

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 5th of March 2009 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:32 pm.

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

Also present: Mrs. Milligan, Mr. Otten, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Lane, & Mr. Clemmons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

09-26 AMEND AGENDA TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss:

Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Bailey

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

Absent: Mr. Engel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

09-27 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

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

Absent: Mr. Engel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 5:57 pm.

09-28 RESOLUTION DECLARING CASE OF URGENT NECESSITY EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT ADVERTISING OR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ELEVATOR AT THE FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

- A. Recommend approval of the urgent necessity for the repair of the elevator at Fairfield Intermediate School.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A CASE OF URGENT NECESSITY EXISTS AND
AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT ADVERTISING OR
COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ELEVATOR AT FAIRFIELD
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, due to the deteriorating condition of the elevator at the Fairfield Intermediate School, the condition and safety of the elevator has deteriorated to such a state that it must be repaired, and,

WHEREAS, the repair of the elevator must be accomplished immediately in order to prevent further deterioration of the rest of the elevator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District, County of Butler, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. It is found and determined pursuant to ORC 3313.46 that there is an urgent necessity for the repair of the elevator at Fairfield Intermediate School.

SECTION 2. It is further found that compliance with the procedure for advertisement and competitive bidding prescribed by ORC 3313.46 would delay the commencement of said repair for an excessive period of time causing an additional burden on the district.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer and the President of the Board are hereby authorized to contract without advertising and competitive bids with:

ThyssenKrupp Elevator
2726 E. Kemper Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241

For the repair of the elevator at Fairfield Intermediate School in an amount not to exceed \$32,375.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that result in such action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including ORC 121.22.

- B. Recommend the approval of a change order for Progressive Plumbing Company for the server room upgrade at Fairfield Sr. High School in the amount of \$2,650 for the damper.

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris
Public comments: None

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Report on federal stimulus monies
Mrs. Fitzharris presented.
- B. Youth Commission – Today’s topic: The direction and future initiatives of the district

Four students from the Principal’s Cabinet shared their ideas regarding issues they would like the Board to keep them up to date on:

- They would like to have an elective class on ACT or SAT preparation.
- Time testing in classes would help them prepare for the ACT or SAT.
- Note taking skills should be taught during an English class.

In regards to service projects – some students like the idea; others feel that this issue is a personal choice.

Discussion on alternatives to physical education credit included:

- Who would track the activity?
- Where do you draw the line? Do music classes count?

Discussion on technology

The students feel that SmartBoards are a great idea in the classroom.
The students felt that more training is needed for substitute teachers on SmartBoards.

Future discussion items will include:

- April - How do we involve the entire district with high school projects? (e.g., White Noise/school spirit, recycling)
- May - Communication between schools (e.g., the role students can play in modeling positive behaviors and good character for younger students)

- C. Update on Memorial Day observance plans
Mr. Oppenheimer stated that the principals have tentative plans at this point. The buildings are looking to veterans in the community to come in and speak to the students.

Dr. Morris thanked the veterans for their help in planning this educational opportunity for our students.

- D. Review of 2009-2010 school calendar
Mr. Kearns stated that this item will not be discussed tonight until more information is available regarding the state budget.
- E. Review agenda for March 16 retreat
Mrs. Milligan presented.
- F. Community Engagement

1. Narrative for review – (this is a draft)

The Fairfield City School District is No. 458 on the list of districts to receive funding from the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission. The commission is currently working through No. 375. Sometime during 2010 or 2011 the OSFC will likely be ready to fund part of the cost (24 percent) of school construction or renovation in our district.

Our responsibility is to have a master facilities plan prepared by that time, so that we can assess whether OSFC funding is appropriate and cost-effective for our district, and so that we can move ahead expeditiously if we decide to accept that funding.

A key step in preparing a master facilities plan is gathering community input. This would allow us to know what our community is thinking with respect to issues such as:

- new construction vs. renovation
- alignment of grades in buildings
- number and timing of transitions between schools
- determining which existing facilities, if any, should be replaced
- disposition of any facilities being replaced
- locations for new construction

Gathering this input from a significant number of people throughout a school district as large as ours is beyond the resources of our own Community Relations department. Below is a list of companies that specialize in this work, and also architects/construction companies who offer this service. With the board's approval, proposals from each can be obtained detailing their plan for gathering community input and the cost to perform that service.

Avakian Consulting

Burges & Burges

Effron & Associates

The Flagg Group

Personalized Research Inc.

Santa Rita Collaborative

SHP Leading Design (Steed Hammond Paul)

SFA Architects Inc.

Ruscilli Construction Co.

Board Comments

Mrs. Bailey

She thinks this is a great idea to be able to get a sense from the community on what they want from their schools.

Mr. Kearns

We need to be willing to listen to what our community wants. We need to look at 3 to 5 proposals and ask those vendors to give the presentations to the Board.

Mr. Murray

We need to have ownership in this process.

Dr. Morris

In the RFP, we need to state that there are limited resources (from the District Office) in participating in the process. We expect a collaborative effort.

Mr. Kearns

He would like to see a draft RFP at the retreat.

2. Questions to be addressed in a proposal

Mr. Kearns asked if the proposals could be available at the April Work Session.

March 6-8	Middle School "Music Man Jr." at freshman school auditorium, 7:30 PM Friday and Saturday, 2:30 PM Saturday and Sunday
March 10	Winter sport recognition night at high school arena, 6:30 PM
March 14	Crystal Classic showchoir competition at high school
March 16	Board retreat, 3-7 PM, district office large conference room
March 20	Intervention reports, grades 9-12

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Bailey

Crystal Classic is a showcase of talent. It is the largest fundraiser for the music program. The Board is trying to reach out to the community and bridge some gaps. Please email me if you have any comments or concerns.

Mr. Murray

The Crystal Classic is a great community event.

Mr. Kearns

There are a lot of exciting opportunities in front of us. We need the community's input. He is looking forward to the Youth Commission discussions.

Dr. Morris

It was nice talking with the business community and discussing their support of the schools at the Chamber of Commerce dinner.

We share ideas and we put our students first even if we don't agree all the time.

09-29 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Bailey to recess to Executive Session at 7:39 pm to discuss the following:

- Employment and Compensation of Personnel 121.22(G) (1)
- Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation
- Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

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

Absent: Mr. Engel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 9:16 pm.

09-30 ADJOURNMENT

FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
MARCH 5, 2009

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

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

Absent: Mr. Engel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer