

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held an Organizational Meeting/Special Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

OPENING OF THE MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

President Pro Tem – Dan Hare

The meeting was called to order by the President Pro-Tem at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, & Mr. Hare  
Absent: Mrs. Shorter

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dan Hare

17-01 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to recess to Executive Session at 5:02 pm to discuss the following:  
To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official 121.22 (G) (1)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding & Mr. Hare  
Absent: Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 3-0

Mrs. Shorter arrived at 6:05 pm.

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:05 pm.  
Also present: Mrs. Wildow & Mr. Weiser  
Absent: Mr. Martin

MOMENT OF SILENCE in honor of Jerome Kearns.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS IN HONOR OF JEROME KEARNS

Mrs. Shorter shared the following comments:

Jerome Kearns was a remarkable man. He loved his family and his community. I had the pleasure of working with Jerome through not only the school board, but also the Citizens Police Academy of Fairfield Township. He was an avid supporter of both. Jerome served with honor as a member of both entities.

Jerome served on the Board at a time when things were extremely difficult. There were various controversial issues that were being addressed by the board and things were contentious. Jerome was able to play a pivotal and vital role on the board as the cooling saucer. He was fair-minded and direct. He always sought to find common ground. He was a mentor to new board members, myself included, and he did not hesitate to offer good advice. He always had a solution in the making for problems.

It was clear that he loved kids and wanted to do the best for them all. He brought his skills to the board freely and they were indeed invaluable. He will be missed in this community and on this board specifically. People like Jerome are rare indeed. He was a good and faithful public servant who had done well and was called home all too soon. He will be missed.

Mr. Berding shared the following comments:

Jerome Kearns was not only a friend and colleague, he was an incredible individual. When I first joined the Board of Education, I sought advice from Jerome on many occasions. He always listened intently to my questions no matter how minor the subject. If he didn't know an answer, he always took the time to find it for me.

In addition to being a devout Christian, who did wonderful things in his church, Jerome was a servant leader who led by example. Jerome always conducted himself professionally and with the upmost integrity. Jerome's passion for the welfare of children showed through his work at the county as well as here at Fairfield City Schools. Jerome never cared if his decisions were going to be popular. His only criteria for the decisions he needed to make were if they were in the best interest of children.

During his tenure here on the Fairfield Board of Education, Jerome made significant contributions such as he helped develop Fairfield Schools Master Facility Plan, helped repurpose other school buildings within the district (Fairfield Administration Building and the Fairfield Academy) , opened our School based Health Center, and pressed for the renovation of Fairfield Stadium.

I could state other examples of Jerome's passion to serve others, but they are too numerous to list.

Jerome's efforts here at Fairfield City Schools will live on for generations. I thank God for bringing Jerome Kearns to Butler County and Fairfield City Schools. He will be missed by all, especially me.

I hope to see him again someday.

Mr. Begley stated the following:

As the newest member of this board I only had the privilege of knowing Jerome for about a year and a half. We became fast friends based on our shared faith and our love-hate relationship with running.

I admired Jerome and looked up to him for guidance as I joined this board. He was a man of great character and integrity and after many years of service to the children of this district, he had quite the knack for asking the right question or summing up a difficult topic.

The district and this board has lost a great friend but far more tragically a family has lost a husband and a father. My prayers go out to them and I lift them up to be comforted in this most difficult time to mourn the loss of one so dearly loved. God bless.

Mr. Hare shared the following comments:

I first met Jerome when the Butler County Job and Family Services employed him.

I supported Jerome in his election to the school board because I found him to be a person of high character and integrity. He was always thoughtful in making decisions in the best interest of children. He was an advocate for providing countywide services to children and families and providing outstanding educational and extra-curricular experiences for our students.

Jerome was always consistent in adhering to his values and mindful of the role he was in whether it was Board president, Board member, employee, friend, father or husband. He didn't need a title because he was a leader by example. I always cherished our discussions whether they were about important topics on to how make Butler County or the Fairfield City School District a better place to live and raise children or about simple insignificant issues like which way the four foot putt will break.

We lost an excellent leader, an outstanding Board member, advocate for children and a personal friend. He was a friend to all and will be greatly missed.

17-02 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR 2016 (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. Berding nominated Mr. Hare for President.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to close the nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

President Pro Tem declares himself as the elected President of the Fairfield Board of Board of Education for 2017.

B. Oath of Office for the President given by Mrs. Shorter

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.

17-03 ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2016 (ORC 3313.14)

Mr. Begley nominated Mr. Berding for Vice President.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to close the nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

President declares Mr. Berding as the elected Vice President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2017.

B. Oath of Office for the Vice President – given by Mr. Begley

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

A. MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

17-04 MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Appointment of Carrie O’Neal to serve as a Board of Education member effective January 12, 2017 through December 31, 2017, to fill the unexpired term due to the passing of Jerome Kearns.

MOTION: – Moved by Mr. Berding to appoint Carrie O’Neal.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Hare read the following statement:

We were fortunate to have several outstanding candidates apply for the vacancy on the Board of Education, which made the task of whom to select a difficult choice.

We are proud to announce that Carrie O’Neal has been selected to fill this vacancy.

What resonated with us were her character and integrity.

She is the mother of two actively involved children, a business owner and an active community member. She has an impressive resume of volunteering in our schools.

She understands the importance of embracing our diverse classrooms.

She has been an ardent supporter of our building project and is passionate about the

opportunity to serve our children in preparing them for the future.

Mrs. Shorter congratulated Mrs. O'Neal who has been a diligent worker for the school district. She stated that Mrs. O'Neal will be great asset to the Board.

Mr. Berding echoed Mr. Hare & Mrs. Shorter's comments. He is confident that Mrs. O'Neal will do a great job and added that her track record for students will go a long way in her new position.

Mr. Begley stated that he was pleased with the number of candidates that applied for the Board position, despite the short notice that they were given. He is pleased with the quality of the three people that were interviewed. He congratulated and welcomed Mrs. O'Neal and stated that she will do wonderful things in her new role.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 4-0

- B. Oath of Office for new Board Member – given by Mr. Hare
- C. President directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

#### NEW BUSINESS/BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

17-05 ESTABLISH 2017 MEETING DATES/ESTABLISH BOARD SERVICE FUND FOR 2017/  
APPROVE THE RENEWAL AND/OR PURCHASE OF POSITION/PERFORMANCE BONDS  
FOR BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT &  
TREASURER AS REQUIRED BY OHIO LAW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 EACH/APPROVE  
STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2017/APPOINTMENTS TO OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS  
ASSOCIATION AND CITY COMMITTEES

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

- A. Establish 2017 meeting dates, times and location (ORC 3313.15)

Suggestion:

Work Sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
6:30 P.M.  
Fairfield Administration Building  
Large Conference Room  
4641 Bach Lane  
(There will be no work session in July.)

Regular Sessions: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
6:30 P.M.  
Fairfield Senior High School  
Catherine D. Milligan Community Room  
8800 Holden Blvd.

- B. Consider establishment of a Board service fund for 2017 in the amount of \$9,942.00. (ORC 3315.15).
- C. Recommend renewal and/or purchase of Position/Performance Bonds for Board Members, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer as required by Ohio Law in the amount of \$20,000.00 each.
- D. Recommend approval of the following standing authorizations for 2017:
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 Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Special Services and Director of Business Operations to approve professional day requests for certificated and classified employees for state meetings, workshops, and events in an amount not to exceed the limits in the Annual Appropriation, Board Policy, and negotiated contracts.
12. Authorize members of the Board to attend workshops, seminars and meetings for Professional Development and to benefit the academic and financial status of district.
13. Recommend that in accordance with Section 3313.26, ORC that the Board waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings.

E. Appointments to OSBA and City Committees

1. Legislative Liaison to OSBA/Federal Relations Network – Balena Shorter
2. Parks and Recreation Board – Mark Rice
3. Planning Commission - Brian Begley

(Any of items “A” through “E” 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. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. Fairfield City School Based Health Center – Jeff Madden

Mr. Madden gave an overview of the first year of the School Based Health Center.

Board comments:

Mr. Berding stated that the liaisons have informed him of how valuable the health center is for our students and the community.

Mrs. Shorter thanked Mr. Madden for the information. She further stated that it is great to see that 5000 people have been served.

She asked if we have data that shows that absenteeism has gone down from those students that have been served by the health center. We do not have enough data at this time.

She also asked if we have data that shows the specific age range of the patients. We do have that data.

Mr. Begley commented that he went to the health center for dental care and that he was very impressed. He wants to know how we can get more adults to use the center.

Mrs. O'Neal asked what the long-term goal will be for the center.

B. New Buildings Update – Tom Weiser

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.

A township resident spoke about school starting times for next year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

17-06 RESIGNATIONS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE/RECISSION/EMPLOYMENT – Mr. Weiser

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

A. Personnel – Licensed

1. Resignations

- a. Colin Celek, Senior High, Pep Band, 50% (effective with the 2016-17 school year; for personal reasons)
- b. Jerome Funk, Senior High, Boys Swim Coach, 50% (effective with the 2016-17 school year; for personal reasons)
- c. Jerome Funk, Senior High, Girls Swim Coach, 25% (effective with the 2016-17 school year; for personal reasons)
- d. Kyle Smith, Freshman, Basketball Assistant, Boys (effective for the 2016-17 school year; for personal reasons)
- e. Terry Zornow, Senior High, Spanish (effective June 1, 2017; for retirement purposes)

2. Leaves of Absence

- a. Amy Hauer, Intermediate, Counselor (effective February 2, 2017 through February 24, 2017; for childrearing purposes)
- b. Mary MacKinnon, Central, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (effective February 1, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year; for childrearing purposes)



- c. Benjamin Zoeller, Senior High, Social Studies  
(effective February 9, 2017 through February 17, 2017; for personal reasons)

3. Rescission from November 17, 2016 Board Meeting

- a. Tonya Rose, North, RN

4. Employment

- a. Extracurriculars 2016-17

**Senior High**

Craig Reed, Swim Coach, Boys, 50%

**Freshman**

Randal Sharrock, Basketball Assistant, Girls

- b. Home Instructors

Emily McNamara

(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 \$26.09 per hour, effective for the 2016-2017 school year.)

- c. Substitute Teachers

Jodi Miller

Sarah Spurlock

(All recommendations are for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$87 per day.)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

17-07 RESCISSION OF TERMINATION/RESIGNATIONS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

B. Personnel – Classified – Mr. Weiser

- 1. Rescission of Termination from November 30, 2016 Board Meeting

- a. Johnny Duncil, Sr. High, Custodian  
(effective the end of the day November 30, 2016)

2. Resignations

- a. Johnny Duncil, Sr. High, Custodian  
(effective the end of the day December 1, 2016; per Agreement dated December 20, 2016)

3. Leaves of Absence

- a. Gina Hettesheimer, West, Food Service Assistant  
(effective January 3, 2017 through March 1, 2017; extension of unpaid personal medical)
- b. Antoinette Solomon, North, Educational Assistant  
(effective December 14, 2016 through January 14, 2017; extension of unpaid personal medical)

4. Employment

- a. Richard Dane, Central, Custodian  
(effective January 23, 2017; for a replacement position)
- b. Eva Sharpshair, North, Educational Assistant  
(effective January 13, 2017; for a replacement position)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

Brief recess was observed from 9:50 – 9:55 pm.

C. Item for Board Discussion

1. Transportation and Start Times for the 2017-2018 School Year – Billy Smith and Tom Weiser

The district is expanding bussing to include sophomores for the 2017-2018 school year. The estimated cost to expand bussing for sophomores is \$175,000 which covers running eleven additional buses. We will not need additional buses or drivers.

The proposed start times for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

Creekside & Crossroads Middle Schools – 7:15 am

Freshman School & High School – 8:00 am

Central, East & South Elementary Schools – 8:45 am

Compass, North & West Elementary Schools – 9:30 am

2. North Gilmore Road Dedication Plat – Tom Weiser  
This item is consistent with the agreement with the city of Fairfield to include work on Holden Blvd. and Gilmore Road.
3. Program of Studies for 2017-2018 – Lani Wildow
4. Fairfield Township Compensation Agreement – John Clemmons  
This agreement is for North Gilmore and Hamilton-Mason Road. It permits the school district to be held harmless. The TIF would result in revenue loss for the school district.

17-08 AMEND AGENDA TO TABLE ITEM 5 “OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION”

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Shorter to amend agenda to table Item 5 in Other Items For Board Action.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Abstain: Mr. Berding  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 4-0

17-09 APPROVAL OF O.A.P.S.E. LOCAL #568 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/  
APPROVAL OF O.A.P.S.E. LOCAL # 727 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/  
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WORLEY AUCTIONEERS TO AUCTION UNUSED  
ITEMS FROM BOTH CENTRAL ELEMENTARY & THE FRESHMAN SCHOOL PRIOR  
TO THE DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS/AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT  
AND TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE ROADWAY DEDICATION PLAT TO THE CITY  
OF FAIRFIELD FOR THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH GILMORE ROAD

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

D. Other Items for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of O.A.P.S.E. Local #568 Memorandum of Understanding
2. Recommend approval of O.A.P.S.E. Local #727 Memorandum of Understanding
3. Recommend approval of contract with Worley Auctioneers to auction unused items from both Central Elementary and the Freshman School prior to the demolition of these buildings.

4. Authorize the Board President and Treasurer to execute the roadway dedication plat to the City of Fairfield for the east side of North Gilmore Road.
5. Recommend adoption of the following Resolution: ITEM TABLED

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT  
WITH THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WAIVING  
RIGHTS TO CERTAIN NOTICE AND APPROVAL OF TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCING EXEMPTIONS BY THE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES ON SPECIFIC REAL PROPERTY.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District as follows:

1. The School Compensation Agreement between the Fairfield City School District Board of Education and Fairfield Township Board of Trustees on file in the office of the Treasurer is hereby approved and the President and Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of this Board.
2. Provided that the Fairfield Township Board of Trustees approves and executes the School Compensation Agreement before approving any TIF tax exemptions on the specific real property identified in the School Compensation Agreement, the Fairfield City School District Board of Education hereby waives its right to notice and approval of such exemptions under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.73 as to the real property identified in the School Compensation Agreement only. This waiver of approval and notice shall have no application to any other real property located in Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio. This Board does not waive the prior notice of TIF tax exemptions under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.83 which shall be provided by Fairfield Township.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nayes: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

17-10 EMPLOYMENT

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

- A. Personnel Licensed – Mr. Weiser
  1. Employment
    - a. Extracurriculars 2016-17

**Freshman**

Kyle Smith, Basketball Assistant, Boys

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O’Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

17-11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2016/  
APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION/DONATIONS/  
DISPOSALS/APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 TAX BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED  
TO BUTLER COUNTY AUDITOR/APPROVAL OF PAY FOR SEASONAL & SPORADIC  
ATHLETIC WORKERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

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

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

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

December 15, 2016 – Regular Meeting

B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for the month of December 2016.

C. Recommend approval of the 2016 - 2017 Amended Appropriations Resolution.

D. Recommend approval of the following donations:

1. A donation of six (6) American Heart Association CPR in Schools Kits valued at \$3,894 from Mercy Health to the Fairfield City School District.
2. A donation of \$500 from Chuck Riczko to the Fairfield City School District Academic Team.

**Total donations for 2017: \$4,394.00**

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

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
30263	Cell phone	Athletic Department
21549	Computer	District Office
21637	Printer	District Office
21779	Printer	District Office
22601	Computer	District Office
23086	Language Translator	District Office
30543	Printer	District Office
14307	Printer hub	High School
14310	Printer hub	High School

14314	Printer hub	High School
14334	Printer hub	High School
14345	Printer hub	High School
14351	Printer hub	High School
20681	Computer	High School
21451	Projector	Intermediate School
797	Propane buffer	Maintenance Department
4039	Toro push mower	Maintenance Department
7719	Propane burnisher	Maintenance Department
8404	Propane burnisher	Maintenance Department
8405	Propane buffer	Maintenance Department
28239	Cell phone	Maintenance Department
28253	Cell phone	Maintenance Department
21226	Projector	Middle School
15110	Smartdisk drive	Technology Department
19182	Computer	Technology Department
21155	Computer	Technology Department
21161	Computer	Technology Department
30217	Cell phone	Technology Department
31754	Cell phone	Technology Department
12470	Printer	West Elementary
12588	Printer	West Elementary
22754	Computer	West Elementary

- F. Recommend approval of the fiscal year 2018 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, 2017:

Scorekeepers/Timers/Ticket takers:	\$28 per game
Site Managers:	\$60 per game
Bookkeeper:	\$150 per tournament

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O'Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative Update – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding updated the board on the following:

Governor Kasich appointees, Tess Eishoff and Nancy Hollister, have been elected as the 2017 Ohio State School Board President and Vice President respectfully.

The governor has also requested all state agencies submit two budget proposals, one at 100% funding and one with 10% cutbacks. The State Board of Education has proposed an additional \$25 million over two years to help serve an additional 6250 children of low income families to help bridge the achievement gap. That would bring their total to \$95 million/year.

Next week a few members of the Butler Tech BOE, including myself, will be attending the 2017 Ohio ACTE Legislative Seminar in Columbus. While we are there, we have meetings scheduled with several State Senators and State Representatives to discuss new state laws affecting schools and school funding. I will update you at our February meeting on the results of these conversations.

Mr. Begley was kind enough to share the following information with me regarding new laws in effect as of January 12, 2017:

Lindsay's Law helps prevent sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes. Along with concussion guidelines, students and parents now have to review standards and protocols about sudden cardiac arrest, and coaches are required to complete an annual training course on the condition.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum can now start as early as kindergarten. Programs are available that help to guide students on the educational path that will carry them through their primary education.

**Truancy:** Schools can no longer suspend or expel a student just for excessive truancy. Districts with truancy levels over 10 percent are required to implement an absence-intervention team in an attempt to avoid truancy charges.

**Snow days:** The Ohio Department of Education will no longer have to approve a district's plan to make up snow days or the "blizzard bags" that schools send to students' homes. Schools will work out a solution on their own.

Thank you Mr. Begley for sharing.

B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding read the following statement:

I emailed everyone on the board and on the leadership team the January 2017 Butler Tech Student Success update. I also have extra copies for Mr. Clemmons and our newest board member, Mrs. O'Neal. Please share it with as many people as you wish.

I hope you had a chance to read about Senator Rob Portman's visit to the Bio Science Center in December. Senator Portman was very impressed with the work the students are doing, saying it is "cutting edge in the country" and students are being exposed to the medical profession that is normally seen in medical school - not even in undergraduate school- and these are juniors and seniors in high school. There are many other success stories, including Adult Education.

This past Tuesday was Butler Tech's BOE organizational meeting. At that meeting we set the meeting schedule to be the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Educational Resource Center on the D. Russel Lee campus. Please come and join us for a meeting and

learn much more about Butler Tech (there is free food). Also if you follow Fairfield City Schools on *Twitter*, or you follow my wife Susan on *Facebook*, you would know that the Butler Tech BOE elected me to serve as their 2017 Board President. I am extremely honored my colleagues put their trust in me.

C. Planning Commission – Brian Begley – Nothing to report

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education hereby appoints T. David Burgess to serve as the designated referee for the Tyler Conrad hearing. (Original hearing date of January 5, 2017 is cancelled. Hearing will be rescheduled through mutual agreement by the parties.)

January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King Day (No School)

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Begley

He congratulated Mrs. O’Neal and welcomed her to the Board.

Mrs. Shorter

She congratulated Mrs. O’Neal.

She also congratulated Mr. Berding on his appointment as the Butler Tech Board President. She expressed her thanks to all of the excellent candidates that applied for the Board position and expressed her appreciation that the candidates want to be civically engaged in the educational process.

Mr. Berding read the following statement:

First I would like to welcome Mrs. O’Neal to our board. We have great board of education members who are passionate about the welfare of ALL students. We have an outstanding administration team led by Mr. Smith and the best treasurer in the state.

I would like to remind everyone that Fairfield’s Fourth Annual Father-Daughter Dance presented by Fairfield Township Youth Basketball League and Building Fairfield’s Future is Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the high school arena from 7-9 pm. The dance is open to all Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their fathers or male role models. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The tickets are now on sale at [www.FTYBL.com](http://www.FTYBL.com).

Mrs. O’Neal

She thanked everyone for welcoming her. She is honored to serve with the Board.

She feels that it is important to recognize and celebrate our staff and students. She commended all of the amazing people who help our students.

She thanked her children’s bus driver, Jeff Stegman, who wrote a poem to his students for the holiday and told the students how much they mean to him in the poem. Her children would rather ride the bus than have a ride to school because of Mr. Stegman.

She reminded everyone that it takes everyone in all of the touch points to support students.



BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (continued)

Mr. Hare

He welcomed Mrs. O'Neal and looks forward to working with her. He acknowledged that the Board has thrown a lot at her tonight and complimented her for handling it well.

17-12 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Begley to recess to Executive Session at 10:33 pm to discuss the following:

- The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official 121.22 (G) (1)
- Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation
- Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)
- Negotiations with other subdivisions regarding economic development assistance 121.22 (G) (8)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O'Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 11:02 pm.

17-13 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mrs. O'Neal & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 pm by the President, Mr. Hare.

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President

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

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Treasurer