The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4th of November 2009 at the Fairfield High School Community Room.

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

A. Central Elementary's "D-Zone" video – Dick Wood and Felecia Dorsey presented a snapshot of model behavior for students.
They thanked the staff of Central for their help.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Youth Commission – Discussion of the Block Schedule
High School students provided input to the Board in regards to Block Scheduling. Overall, the students like the Block Scheduling concept.

The students would like more classes in art, language (Chinese and sign language), business, and engineering.

They requested that the Board does not rush into the decision on whether or not to keep the Block Scheduling at the high school.

B. New items for discussion
1. Mrs. Shorter stated that the 21st Century Educational Group has applied for a grant and that the group is reading the "Global Achievement Gap".

2. Mr. Lewis presented information regarding the Ohio School Facilities Commission

Mr. Lewis stated that he had spoken with the Ohio School Facilities Commission Planning Director regarding funding.

The Fairfield City School District is ranked at 452 in the statewide ranking for consideration. It may be 2013 or 2014 before the district's number is pulled.

He further stated that additional funding for new construction is questionable.

The Board felt that it would be in the district's best interests to meet with the Ohio School Facilities Commission Planning Director for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 13, 2009 - Intervention Reports, Grades 9-12
November 19, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
Mrs. Shorter
She congratulated the members elected to the Board.

Mr. Engel
He congratulated the members elected to the Board.

He advised parents that they can continue to call him with concerns.

Dr. Morris
He thanked all of the people who came out and voted. The election isn't about the board members, it is about the folks whose leadership makes this district great. He thanked his family.

Mr. Murray
He thanked all the people that helped him out during the last couple of months. He thanked his wife.

He read the following statement:
Yesterday, the voters of our school district sent a loud and clear message. With their votes, they said that they value the excellent education that this district provides every day to their children and grandchildren, to their nieces and nephews, to the future of our community. In one day, our community reinforced their belief that really great communities have excellent schools.

Our community also affirmed their trust in the leadership of this district, both from the superintendent's office and from this board. As I have said many times over the past weeks and months, there is a renewed sense of "Fairfield Pride" that is growing and flourishing in our buildings, on our stages and on