

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 10th of October 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 & Mrs. Shorter
Also present: Mr. Otten, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Wildow & Mr. Clemmons
Absent: Mr. Weiser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Bond Issue Presentation – Paul Otten
Mr. Otten gave a detailed overview of the bond issue on the ballot for November 5th.

B. Items for Board Discussion

1. Race to the Top update – Roger Martin
 - Year 4 of Race to the Top
 - Year 3 of our standards rollout is well underway.
 - State is rolling out with the IIS (Instructional Improvement System)
 - OTES/OPES – OTES committee is hard at work
 - Getting the electronic evaluation system set up district wide.
2. Revisions and additions to Board policies – Roger Martin and Gina Gentry-Fletcher
3. New teacher evaluation system and administrative workload – Roger Martin

Mr. Martin discussed the additional workload on administrators caused by the new teacher evaluation system. Mr. Martin shared that at least one neighboring school district has hired additional administrators to help. He would like to propose giving the current administrators several days to work on the evaluations without having to manage the day-to-day operations of their buildings. This could be accomplished by hiring “substitute” administrators to help cover the day-to-day building business.

Mrs. Shorter asked about trying to rotate administrators within a building. Mr. Martin stated that both administrators in the building have evaluations to perform on teachers.

Mr. Nuss stated that he needed to process this information a little before making a decision.

Mr. Murray asked Mr. Martin to explain the process for one teacher’s evaluation. Mr. Martin gave an explanation to the Board and stated at least eight hours is spent per teacher for evaluations. More hours are required for new teachers or teachers on an improvement plan.

4. Other items for discussion - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2013 – Football Game – Fairfield vs. Lakota West
October 13, 2013 – Color Run, 9:00 A.M. Race Time, Fairfield Senior High
October 20, 2013 – Dancing with the Choraliers, 2:00 P.M., Fairfield Senior High
October 22, 2013 – End of 1st Quarter – grades K-12
October 24, 2013 – Tours of Central Elementary and Freshman School, 5:00-8:00 P.M.
October 24, 2013 – Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Fairfield Central Elementary
October 25, 2013 – Senior Citizen Luncheon, 11:45 A.M.-1:15 P.M., Fairfield Senior High

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kearns – Expanded on bond issue: came about a few years ago. The community met to decide what they would like to see happen for FCSD. Advice to all: use numerous resources for learning the outcome of the Building Pride meetings. Twenty-six percent of funding coming from the state is being made available and we don't want to miss out.

Mr. Murray – Request to community to support bond issue so as not to lose the \$19 million and how that will impact our students. (It could be given to another school district) Reiterated that this is a unique opportunity to get the help we need.

13-87 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 7:36 pm to discuss the following:

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

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 7:52 pm.

13-88 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Dr. Morris

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm by the President, Mr. Murray.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer