

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, State of Ohio, held a Work Session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2007 at the Fairfield Senior High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:01 pm.

Appointment of Treasurer Pro Tem – Nancy Wenning

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Naming Policy re: Christy Rose Dennis  
Dr. Farrell reviewed the request to name the soccer stadium, “Christy Rose Dennis Memorial Stadium”.

B. Policies

JFCF Hazing and Bullying “Draft #2”  
Dr. Farrell explained this revised policy.

JFCK (Also GBS) Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students and Staff  
Dr. Farrell explained the revisions to this policy.

GBS (Also JFCK) Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students and Staff  
Dr. Farrell explained the purpose for this new duplicate policy.

IICC School Volunteers  
Dr. Farrell explained the revisions to this policy.

Random Student Drug Testing Program

JFCM, JFCM-R, and JFCM-R-1 Substance Use/Abuse Policy and Regulations for Participants in Designated Extracurricular Programs Grades 7 - 12.

IGDJA, IGDJA-R, IFDJA-R-1, and IGDJA-E Drug Testing of Participants in Designated Extracurricular Programs Grades 7-12: Policy, Regulations, and Exhibit

IGDJB, IGDJB-R, and IGDJB-E Drug Testing of Participants who Voluntarily Agree to Random Student Drug Testing: Policy, Regulations, and Exhibit

Dr. Farrell and the Board discussed questions about the impact of these proposed new policies.

It was agreed that random student drug testing is best placed within a comprehensive drug/alcohol education program. The consequences in the proposed substance use/abuse policy will be reviewed in three areas:

1. Separating 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades from grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> such that offenses are not cumulative.
2. Offering students a community service project in lieu of the stated consequences.
3. Placing consequences in closer proximity to the violation.

To be reviewed by the Board at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Participants grades 7-12
2. Substance Use/Abuse Policy and Regulations for grades 7-12

C. Revision of Summer School Director Job Description  
Dr. Farrell reviewed the changes to this job description.

D. Science Textbook Adoption

Bonnie Fitzharris gave an overview of the curriculum items being shared.

Dr. David Vernot reviewed the science course of study and science textbooks and resources.

**First Grade**

AIMS Science Core Curriculum

Ohio Grade One Teacher Binder c. 2006 AIMS Education Foundation

**Second Grade**

AIMS Science Core Curriculum

Ohio Grade Two Teacher Binder c. 2005 AIMS Education Foundation

**Third Grade**

AIMS Science Core Curriculum

Ohio Grade Three Physical Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2004 AIMS Education Foundation

AIMS Science Core Curriculum  
Ohio Grade Three Earth Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2004 AIMS Education Foundation

AIMS Science Core Curriculum  
Ohio Grade Three Life Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2004 AIMS Education Foundation

Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Ohio Edition c. 2006 Harcourt School Publishers  
(student textbook)

**Fourth Grade**

AIMS Science Core Curriculum  
Ohio Grade Four Physical Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2004 AIMS Education Foundation

AIMS Science Core Curriculum  
Ohio Grade Four Earth Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2003 AIMS Education Foundation

AIMS Science Core Curriculum  
Ohio Grade Four Life Science Teacher Binder  
c. 2004 AIMS Education Foundation

Science, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ohio Edition c. 2006 Harcourt School Publishers  
(student textbook)

**Fifth Grade**

Science, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ohio Edition c. 2006 Harcourt School Publishers  
(student textbook)

**9-12 High School Adaptive Curriculum**

General Science c. 2004 AGS Globe Publishing

E. Courses of Study

Revisions:

Dr. Carol Hallman reviewed these courses of study which have been revised.

Business Education (gr 9-12)

Healthy Lifestyles

Health (gr 7)

New

Health (gr 8 Elective) - Reviewed by Dr. Carol Hallman

Music (K-12) – Reviewed by Dr. Carol Hallman

Math (K-12) – Reviewed by Candy Aston

Science (K-12) – Reviewed by Dr. David Vernot

F. Permanent Improvement Projects for 2007

Mr. Amodio reviewed the projects to be completed this summer.

- G. Summer Board Meeting Dates  
June 7, 2007 - Fairfield High School Community Room  
June 21, 2007 - Meeting rescheduled for June 28, 2007  
July 19, 2007 - Meeting will be the only meeting in July.  
August meetings to be discussed

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

- A. Personnel -- Certificated Resignation

07-64 RESIGNATIONS/UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT FOR 2007-2008

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

1. Resignations
  - a. Jennifer Ament, East Elementary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
(effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year; for personal reasons)
  - b. Gaile M. Brennan, North Elementary, Reading Center  
(effective at the end of the day on May 31, 2007; for retirement purposes)
  - c. Jane Lauch, West Elementary, School Nurse  
(effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year; for personal reasons)
2. Unpaid Leave of Absence
  - a. Angela Elam, Sr. High, Math  
(effective for .5 April 18 to May 8, 2007; for childrearing purposes)
  - b. Angela Mangicaro, Freshman School, RN  
(effective for .75 on April 18, 2007; for family medical purposes)
  - c. Mindy Montgomery, Sr. High, Art  
(effective for April 16 and 18, 2007; for personal reasons)
3. Employment for 2007-2008
  - a. Diane Gerde, East Elementary, Cross-Categorical Intervention Specialist  
(recommended for a new one-year limited contract effective August 27, 2007, for the 2007-2008 school year for a replacement position)
  - b. Magaret Githuku, Senior High, Intervention Specialist, additional 50%

(effective with the 2007-2008 school year for a replacement position.  
Ms. Githuku currently holds a 50% two-year contract with the District;  
approval of this recommendation will bring her to 100% status)

- c. Kelly Schneider, West, Title I Reading Teacher  
(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract effective  
August 27, 2007, for the 2007-2008 school year; for a replacement  
position)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Wenning  
Public comments: None

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

B. Personnel -- Classified

#### 07-65 RESIGNATIONS

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

- 1. Correction - Resignations
  - a. Thomas Lewis, West Elementary, Custodian, effective May 1, 2007  
(for retirement purposes; previously reported at June 1, 2007)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray  
Public comments: None

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 6	Arts Fair	High School	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
May 7	Bus Driver Appreciation Day		
May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week		
May 17	Board Meeting	High School	7:00 p.m.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Murray – None

Dr. Morris – None

Mrs. Wenning – None

Mr. Engel

Mr. Engel asked if the efficiency study noted at a previous meeting had been looked into. Mr. Amodio responded that he has spoken with 3 vendors who do efficiency studies but would prefer to have one done by an organization that is not a vendor.

Mr. Engel asked if spelling bees are held. He thought it would be good to do so in the buildings.

Dr. Farrell shared that this could be done in grades 4-8. It's not developmentally appropriate to do spelling bees prior to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and they usually are not done at the high school level. He will discuss spelling bees with the principals.

07-66 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to recess to Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss:

A. Employment and Compensation of Personnel

B. Pending and Imminent Litigation

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, & Mrs. Wenning

Absent: Mr. Ball

Nays: None

Motion carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the Regular Meeting at 8:31 pm.

07-67 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND - Seconded by Mr. Murray.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, & Mrs. Wenning

Absent: Mr. Ball

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:32 pm by the President, Dr. Morris.

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer Pro Tem – Mrs. Wenning