

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, State of Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4th day of September 2008 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Engel, Mr. Kearns, & Mr. Murray
Absent: Dr. Morris

Also present: Mrs. Milligan, Mr. Otten, Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Lane

Mr. Clemmons arrived at 5:43 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

08-109 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 5:33 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Pending or Imminent Litigation 121.22 (G) (3)
- B. Discipline & Dismissal of an Employee 121.22(G) (1)
- C. Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)
- D. Sale of Property 121.22 (G) (2)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Bailey

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Engel, Mr. Kearns & Mr. Murray
Absent: Dr. Morris
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the Regular Session at 6:09 pm.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Update on School Improvement Plans – Bonnie Fitzharris
Mrs. Fitzharris explained the 2007-2008 Report Card.
In addition, she explained our district's initiatives for school improvement.
By October 1st, each school building in our district will have a school improvement plan.
2. Topics for Curriculum Presentation in 2008-2009
Mr. Engel would like to see the AYP presented.
Mr. Murray would like Butler Tech and the Fairfield City School District's partnership regarding classes as a presentation.

3. Regulation KG-R-1 Use of School District Facilities (commonly known as "building use policies")
Mr. Lewis presented this policy. One of the biggest changes to the regulation is for the rental fee to be paid 100% up front.
He will bring this policy back to the Board on September 18th for approval.

08-110 APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY *IKEB ACCELERATION, IKEB-R PROCEDURES ON ACADEMIC ACCELERATION AND EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION/* APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO CITY OF FAIRFIELD FOR RETENTION BASIN ALONG PORT UNION/APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LOCAL # 727 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011.

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

1. Recommend approval of Board policy IKEB “Acceleration” and Board regulation IKEB-R “Procedures on Academic Acceleration and Early High School Graduation.”
2. Recommend granting an easement to the City of Fairfield for the construction and maintenance of a retention basin along Port Union Road on Board-owned property.
3. Recommend approval of the negotiated agreement between the Fairfield Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local #727 effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns
Public comments: None

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Engel to amend the agenda to pull item 3 and vote on that item separately.

Motion died for lack of a second.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Kearns & Mr. Murray
Absent: Dr. Morris
Nays: Mr. Engel
Motion Carried: 3-1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 18	6:30 Superintendent Briefing	High School Community Room
	7:00 Regular Board Meeting	High School Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Engel

He congratulated everyone for an excellent rating. He stated that everybody deserves a pat on the back.

Mr. Kearns

Congratulations to the Freshman School's Agents of Change Program for receiving the Southwest Ohio School Board Association selection as being an outstanding group.

Congratulations to the Fairfield Coalition for Safe & Drug Free Schools for receipt of a five year grant.

Congratulations to Brooke Miller, chosen to perform with the All State Choir.

Congratulations for receipt of Early Childhood Grant.

Mrs. Bailey

She thanked Becky Staples for securing a \$2500 grant from Target for West Elementary.

Mr. Murray

He read the following comments submitted by Dr. Morris:

First, let me apologize for my absence from tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, I have a work commitment that could not be changed.

Despite my absence, I want to congratulate everyone in our school district and our community that helped us earn an excellent rating from the State of Ohio for the second time in three years. We can all take great pride in this public recognition of what many of us know already...that Fairfield is an excellent school district.

While earning an excellent rating is work of many people, I do want to thank Mrs. Milligan for demanding nothing less than excellence from every employee in the district. We are very fortunate to have her leading our district at this important time.

To repeat a quote that I have used before, "Excellence is not an accomplishment. It is a spirit, a never-ending process." We must continue to reinforce this spirit in our staff, students, families, and the community at-large. I again offer my congratulations and challenge everyone to make this year another year of excellence.

Mr. Murray congratulated the district for this achievement of Excellent. Central and South have been rated "Excellent with Distinction."

Mr. Murray's comments (cont.)

He congratulated the District for the receipt of the Association of School Business Officials International for the receipt of the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.

He congratulated Tim McKillip for the Teacher of the Year Award.

He congratulaed Mandy Bell for being selected to All State Orchestra.

He congratulated Rich Davis, Stephanie Gering, Eric Kaufman, Chelsea Menke, and Emily Williams for being selected for the All State Band.

He congratulated Cory Near, a 2005 graduate, who will be dotting the "I" as a member of the Ohio State University Band.

08-111 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Engel, Mr. Kearns, & Mr. Murray

Absent: Dr. Morris

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm by the Vice President, Mr. Murray.

Vice-President

Attest: _____
Treasurer