

FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 3, 2024

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The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session Meeting on the 3rd of October, 2024 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community room at Fairfield High School.

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

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier
Absent: Mr. Clark

Also present: Mr. Smith, Mr. Hussel, Mrs. Hauer, Mrs. Aug, Mr. Perry & Mr. Clemmons
Absent: Ms. Lee

24-87 APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER PRO TEM

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

Appoint Mrs. Gundrum as Treasurer Pro Tem when Interim Treasurer is not present at the Board Meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Berding-Miller

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller & Mr. Napier
Abstain: Mrs. Gundrum
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 3-0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jerrilynn Gundrum

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

A. Transportation Update – Janette Flick & Lance Perry

Ms. Flick shared information on the following topics:

- Current Transportation Staff
- Office Staff Responsibilities
- Requirements to be a Bus Driver
- Current Bus Fleet
- Safety and Expectation
- Bus Stop Routing
- 2024-2025 School Year Stats

The Board thanked Ms. Flick and Mr. Perry for the presentation and asked a few questions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

24-88 UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT – Mr. Hussel

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Berding-Miller to approve the following:

A. Personnel – Professional

1. Unpaid Leave of Absence

a. Faith Koehne, Creekside, 7th grade Math

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(effective December 2, 2024 through December 20, 2024; for childrearing purposes)

2. Employment

a. Extracurriculars 2024-2025

Senior High

Ross Baker, Football, Assistant, Sophomore 30%
Ross Baker, Football, Varsity Assistant 70%
Jennifer Carroll, TREE Club Advisor
Deion Curtis, Winter Guard Assistant Instructor
Kurt Himmelwright, Football, Assistant Sophomore 25%
Kurt Himmelwright, Football, Varsity Assistant 50%
Darren Ling, Marching Band Co-Director
Doug Meece, Golf Coach, Reserve Girls
Craig Reed, Head Swim Coach
Lori Vail, Drama Club Producer
Darren J. Wyrick, Basketball, Boys, Head Coach

Freshman

Erica Ostendorf, Volleyball, Girls
Kurt Himmelwright, Football 90%

Middle – Middle Creekside and Middle Crossroads combined

Michael Mynhier, Basketball, Boys 7th/8th Grade
Michael Mynhier, Track, Middle School Head, 7th/8th Grade
Craig Reed, Swim Team Coach

Middle – Creekside Middle

Craig Reed, Intramural Swimming, 6th Grade

Middle – Crossroads Middle

Craig Reed, Intramural Swimming, 6th Grade

East Elementary

Christie Riggs, Elementary Select Choir Director (additional due to numbers)

b. Substitute Teachers

Jillian Splawn
Michaela Smith

(All recommendations are for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$125 per day.)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Napier

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

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Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4-0

24-89 RESIGNATIONS/UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT– Mr. Hussel

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

B. Personnel – Support

1. Resignations

- a. Alberta Creech, District, Receptionist
(effective the end of the day September 27, 2024; for personal reasons)
- b. Darion Harvey, North, Educational Assistant
(effective the end of the day September 13, 2024; for personal reasons)

2. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- a. Dylan Akers, Senior High, Educational Assistant
(effective August 5, 2024 through August 18, 2024; for personal reasons)
- b. Zahanara Ahmed, Freshman, Educational Assistant
(effective .25 day October 30, 2024 through December 1, 2024; for personal reasons)
- c. Anna Coleman, Transportation, Bus Driver
(effective .5 day October 1, 2024 through November 11, 2024; for personal reasons)
- d. Charity Gialloredo, Creekside, Educational Assistant
(extension of unpaid leave of absence starting September 20, 2024 through October 26, 2024)
- e. Regina Tapplar, Transportation, Bus Driver
(extension of unpaid leave of absence starting September 19, 2024 through October 21, 2024; for personal reasons)

3. Employment

- a. Amanda Jenson, Transportation, Bus Driver
(effective September 23, 2024; for a replacement position)
- b. Valan Midell, Transportation, Bus Driver
(effective September 19, 2024; for a replacement position)
- c. Madeline Mills, Freshman, Educational Assistant
(effective September 23, 2024; for a replacement position)

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- d. Michael Pennington, Central, Custodian
(effective October 2, 2024; previously temporary custodian; for a replacement position)
- e. Christopher Williams, Senior High, Temporary Custodian
(effective October 1, 2024 through January 1, 2025; for a replacement position)
- f. Aaron Wilson, Maintenance, Custodian
(effective October 2, 2024; previously temporary custodian; for a replacement position)

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Berding-Miller

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Board Policies – Kim Hauer

- a. EBCE - Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations

This is a recommended revision due to HB33. Removing EBCE E-1 and EBCE E-2 and replacing both of these with EBCE-E.

- b. BDDG – Minutes

This revision is due to Senate Bill 168.

- c. IC/ICA – School Year/School Calendar

This revision is due to Senate Bill 168.

- d. DJC – Bidding Requirements

This revision is due to Senate Bill 168.

- e. GCD – Professional Staff Hiring

This revision is due to Senate Bill 168.

- f. GDC/GDCA/GDD - Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies /Hiring

This revision is due to Senate Bill 168.

2. Proposed Substitute Rates – Jason Hussel

This rate increase will make Fairfield competitive with other districts in Butler County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative Update – Jerrilynn Gundrum

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Nothing to report.

B. Butler Tech – Brian Begley

Mr. Begley said on Tuesday, he attended the groundbreaking for the BioScience campus expansion. He also handed out a flyer for October 17th at 9:00 a.m. for the Aviation Education Hangar at Middletown Airport.

C. Student Achievement – Abby Berding-Miller

Mrs. Berding-Miller highlighted that Fairfield had 40 AP Scholars that were recently named by the College Board for exemplifying excellence on their AP exams. She said she isn't going to name them all but she wanted to congratulate all of them.

D. Parks and Recreation – Scott Clark

Nothing to report due to Mr. Clark's absence.

E. Planning Commission – Billy Smith

Nothing relevant to the District to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 10, 2024 – End of 1st Quarter Grades K-12

October 11-14, 2024 – Fall Break, No School

October 17, 2024 – Board Meeting, Regular Session, 6:30 PM. Fairfield West Elementary School, Gymnasium

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Napier – He thanked Ms. Flick and Mr. Perry for the information. He also stated he missed Mrs. Lane being at the meeting.

Mrs. Berding-Miller – She thanked Ms. Flick and Mr. Perry for all their work. She also mentioned a huge girls' soccer game vs. Oak Hills. Mr. Smith stated he was going to the game right after the meeting.

Mrs. Gundrum – She thanked Ms. Flick and Mr. Perry for the update. She stated she had a new appreciation for Mrs. Lane tonight and hopes she is living her best life.

Mr. Begley – He thanked Ms. Flick for her dedication.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Berding-Miller

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by the President, Mr. Begley.

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President

Attest: _____
Interim Treasurer