

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 1st of March 2012 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

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

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

Also present: Mr. Otten, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Martin & Mrs. Wildow

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

12-24 RESIGNATION/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS – Mr. Martin

A. Personnel -- Certificated

1. Resignation

- a. Marleen Glaab, West, 4th grade
(effective June 1, 2012; for retirement purposes)

2. Leaves of Absence

- a. Angela Laux, Central, Intervention Specialist
(effective .75 on March 16, 2012 through March 30, 2012; for childrearing purposes)
- b. Sara Lee, West, Reading Center
(effective .5 on April 10, 2012, through May 14, 2012; for childrearing purposes)
- c. Jennifer Powell, North, Kindergarten
(effective .75 on January 27, 2012, through the end of the day on March 7, 2012; for personal medical reasons; covered under FMLA and effective March 8, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year; for personal medical reasons; not covered under FMLA)
- d. Suzanne Tunney, East, Intervention Specialist
(effective for the 2012-2013 school year; for childrearing purposes)

3. Employment

- a. New One-Year Extended Limited Teacher Contract (effective for the 2012-2013 school year, per agreement)

Susan Heidel

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

12-25 APPOINTMENTS TO OSBA & CITY COMMITTEES-LEGISLATIVE LIAISON TO OSBA/
FEDERAL RELATIONS NETWORK & STUDENT LIAISON

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

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- A. Appointments to OSBA and City Committees – Mr. Kearns presented
 - 1. Legislative Liaison to OSBA/Federal Relations Network – Balena Shorter
 - 2. Student Liaison – Don Nuss

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Mr. Clemmons arrived at 6:42 pm.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Youth Commission
The Warrior, a student newspaper, will be available online soon. The publication is a requirement for a class.

An African-American play to show diversity was performed this week.

- B. Update on “Race to the Top” – Roger Martin

Mr. Martin stated that the state has approved our Professional Development Plan.

In regards to Area B, Standards & Assessments – professional development activities continue throughout the district.

In regards to Area C, Using Data to Inform Instruction – Value-Added Training continues.

Update on "Race to the Top" – Roger Martin (continued)

In regards to Area D, Great Teachers & Leaders – The OPES committee is on target to present a new evaluation system to the Board this spring. The OTES pilot is well underway. The state is listening to the pilot group and has made some changes.

C. Extra-curricular fees 2012-2013 – Nancy Lane

Mrs. Lane presented to the Board suggestions for increasing extra-curricular fees for the 2012-2013 school year.

She stated that at least one other district charges a flat activity fee for all clubs.

The Board would like statistics on the number of students in clubs.

Discussion needs to continue with district athletic director, Mark Harden.

A vote will take place after further discussion.

D. Open enrollment – Paul Otten – **See attached document**

Board discussion:

Mrs. Shorter is concerned about discipline issues and students with special needs.

Would we be required to transport special needs students?

Clarification needs to be done for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

Do we have a part in IEPs at other open enrollment districts?

Are there exceptions to eligibility for athletes?

Dr. Morris asked which class is the largest in the district. It is the 10th grade. He feels that open enrollment would be complicated at the high school level.

Mr. Nuss feels that we are going down a slippery slope and he does not think that the community will take this lightly. He feels that we need to answer to the community.

He agrees with employees' kids attending via open enrollment.

Dr. Morris stated that the open enrollment students may have a greater buy in as their parents would have to drive them to school every day. There would be an extra effort put forth by the parents.

Mr. Murray stated that if a student comes to our district, they will be a Fairfield student.

Mr. Otten will work on a board policy and place it in the board conference for review.

Mr. Nuss asked if we could limit the policy to certain grade levels.

E. Use of Kindergarten Center – Paul Otten

The resolution to name the Kindergarten Center as the District Office and a diagram of the Kindergarten Center will be placed in the board conference for review.

F. New items for discussion - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1-3, 2012 – State Wrestling Tournament, Columbus

March 3, 2012 – Crystal Classic, all day/evening, FHS

March 3, 2012 – Boys' Basketball Sectional Finals vs. LaSalle, 7:00 PM, Cintas Center

March 3, 2012 – Girls' Bowling State Tournament, Columbus

March 15, 2012 – Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Shorter

She is looking forward to the Crystal Classic.

Mr. Murray

He reminded everyone that March 8th Central's Cultural Festival March 8th from 6:30-8:30.

He mentioned the Southwest Ohio School Boards dinner on March 13th.

He encouraged the community to come out and support our kids.

He spoke at the Edgewood Board meeting this week to request a representative from Edgewood to join the Butler Tech Board.

Dr. Morris

He mentioned the Chardon High School incident and the need to revisit our plan for safety.

Mr. Nuss

He reminded everyone that it is a big weekend for sports as well as the arts.

12-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Murray to recess to Executive Session at 8:53 pm to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees 121.22 (G) (1)

Purchase or Sale of Real Estate 121.22 (G) (2)

Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation

Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 9:46 pm.

12-27 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____

Treasurer

INTERDISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Also Known as

Open Enrollment

What is Interdistrict Open Enrollment

- ▣ Each board of education must adopt a policy on the Admission of Interdistrict Transfer Students (could be done yearly).

- ▣ Three types permitted:
 - No Admission (our current policy)
 - Admission of students from adjacent districts
 - Admission of students from other districts in Ohio

- ▣ Interdistrict Open Enrollment is a policy which allows students from other school districts to enroll at Fairfield City Schools.

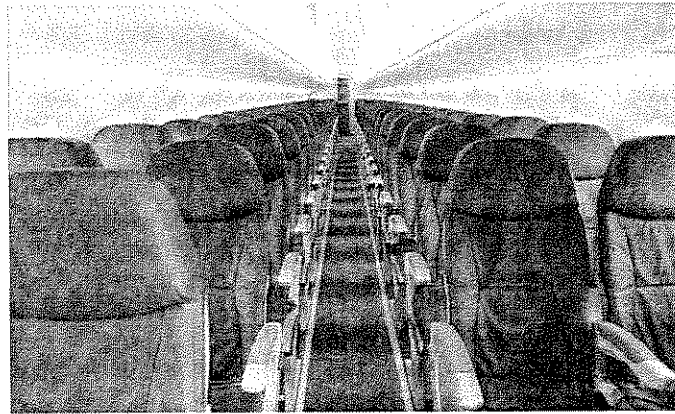
Why would we consider changing our enrollment policy?

- ▣ Revenue sources are very limited for schools.
- ▣ We must constantly search for ways to generate revenue so that we are not continually asking our community for more money.
- ▣ The state of Ohio reimburses each district approximately \$6,000 (\$5,704) for each student who enrolls from outside the district.
- ▣ Changing our current policy to allow this would generate a revenue stream that would assist the financial position of the district – this is the **ONLY** reason we are looking at this.

What will it cost the district?

- ▣ The district will not expand any existing program because of open enrollment.
- ▣ The district will not create any new programs because of open enrollment.
- ▣ Fairfield will maintain current program levels so that additional costs are not incurred.
- ▣ There is no interest in hiring additional staff to support open enrollment.

Airplane Analogy



Will class sizes go up?

- ▣ The district will establish class size limits at each grade level.
- ▣ We will not exceed these established limits in order to accept open enrolment students.
- ▣ Elementary placement (grades K-6) is very easy to determine.
- ▣ Due to the variation of scheduling at grades 7-12, we will need to work closely with the building administration and guidance counselors to determine if availability exists.
- ▣ We will not inflate our class sizes beyond the established limits.

Does everyone get in?

- ▣ An application process will be established and timelines will be determined. We will address applications on a first come, first serve basis (hand delivered).
- ▣ Recommendation for priority
 - Fairfield students will not be displaced
 - Children of employees
 - Students who are members of the same family unit currently participating in open enrollment
 - All new applications

Will my child be “bumped” out of a class by an outside student?

- ▣ No
- ▣ Resident students will have first priority to all classes before open enrollment students.
- ▣ This will determine availability for district and school programs.
- ▣ This information is imperative in order to make a decision on acceptance of open enrollment students.

How does this impact eligibility for Sports?

- ▣ Any student entering the district as a ninth grader through open enrollment is eligible to participate in sports.
- ▣ Any student entering the district after ninth grade will not be eligible to participate in sports for one year without changing residency.
- ▣ There are exceptions to this ineligibility rule contained in the OHSAA Bylaws.

Will kids with discipline issues be accepted?

- ▣ Approval of students will be at the sole discretion of the superintendent in accordance with the policy that is adopted by the BOE.
- ▣ A student's previous discipline record will be a part of the decision for acceptance.
 - A student who has been suspended for 10 days or expelled from a previous district will not be accepted.

Is the district required to provide transportation?

- ▣ No
- ▣ Transportation will not be provided to students participating in open enrollment.

Facts about Open Enrollment:

- ▣ 78% of all school districts in Ohio offer some form of Open Enrollment.
- ▣ Fairfield currently loses \$535,870.95 to open enrollment (Approximately 94 students)
- ▣ We can define our process and determine our impact.
- ▣ Districts have mixed results with open enrollment. If it is not controlled it will create problems. If it is controlled it can provide great support to a district.

Recommendations

- ▣ Test the waters to determine if this is something that we may benefit from as a district.
- ▣ Create a policy and regulations as to how we would implement this in Fairfield City Schools. Bring the policy back for Board review at the March 15th meeting.
- ▣ Make the appropriate changes as necessary and present for approval at a meeting in April.

Recommendations Continued

- ▣ Establish in the policy a mandatory review or evaluation of the program.
- ▣ Share with the board as to how this change has impacted Fairfield (negatively/ positively).
- ▣ This information will assist in guiding the Board and the Administration as to how to improve the policy or to discontinue.