

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, State of Ohio held a Work Session on the 2nd day of March 2006 at the Fairfield Operations Building.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:10 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger & Mrs. Wenning

Absent: None

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Purpose statements for committees

The following Board Committee purpose statements were discussed:

Audit Committee:

To review the annual financial audits of the District and address any issues or concerns that are stated in the management letters.

Educational Planning Committee

To discuss policies and actions which are required by law or will be recommended to the Board of Education to enhance our educational program.

Facilities Committee

Our buildings should support/provide for optimal student learning in a safe and secure environment utilizing the most recent Ohio School Facilities Commission standards.

Finance/Staffing Committee

The goal of the committee should be to identify how we can operate within the current budget and avoid future operating levies while providing quality education for our children.

Mr. Engel shared his thoughts from the Finance Committee Meeting that took place on February 16, 2006. Mr. Engel wants to address cuts before next year. He would like the Board to direct Dr. Farrell to look at cost-saving measures.

Mr. Clemmons stated that the Finance Committee can work with Dr. Farrell on budget concerns. A Board motion is not required for Dr. Farrell to address budget concerns.

Mrs. Lane stated that she would like to present the updated forecast at the April Work Session.

At the May Work Session Dr. Farrell will recommend potential savings measures.

The Board has agreed to allow outside members on the Board Committees.
The Board would approve individuals to serve on the committees via a motion.

Dr. Morris stated that he is working on a communications plan with Beth Wagner.

Dr. Morris also stated that the Extra-Curricular Committee will be started in the near future.

B. Ohio Board of Regents Report

Dr. Hallman presented information to the Board.

Dr. Farrell shared the Life Tracker Survey with the Board.

Mr. Engel commented on the Life Tracker Survey. He thinks the post high school survey should include the name of the college. If the student had to take remedial courses in college, the course names should be listed.

Dr. Farrell plans to share a revised draft of the survey with the Board when available.

C. Online education

Dr. Farrell shared a proposal for Butler Tech to provide a mobile lab for 80 stations at the high school for on-line courses. Butler Tech has an instructor to guide the students. This option would assist credit deficient students, provide an option when scheduling conflicts arise, assist with remediation, and would include home instruction students.

D. Dress code

Dr. Farrell has a dozen parents, a dozen staff, a dozen students and a few administrators assigned to a dress code committee chaired by Cathy Milligan. Per Ohio Revised Code, a six month notice period must be provided before a standardized dress can be implemented.

Mr. Murray would like enforcement guidelines in the dress code reviewed.

The Board should make the Superintendent's Secretary aware if they would like to attend the dress code meetings.

E. STRS Letter

Mr. Engel encouraged the Board to sign a letter to the Governor regarding the proposed push to increase the STRS contribution.

Mr. Senger does not wish to sign the letter. He thinks the Board should wait on sending out a letter to the legislature.

Dr. Morris would like to wait.

Mr. Murray would like to wait.

Mrs. Wenning would like to wait.

- E. Board meetings for April – possible changes:
April 4 – 5:00 pm - Work Session
April 27 – 6:00 pm – Regular Meeting at North Elementary
The Board will vote on these changes at the March 16th regular meeting.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

06-21 2006-2007 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MOTION Moved by Mr. Engel to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval for Treasurer to advertise for the following Permanent Improvement projects for the 2006-2007 school year.

These bids are to be opened March 23, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Intermediate School

- Roof replacement
- Window replacement
- Kitchen Exhaust Hood Replacement

Middle School

- Locker replacements
- Main Entrance and Portable Classroom Security

Freshman School

- Bleacher replacement
- Gymnasium Acoustical Treatment

Mr. Amodio stated that we have been under budget on Permanent Improvement by \$465,000.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Senger
Public Comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Engel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Senger, & Mrs. Wenning
Nays: None
Motion carried: 5-0

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Senger

- The Science Fair at the Fairfield Middle School was a great event. The Science Department did a great job.

Mr. Murray

- He enjoyed participating as a judge at the Science Fair.

Dr. Morris

- Congratulations to the three students that made it to the State Swimming Finals.

Mrs. Wenning

- Encourages the community to get involved in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Engel

- He has enjoyed his visit to nine school buildings in the District so far.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Engel

- OSBA has sent Mr. Engel a letter regarding pending legislation that could require a building operator in every building funded by state funds.
- It is not clear how the definition will affect our school district. Mr. Engel will obtain clarification on this issue.

Mr. Murray

- He would like to have the schedule of the air times for the Board meeting videos placed on the District's website.

06-22 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION-Moved by Mr. Senger to recess to Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss the following:

Pending Litigation

Employment and Compensation of Public Employee(s)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Wenning

Public Comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 8:30 pm.

06-23 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Moved by Mr. Engel to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Senger

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

Nays: None

Motion carried: 5-0

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:31 pm by the President, Dr. Morris.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer