

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Board Retreat on the 16th of March 2009 at the Fairfield City Schools Operations Building.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 3:02 pm.

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

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

Mr. Murray arrived at 3:08 pm.

Mrs. Bailey arrived at 3:09 pm.

09-31 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LOCALS #205, #378, AND #568 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to approve the following:

- A. Recommend approval of the negotiated agreement between the Fairfield Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Locals #205, #378 and #568 (effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011).

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns
Public comments: None

Board comments:

Mrs. Bailey

She thanked Nancy Lane, Chad Lewis & John Clemmons for their efforts on the contract.

Mr. Murray

He thanked Nancy Lane, Chad Lewis & John Clemmons for their involvement with the negotiations.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, & Mr. Murray
Nays: Mr. Engel
Motion Carried: 4-1

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Renewal of contract for bus/equipment maintenance services with Burer's Garage, LLC

Discussion:

Mr. Lewis

He stated that we have never failed a bus inspection due to a safety violation.
The contract is approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Engel

He stated that he does not know that the vendor has to be in Fairfield.
The contract needs to be more specific.
We need to look at small engines going to a repair shop instead of Burer's.
This contract has to go out to bid.
What would it cost us to do our own maintenance on the buses?
What is the markup on parts? The answer is that there is no markup on parts.

Mr. Kearns

Please continue with obtaining a proposal from Burer's and bring the proposal to a future meeting.

Dr. Morris and Mrs. Bailey

Both would like to see more quotes.

Mr. Engel

He stated that the contract needs to go out to bid.

Comparative cost data is needed. Mr. Lewis will get back to the board.

B. Review draft request for proposal for community engagement

Discussion:

Mr. Kearns

I think the timeline is up to the administrative team.

Mr. Engel

The timeline needs to be changed if we are going on the ballot in November.

Dr. Morris

He complimented the job done on the RFP.

Mr. Kearns

He instructed Mrs. Milligan to move forward.

C. Understanding in order to Plan for the Future

1. Presentation on the District Leadership Team process – Paige Gillespie, Tina Nitz, Ray Soh
The DLT process was explained.

2. Presentation on the proposed Success Advisory Council - Bob Sutton
A group facilitated by the administration and the Board would be formed consisting of 2/3 people outside the district and 1/3 internal people.

Group would meet four times per year for about two hours each time.

The meetings would be highly structured.

The meetings represent one form of engaging the community.

Information will be given prior to the meetings to the participants.

3. Clarifying and prioritizing district initiatives
A discussion was facilitated by Jim Paulus.

The goals for the Board for 2009-2010 include:

- Focus on reading and math
- Establish expectations and conditions
- Master facilities
- State and federal mandates

09-32 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Morris to recess to Executive Session at 7:02 pm to discuss the following:

Employment and Compensation of Personnel 121.22(G) (1)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Murray

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:06 pm.

09-33 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: Treasurer