

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4th of March 2013 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

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

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

Also present: Mr. Otten, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Wildow, Mr. Smith & Mr. Clemmons

Absent: Mr. Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Items for Board Discussion

1. Cincinnati STEM Collaborative – Debi Freimuth, Laura Griffin & Beth Prince
2. State Report Card update – Lani Wildow

Mrs. Wildow presented the final 2011-2012 report card and information for future report cards.

3. Open Enrollment – Paul Otten

Mr. Otten invited staff and parents to present their views on open enrollment.

Mr. Helms, High School Principal, stated that the mid-year open enrollment process has been helpful for many students who face family situations such as divorce or the loss of a home.

Ms. Wotring, West Elementary School Principal, feels that open enrollment is beneficial to students as well as staff. The students are doing well academically.

Melisha Hungler, a parent who has students at the Middle School and West Elementary, stated that the open enrollment option has been a great experience for her children.

Carolyn Gieske, a parent, was a resident of Fairfield and moved out of the district. She was able to keep her students enrolled at the Middle School and the High School.

Christina DiPietro, a parent, stated that open enrollment has saved her children. They had attended North College Hill Schools and they love Fairfield. She has a student at the Intermediate School who is involved in intramural volleyball and student council. She also has a third grader at West. She complimented the teachers for their open communication with the parents. She stated that Fairfield students are excelling.

Mr. Nuss addressed the parents and thanked them for presenting and stated that he is glad that they are part of Fairfield City Schools.

Dr. Morris stated that he would like to see open enrollment continue.

The open enrollment policy will be brought before the Board at the March 21st Regular Meeting for approval.

4. Purchasing of school vans – Paul Otten and Billy Smith

The district currently has two 1999 vans with 57,000 miles on them as well as a 2000 van with 58,000 miles on it. Billy Smith will continue to research the potential replacement of existing vans with new or used vans.

5. Update on school security - Paul Otten and Billy Smith

Mr. Weiser, Mr. Foster and Mr. Smith have toured all of the district buildings. The process has begun to secure all front entrances.

A Fairfield City Retreat has been scheduled for March 23rd to discuss security. Mr. Smith will attend the retreat as the Fairfield City Schools representative.

Lockdown drills are now being performed quarterly in all school buildings.

Mr. Kearns reminded the staff to reach out to the township police department.

6. OSFC update – Billy Smith

Mrs. Lane, Mr. Smith and Mr. Otten met with representatives from the OSFC a few weeks ago.

There is a ‘low’ probability of Fairfield City School District being chosen to participate in a facilities project this coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19, 2013 – End of 3rd Quarter, grades K-12

March 21, 2013 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kearns congratulated the staff and the administrators on the “Excellent” rating. He stated that it has been a good weekend for Fairfield.

Mrs. Shorter congratulated everyone for the great job on the Crystal Classic. She attended the “Right to Read” week at Central Elementary.

Mr. Nuss stated that the Crystal Classic was great. He was impressed that the whole school gets involved in the event. He congratulated Austin Sams for his sixth place finish at the state wrestling tournament.

Mr. Murray stated that the Crystal Classic and the On The Road to Freedom Black History event were great.

13-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 7:57 pm to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion,
or compensation of public employees 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
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 9:08 pm

13-24 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Kearns, Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Nuss & Mrs. Shorter
Nays: None
Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by the President, Mr. Murray.

President

Attest: _____

Treasurer