

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, State of Ohio, held a Regular Session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006 at the Fairfield Senior High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray

Absent: Mrs. Wenning

Also present: Dr. Farrell, Mr. Amodio, Mrs. Lane, & Mr. Clemmons

06-141 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to recess to Executive Session at 6:01 pm to discuss:

Employment and Compensation of Personnel

Pending and Imminent Litigation

SECOND - Seconded by Mr. Ball

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray

Absent: Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the Regular Meeting at 6:23 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT BRIEFING 6:23 until 6:31 pm.

Dr. Farrell & Mrs. Lane discussed the agenda items with the Board.

BRIEF RECESS from 6:31 until 7:00 pm.

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. State Board of Education Recognition

Beth Wagner presented the Certificate of Commendation from the State Board of Education and the District Excellence Banner.

B. Soccer Team Recognition

The Varsity Boys Soccer Team was congratulated by the Board for their outstanding season.

- C. Science – David Vernot  
David Vernot reviewed the Science Curriculum.

#### 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. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each.

None

#### SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Personnel – Certificated

#### 06-142 LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

1. Leaves of Absence
  - a. Trista Allen, High School, Biology  
(effective .25 of October 5, 2006 through October 6, 2006; for child rearing purposes)
  - b. Dawn Farris, Central, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher  
(effective November 27 through December 20, 2006; for childrearing purposes; FMLA is requested)
  - c. Theresa Nevin, Intermediate School, Guidance Counselor  
(effective October 30, 2006, through June 1, 2007; for family medical purposes; FMLA intermittent leave is requested)

2. Employment

- a. Extra-curricular **2006-2007**

**High School**

Tim Adams, Assistant Baseball  
Sonia Aguila, Young Minority Achievers Sponsor  
Matt DiPietro, Assistant Reserve Baseball  
Greg Dodge, High School, Chess Team Coach  
Julie Sowers, International Club Sponsor  
Brian Weinewuth, Assistant Baseball

**Freshman**

Zack Ewen, Assistant Baseball, Freshman  
Kenny Powell, Wrestling, Freshman  
Adam Reed, Baseball, Freshman  
Harvey Stansell, Assistant Wrestling Freshman

**Middle School**

Josh Blankenship, Basketball Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Leslie Burns, Basketball Girls 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Tim Bridge, Basketball Girls 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nate Eigher, Wrestling 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Katie Halley, Basketball Girls 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Adam Reed, Basketball Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Shawn Starkey, Wrestling 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Bob Ward, Basketball Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**East Elementary**

Chris Stover, Special Elementary Chorale

(All recommendations are contingent upon submission of all required documents.)

b. ESL Tutors

Sonia Aguila  
Suzanne Jones  
Mary Showman

(Periodically the district has students who qualify for English as a Second Language services as determined through the district's established assessment process. It is recommended that the above-noted person(s) be employed as an ESL Tutor at the rate of \$22.89 per hour, effective for the 2006-2007 school year.)

c. Home Instructors

Christolain Alexis  
Rodney Hubbard

(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 \$22.89 per hour, effective for the 2006-2007 school year.)

d. Substitute Teachers

Voneta Ball  
Martina Burton  
Barbara Desmond  
Khabirah Ihsan Fleming  
Rosemary Gebhart  
Maggie Githuku  
Kirsten Hannawald

Lori Hayes

Gary John  
Mark Johnson  
Bev Kilburn  
Lance Kinkaid

Matt Klaber  
Jennifer Lane  
Millard Lattimer

Kim Schultheiss  
Brian Stansell  
Larry Dean Stout  
Craig Wilms

Mindy Reed

(All recommendations are for the 2006-2007 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per day.)

(All recommendations are contingent upon submission of all required documents)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Ball  
Public comments: None

06-143 AMEND THE AGENDA TO VOTE ON ITEM “2a” SEPARATELY

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Engel to vote on Item “2a” separately.  
Motion died for lack of a second.

Approval of items “A 1-2”

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray  
Absent: Mrs. Wenning  
Nays: Mr. Engel  
Motion carried: 3-1

B. Personnel – Classified

06-144 RESIGNATIONS/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

1. Resignations
  - a. Chalonna Barr, Middle School, Educational Assistant, effective November 3, 2006 (Personal)
  - b. Mark Burns, Transportation, Bus Driver, effective October 27, 2006 (Personal)
  - c. Drew Northgard, Senior High School, Educational Assistant, effective October 9, 2006 (Personal)

2. Leave of Absence

- a. Jill Bryant, Intermediate School, Educational Assistant, effective November 6 through December 3, 2006 (Personal Medical)
3. Employment (All replacement positions)
  - a. Paula Cocola, Senior High, Food Service Assistant, effective November 13, 2006 (Seniority date of 11/14/06)
  - b. Holly Eveleigh, Middle School, Educational Assistant, effective November 27, 2006 (Seniority date also of 11/27/06)
  - c. Pamela Kopp, Kindergarten Center, Educational Assistant, effective November 13, 2006 (Seniority date of 11/13/06)
  - d. Gina Kreke, West Elementary, Educational Assistant, effective November 13, 2006 (Seniority date of 11/14/06)
  - e. Joy McWhorter, North Elementary, Educational Assistant, effective November 13, 2006 (Seniority date of 11/13/06)
  - f. Patrie Rolling, Middle School, Food Service Assistant, effective November 13, 2006 (Seniority date of 11/15/06)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray  
Public comments: None

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray  
Absent: Mrs. Wenning  
Nays: None  
Motion carried: 4-0

06-145 RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FCTA REGARDING EVALUATIONS OF INTERN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS /APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS/APPROVAL OF \$50 RENTAL FEE FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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

- C. Other Items for Board Action
  1. Recommend approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the FCTA regarding the Evaluation of Intern School Psychologists (This agreement, which was previously reviewed by the Board, addresses an alternative evaluation process for any intern school psychologists employed the Board.)  
by
  2. Recommend approval of Volunteers:

Krista Doan, Varsity Girls Basketball  
Arvid Ferrell, Middle School Basketball  
Nick Johnson, Varsity Basketball  
Robby Price, Varsity Baseball  
Kenny Stewart, Varsity Baseball

(The above-noted person(s) are recommended for approval as volunteer coaches for the 2006-2007 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.)

3. Recommend approval of \$50.00 rental fees (per year) for musical instruments.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Ball

Discussion: Mr. Engel thanked the volunteers.

Public comments: None

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray

Absent: Mrs. Wenning

Nays: None

Motion carried: 4-0

06-146 APPROVAL OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2006/APPROVAL OF THE 2006-2007 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION/APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND TO PAY DEBT FOR 1997 HOUSE BILL 264 ENERGY NOTES FOR FY07/DONATIONS/DISPOSALS

MOTION - Moved by Mr. Ball to approve the following:

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the following meetings:
  - October 19, 2006 – Regular Session
  - November 2, 2006 – Work Session
- B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for October 2006.
- C. Recommend approval of the 2006-07 Amended Appropriations Resolution.
- D. Recommend approval of the transfer of \$447,397.50 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay outstanding debt for the 1997 House Bill 264 Energy Conservation Notes for FY07.
- E. Recommend approval of the following donations:

1. A donation of \$200 from Timothy Boellner of AurGroup Financial Credit Union to the Fairfield Middle School for the *Teen Justice Program*.
2. A donation of \$250 from Dave Brinkman of CARSTAR Quality Collision Service to the Fairfield City School District.
3. A donation from Dicks Sporting Goods of 300 vests, to be used for gym classes, valued between \$1500 and \$1800.
4. A donation from Ohio Casualty Group of school supplies valued at \$1536.
5. A donation from the Butler County School Supply Coalition of \$2147 in school supply kits.
6. A donation of \$500 in school supplies from Medco Health Solutions.
7. A donation of \$250 to the Fairfield Middle School for the Danceline Program from Tri-Graph Services LTD.

F. Disposal of Fixed Assets

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
01552	Television	Central
02910	Monitor	Central
05202	Television	Central
05290	Television	Central
10659	Printer	Central
07995	Monitor	Central
03547	Computer & Monitor	High School
03549	Computer & Monitor	High School
04597	Computer & Monitor	High School
07279	Computer & Monitor	High School
07283	Computer & Monitor	High School
07287	Computer & Monitor	High School
07289	Computer & Monitor	High School
07296	Computer & Monitor	High School
07349	Computer & Monitor	High School
08438	Computer & Monitor	High School
11437	Computer & Monitor	High School
14358	Computer & Monitor	High School
14415	Computer & Monitor	High School
14521	Computer & Monitor	High School
14549	Switch 24 port	High School
15457	Computer & Monitor	High School
16869	Computer & Monitor	High School
13282	Television	Middle School
11666	Printer	Personnel Office
00680	Printer	Business Office
12118	Printer	Food Services

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

Public comments: None

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray  
Absent: Mrs. Wenning

Nayes: None  
Motion carried: 4-0

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Butler Tech – Eugene Ball  
No report.
- B. Student Liaison Report - Anna Boteva & Michelle Weisbrod  
Students introduced themselves.
- C. President’s Report – Dr. Mark Morris

#### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Board policy requires that all members attending conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops, and/or training programs make a verbal report to the Board and public at the next regular meeting.

1. On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended an all day seminar on the Carver policy governance model. Mr. Engel, Dr. Farrell, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Amodio, and Mrs. Milligan also attended. The seminar provided us with a number of useful ideas, some of which I hope to consider with the full Board in the future. Most interesting is the challenge to shift the Board focus to “ends” rather than “means.”
2. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I attended the Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference in Columbus. Mr. Murray, Dr. Farrell, and Mrs. Lane also attended. This conference is the largest gathering of Board Members, administrators, and educators in Ohio with an estimated 10,000 in attendance. I attended panels on community engagement, community surveys, and a very interesting one on podcasting.
3. I was most excited to receive an update on the efforts of a large coalition of groups from across the state of Ohio who are preparing a constitutional amendment to restructure the funding of public schools in Ohio. The amendment is nearly complete, and we hope to see the final language in the coming weeks. The goal of this coalition is to place the amendment before voters in November 2007. I want to caution everyone that there is no simple solution to the issues surrounding the funding of public education. This effort has required everyone involved to compromise, but all agree the trade-offs far outweigh a continuation of the unconstitutional, inequitable, and inefficient system we have in place today. Our community certainly understands the destructive effects of the property tax-based system that requires frequent trips to the ballot. This may be our best chance to make Ohio a leader in both the funding and delivery of public education.
4. I would ask Mr. Murray to offer his comments about the Conference now.

Mr. Murray stated that he felt the conference was very worthwhile and he enjoyed attending t

sessions regarding student achievement.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20 & 21	Conference Exchange Days (no staff or students)
November 22, 23, & 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 7	5:00 Board Work Session at District Office

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Engel stated that the charges against him have been dropped.

Mr. Ball had no comments.

Mr. Murray asks that everyone come to see the Choraliers perform at the Performing Arts Center.

He also asks that everyone support our winter sports teams.

Dr. Morris had the following comments:

#### **COMMENTS:**

I had the privilege and pleasure to attend two awards banquets this week. On Tuesday evening, I attend the Fall Sports Banquet here at the high school. We sat in the Arena as name after name was called. 83 of them in total, and while this was the Fall sports banquet, these individuals were not being recognized for anything they had accomplished as an athlete. These athletes, making up nearly 1/4<sup>th</sup> of all those who participated in fall sports at FHS this year, were receiving GMC Academic awards. They represent the best of what it means to be a student-athlete. They excel in both the classroom AND on the field of competition. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks to all of the students who participated in football, soccer, volleyball, golf, tennis, cross country, and cheerleading this fall.

On Wednesday evening, I attended the Marching Band Banquet. The 215-member marching band was led by a 55-member senior class. Starting with band camp, they put in countless hours of practice and preparation that led to what I would call an undefeated season of their own. In competition after competition this fall, their program of Conflict and Resolution received superior marks. Their hard work was rewarded at the OMEA State Finals in Dayton where they received a 1, the highest mark possible. Congratulations to the marching band and another year of excellence.

While we honor our students at these banquets, I want to also say thanks to the coaches and staff whose dedication and commitment to all of these programs is essential. Great kids are a reflection of the great adults that surround them. We all thank you.

Finally, I want to say thanks to the parents, families, and friends who give tirelessly of their time, talent, and energy to support our extra-curricular activities. None of this happens without you...thank you.

06-147 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Ball  
Public comments: None

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Ball, Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray  
Absent: Mrs. Wenning  
Nays: None  
Motion carried: 4-0

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:49 pm by the President, Dr. Morris.

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President

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