Safety complex in Liberty Twp. and LeSourdsville Campus in Monroe. Wi-Fi signals will be sent out and a few Manufacturer Home parks near those campuses. Students living in those communities will then have access to online educational content for free. Once we prove this is possible to accomplish, we will take our results to legislators to convince them to allow K-12 schools to do the same thing. If families are not able use the service for personal use (streaming movies, email service, gaming, etc.) we feel confident legislators will help us make online learning more equitable to low-income students. More exciting details to come.*

C. Planning Commission – Brian Begley – No report

D. Student Achievement – Jerrilynn Gundrum

Mrs. Gundrum recognized students Katie Dashley and Layla Burgess who earned all-tourney honors at the Wayne Bowl-out in December. She also congratulated the Ladies Bowling team for their win over Mason earlier this week.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18, 2021 – Martin Luther King Day (No School)

February 4, 2021 – Board Meeting (Work Session) 6:30 PM, Fairfield Senior High School,  
Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

##### Mrs. Shorter

She urges the public to remain vigilant during this time and to continue to be proficient in wearing masks. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

##### Mrs. Gundrum

She echoed Mrs. Shorter’s sentiments about being vigilant so we can keep kids in school. She also thanked the Board members and expressed her appreciation of their service.

##### Mr. Clark

He thanked Gina Gentry-Fletcher for the recognition of the Board. He thanked the tech team for all that they do in this ever-changing world. He congratulated and expressed appreciation to Mr. Berding and Mr. Begley for taking on the leadership of the Board.

##### Mr. Begley

He agreed with Mrs. Shorter and Mrs. Gundrum and stated that this is a highly functioning Board. He was grateful for the update on 1:1 Technology and recognized the

technology team for all of their hard work. He repeated the request to stay vigilant so that the students can remain in school.

Mr. Berding

He also thanked the teachers for their flexibility and for all that they do to keep our kids safe.

21-09 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to recess to Executive Session at 7:51 pm to discuss the following:

The employment and discipline of a public employee 121.22 (G) (1)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:19 pm.

21-10 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by the President, Mr. Berding

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President

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