

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 in Conference Room A at the Fairfield Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 pm.

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

Also present: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Wildow, Mr. Weiser & Mr. Clemmons  
Absent: Mr. Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dan Hare

Mrs. Shorter arrived at 6:33 pm.

#### PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. State Report Card – Lani Wildow, Jennie Thompson & Katie Pospisil

##### Board Comments:

Mrs. Shorter noted that algebra and geometry scores have decreased from last year on the district report card and need to be improved.

Mrs. Wildow stated that Mr. Rice has been meeting with teachers to address this issue.

Mrs. O’Neal stated that it was great to see all of the growth in the report card, especially at the fourth grade level.

Mr. Begley wonders if the new configuration with fifth graders at the elementary level will have any effect on the scores.

#### SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

#### 17-102 EXTRACURRICULAR CORRECTIONS

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

A. Personnel – Licensed – Mr. Smith

1. Extracurricular Corrections 2017-18

a. Crossroads Middle – Correction from August 17, 2017

Angela Cortright, Volleyball 7<sup>th</sup> (corrected to show two separate contracts)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. O’Neal

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

17-103 EMPLOYMENT

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

B. Personnel – Classified

1. Employment

- a. Julie Bennett, South, Food Service Assistant  
(effective October 16, 2017, for a replacement position)
- b. Jennis Calihan, Transportation, Educational Assistant  
(effective September 22, 2017; for a new position)
- c. Lois Cutsinger, Creekside, Educational Assistant  
(effective October 2, 2017; for a replacement position)
- d. Kelly Henson, East, Food Service Assistant  
(effective October 2, 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

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Memorandum of Understanding (Freshman School Auditorium Manager) – Lani Wildow
2. Transfer of ESL Scholarship Fund to the Fairfield Community Foundation – Nancy Lane  
This item will be put on the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for approval.
3. Bus Purchases – Tom Weiser  
This is the fourth year to purchase buses and the approval to purchase will be on the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
4. North Gilmore Road Vegetation Easement to Duke – Tom Weiser  
Duke Energy needs an easement to move equipment.  
This item will be on the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for approval.

5. EMIS Specialist – Jeff Madden

This position would assist the EMIS Coordinator and serve as the Homeless Liaison and Foster Care Point of Contact.

Board discussion:

Mr. Begley wanted to know how many cases of homelessness and foster care we have in the district.

Mr. Madden will get that information and share it with the Board.

Mrs. Shorter asked about the qualifications.

Mr. Madden stated familiarity with student data and accuracy with data, experience working with kids and assisting families with locating resources would be required.

Mrs. Shorter stated that she thinks someone with a social work background would be needed.

17-104 APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EXTRACURRICULAR POSITION  
CO-CURRICULAR – MUSIC 6-12/APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING (FRESHMAN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM MANAGER)

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

D. Other Items for Board Action

1. Recommend Approval of the Job Description for Extracurricular Position

- Co-Curricular – Music Grades 6-12

2. Recommend Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (Freshman School Auditorium Manager)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. O’Neal

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 – Balena Shorter

Mrs. Shorter will send the update to the Treasurer.

B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding

Matt King, Butler Tech instructor, presented information regarding drone technology at The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. Butler Tech is looking at the Butler County Regional Airport to expand the drone technology program.

C. Parks and Recreation Update – Carrie O’Neal

She reminded everyone that the Final Summer Session of the Farmer’s Market will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. On the same day, the second annual Family Farm-R-Treat Festival will occur.

The Children’s Theater of Cincinnati will perform the *Cat in the Hat* on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Harbin Park will host the Cycle Cross Mountain races from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

D. Planning Commission – Brian Begley – No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 6, 2017 – Homecoming Parade, 5:30 PM

October 7, 2017 – Homecoming Dance, 8:30-11:30 PM, FHS Arena

October 10, 2017 – Butler Tech All Boards Meeting, 6:00-7:30 PM – D. Russel Lee

October 12, 2017 – Jeff Yalden School & Community Event, 6:30- 8:30 PM, FHS PAC

October 19, 2017 – Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

November 3, 2017 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades K-12

November 6, 2017 – Community Coffee 9:00-10:30 AM, Fairfield Coffee, 311 Nilles Road

November 7, 2017 – Inservice Day (No students)

November 9, 2017 – Community Coffee, 5:00-6:30 PM, Coffee Cup Overflowing,  
6544 Winford Avenue

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Begley

He wished everyone a wonderful and safe Homecoming weekend.

Mrs. Shorter

She echoed the comment for a safe and wonderful weekend.

She thanked Mr. Simmins & Mr. Sanders for their work with ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Science Olympics. She has volunteered to coach a student that is interested in engineering and encourages others to step up to coach students. In addition to STEM, there are many other areas to consider, including arts and writing. She thinks the organization is great and looks forward to working with the student. There have been lots of winners of gold, silver and bronze medals in the past.

Mr. Berding

He thanked Mrs. Shorter for stepping up to be a coach for STEM.

He thanked Mrs. Wildow for her presentation and cautioned the public to seek understanding of the grades before leading to conclusions.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (continued)

Mrs. O'Neal

She can't believe that we are reaching the end of the first quarter on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She pointed out that the district serves students in various ways from the report card to providing backpacks. She thanks everyone for all that they do every day.

She had an amazing experience as a chaperone for Camp Kirkwood which was held for 100 band and show choir students. Not only did the creative talent impress her, but the fact that the program fosters personal development and celebrates the uniqueness of the students is equally impressive. She congratulated all of the staff that is involved in the program.

Mr. Hare

He wished everyone a safe Homecoming weekend.

17-105 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. O'Neal to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm by the President, Mr. Hare.

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President

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

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Treasurer