

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Regular Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2013 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  
Absent: Mrs. Shorter

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Murray read the following statement:

Before we get started tonight, I want to take a few minutes to remember one of our third grade students who, after a courageous battle with brain cancer, passed away this past Sunday night. Sarah Nelson was a student at North Elementary who loved coming to school and, despite her treatments, came to school almost every day. Our staff and her classmates at North say that every day Sarah brought “joy and light into our building.”

Sarah was a precious gift to her family and to our district. On behalf of the Board and the Fairfield City School District, I want to express our deepest sympathies to Sarah’s family and ask that we all keep Sarah, her family and her classmates in our thoughts and prayers.

I ask that you join me in a moment of silence to reflect on Sarah’s life and to honor her memory. Thank you

A moment of silence was observed for Sarah Nelson.

#### COMMUNICATION

This is the portion of the meeting where you, the residents of the Fairfield City School District, are invited to share your thoughts with the Board. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each.

Doug Drago, a parent of four children (including one senior and one sophomore) spoke. He wants to know why the Board is fighting the school choice option. The Options Academy was a good choice for one of his children.

#### 13-25 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 6:37 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)
- Collective Bargaining 121.22 (G) (4)

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:01 pm.

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris  
Public comments: None  
Board comments: None

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

### 13-26 RESIGNATIONS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT

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

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

##### A. Personnel – Certificated Mr. Martin

###### 1. Resignations

- a. Ryan Huff, North, Assistant Principal  
(effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; for personal reasons)
- b. Brenda Ketterer, Intermediate, 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
(effective June 1, 2013; for retirement purposes)
- c. Jennifer Powell, North, Kindergarten  
(effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; for personal medical reasons)
- d. Beth Prince, Intermediate, Principal  
(effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; for personal reasons)
- e. Beth Robson, Middle, Social Studies  
(effective at the end of the day on May 31, 2013; for retirement purposes)
- f. Christine Skolnik, Middle, School Nurse  
(effective June 1, 2013; for retirement purposes)
- g. Suzanne Tunney, East, Intervention Specialist  
(effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; for personal reasons)

###### 2. Leaves of Absence

- a. Anne McKinney, Central, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
(effective February 25, 2013 through April 24, 2013; for childrearing purposes)

3. Employment

a. Extracurricular 2012-13

**Senior High**

Kevin McCune, Tennis, Assistant Boys

**Freshman**

Jessica Grimes, Volleyball, Boys

**Middle**

Tom Robertson, Tennis, Boys 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

Courtney Wiesman, Track 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

b. It is recommended that the following persons be issued administrative contracts effective July 1, 2013, as defined below:

Felecia Dorsey, Elementary Asst. Principal (effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016)

Paige Gillespie, Elementary Principal (effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014)

Chris Trentman, High School Asst. Principal (effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016)

c. Summer School Principal

Tim Viox

(The above-named person is recommended for employment as principal for the 2013 summer school program as noted, at a rate of \$24.34. per hour for up to nine and one-half hours per day as necessary from May 1, 2013 through July 5, 2013.)

d. Volunteer

Michael Napier, Senior High, Baseball

(The above-noted person is recommended for approval as volunteer coach for the 2012-2013 school year in district athletic programs. Board approval of volunteers is a requirement of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Recommendation is contingent upon submission of all required documents.)

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

13-27 RESIGNATIONS/LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT/RECALL FROM REDUCTION  
IN FORCE/PROMOTIONS/REDUCTION IN FORCE

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

B. Personnel – Classified – Mr. Smith

1. Resignations

- a. Sherri Collins, Freshman, Food Service Assistant  
(effective at the end of the day on February 14, 2013; for personal reasons)
- b. Shelley King, Sr. High, Food Service Assistant  
(effective at the end of the day on February 20, 2013; for personal reasons)

2. Leaves of Absence

- a. Karen Bowman, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective February 5, 2013 through April 5, 2013; unpaid Workers  
Compensation)
- b. Gary Collins, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective March 7, 2013 through June 30, 2013; extension of unpaid  
personal medical)
- c. Anna Mitchell, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective February 25, 2013 through April 8, 2013; unpaid personal medical)
- d. Bonnie Smith, Middle, Cook  
(effective February 14, 2013 through April 4, 2013; extension of unpaid  
Workers Compensation)
- e. Sharon Smith, Sr. High, Clerk III  
(effective February 13, 2013 through April 2, 2013; extension of Family  
Medical Leave)
- f. Tammy Stein-Tolley, North, Educational Assistant  
(effective February 5, 2013 through May 29, 2013; extension of unpaid  
personal medical)

3. Employment

- a. Teresa D. Damron, Freshman, Food Service Assistant  
(effective March 22, 2013; for a replacement position)

- b. It is recommended that the following person be issued an administrative contract effective July 1, 2013, as defined below:

Tom Weiser, Building & Grounds Supervisor (effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016)

4. Recall from Reduction in Force

- a. Edward Greene, Sr. High, Custodian  
(effective February 19, 2013; for a replacement position)
- b. Kenneth Rice, Transportation, Bus Driver  
(effective March 4, 2013; for a replacement position)

5. Promotion

- a. Randy Charles, North, Custodian, promoted to North, Head Custodian  
effective February 25, 2013; for a replacement position)
- b. Kathleen Ritchie, Middle, Food Service Assistant, promoted to Sr. High, Cook  
(effective April 15, 2013; for a replacement position)
- c. Christina Weber, Freshman, Food Service Assistant, promoted to Freshman, Cook)  
(effective February 25, 2013; for a replacement position)

6. Reduction In Force

- a. Reduction of workdays for all 185-day Educational Assistant positions to 183 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- b. Reduction of workdays for all 150-day Educational Assistant positions to 148 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- c. Reduction of workdays for all 185-day Bus Driver positions to 183 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- d. Reduction of workdays for all 185-day Chauffeur positions to 183 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- e. Reduction of workdays for all 193-day Head Cook positions to 191 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.

- f. Reduction of workdays for all 190-day Cook positions to 188 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- g. Reduction of workdays for all 185-day Food Service Assistant positions to 183 workdays per year for the 2013-14 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waiver days by the Ohio Department of Education.
- h. Reduction of workdays for all 185-day Latchkey Assistant positions to 183 workdays per year for the 2013 - 2014 school year, contingent upon the anticipated approval of two (2) waivers days by the Ohio Department of Education.

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Nuss  
Public comments: None  
Board comments: None

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

13-28 APPROVAL OF POLICY JECBB – ADMISSION OF OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS/  
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE EDUCATIONAL  
CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

C. Other Items for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of Policy JECBB – Admission of Open Enrollment Students.
2. Recommend approval of the resolution opposing the expansion of the Educational Choice Scholarship Program as follows: (presented by Mr. Murray)

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich's biennial budget (HB 59) proposes to expand the Educational Choice Scholarship Program through two new programs that will significantly increase the number of publicly-funded vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the programs provides private or parochial school tuition vouchers to any entering kindergarten student of a family with a household income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to be used at the parent's choice of participating private or parochial school; and

WHEREAS, the following year, such vouchers would be expanded to include students in both kindergarten and first grade, totaling \$25 million over the biennium; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance or quality of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS, the second voucher expansion proposed by the Governor offers EdChoice vouchers to students enrolled in schools that fail to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for two successive years; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed programs would effectively reduce funds from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts, resulting in fewer resources for the education of remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Fairfield City School District Board of Education does hereby express its opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfield City School District Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

13-29 APPROVAL OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2013/  
APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION/ DISPOSALS/  
DONATIONS/APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES AGAINST A PURCHASE ORDER/APPROVAL  
OF THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY  
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND  
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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

#### TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the following meetings:

February 12, 2013 – Regular Meeting  
 February 20, 2013 – Special Meeting  
 March 4, 2013 – Work Session

- B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for the month of February 2013.
- C. Recommend approval of the 2012-2013 Amended Appropriations Resolution.
- D. Recommend approval of the disposal of the following fixed assets:

<u>Tag Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
16971	CD player	Curriculum
18159	CD player	Curriculum
18165	CD player	Curriculum
24138	Computer	Freshman School
09595	Computer	Intermediate School
12010	Computer	Intermediate School
12011	Computer	Intermediate School
12016	Computer	Intermediate School
12019	Computer	Intermediate School
12024	Computer	Intermediate School
12031	Computer	Intermediate School
14182	Computer	Intermediate School
14183	Computer	Intermediate School
15243	Computer	Intermediate School
17546	Computer	Intermediate School
18422	Computer	Intermediate School
19014	Fax machine	Intermediate School
21322	Computer	Intermediate School
22370	Cell phone	Maintenance
22212	Cell phone	South Elementary
199879	Bus	Transportation
97100016	Bus	Transportation
97100018	Bus	Transportation
97100020	Bus	Transportation
97100027	Bus	Transportation
97100037	Bus	Transportation
97100038	Bus	Transportation
97100054	Bus	Transportation
97100056	Bus	Transportation
97100058	Bus	Transportation
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97100067	Bus	Transportation
97100069	Bus	Transportation
97100080	Bus	Transportation
97100088	Bus	Transportation
97100089	Bus	Transportation
09463	Printer	West Elementary
11422	Switch	West Elementary
11632	Airport	West Elementary
15854	Laptop	West Elementary
16049	Computer	West Elementary
23149	Response system	West Elementary



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Projector

West Elementary

E. Recommend approval of the following donations:

1. A donation of \$1000 from Wal-Mart (Bridgewater Falls) to Fairfield High School to be used for snacks for the Ohio Graduation Test.
2. A donation of \$75 from Fairfield Pharmacy to Fairfield High School to be used for the Ohio Graduation Test prep camp.
3. A donation of a percussion kit valued at \$100 from Libby O'Donnell to Fairfield City School District.
4. A donation of \$80 from Doronna and Greg Vickers to Fairfield High School to be used for the "On the Road to Freedom" performance.
5. A donation of \$20 from Melissa James to Fairfield High School to be used for the "On The Road to Freedom" performance.
6. A donation of \$100 from Central State University Alumni to Fairfield High School to be used for the "On the Road to Freedom" performance.
7. A donation of \$200 from Pia Spaulding to Fairfield High School to be used for the "On the Road to Freedom" performance.
8. A donation of \$200 from Ruth Back to Fairfield Intermediate School to be used for the Visions program.
9. A donation of a traveling swim banner valued at \$296 from Don and Cindy Ellis and Brian and Lynn Jump to the Fairfield City School District Athletic Department.

**Total donations for 2013:                    \$12,123.00**

F. Recommend approval to authorize the Treasurer to pay invoices against the following purchase order that has not been processed in accordance with Section 5705.41(D):

1. Purchase order #3303957 – Naviance - \$7,800.00

G. Recommend approval of the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate To Be Levied:	
Bond Retirement Fund	3.00
General Fund	<u>53.51</u>
Total	56.51

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

Public comments: Mr. Dragoo asked what Naviance is. Naviance is a college and career readiness planning software program available to students attending the high school.

Board comments: None

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Butler Tech – Dan Murray

New superintendent Bill Miller has been appointed for a two and one half year contract.

The discussion on BioScience has been put on hold until the fall to allow time for a thorough evaluation of the program.

B. Fairfield Planning Commission – Mark Morris – No report

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29-April 7, 2013 – Spring Break

April 22, 2013 – Records Commission, 6:15 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

April 22, 2013 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Morris

He stated that he is not opposed to charter schools. He is opposed to the fact that charter schools operate under different conditions than public schools. He pointed out that charter schools do not have the same accountability in reporting tax dollars and are not regulated in the same manner as public schools.

In addition, charter schools can pick and choose their students; public schools cannot. Charter schools can choose to discriminate and can choose not to select high end needs students.

He pointed out the recent closing of a Cincinnati charter school as a result of misuse of seven million dollars.

The above reasons illustrate why he voted against the expansion of the Educational Choice Scholarship Program in the meeting tonight.

Mr. Nuss

He invited everyone to come out and watch our spring athletes – baseball, softball, boys' volleyball, and track are going on now.

13-30 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm by the President, Mr. Murray.

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President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Treasurer