

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held an Organizational Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room.

A. President Pro Tem – Jerome Kearns

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Shorter administered the Oath of Office for new board members – Michael Berding, Dan Hare and Tom Heisler.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter  
Absent: None

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

14-01 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2014 (ORC 3313.14)

Mr. Hare nominated Mr. Kearns for President.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to close the nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried: 5-0

President Pro Tem declares himself as the elected President of the Fairfield Board of Board of Education for 2014.

B. Oath of Office for the President administered by Mrs. Lane.

C. President Pro Tem directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

D. President presides from this point forward.

14-02 ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2014 (ORC 3313.14)

Mr. Hare nominated Mrs. Shorter for Vice President.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to close the nominations.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

President declares Mrs. Shorter as the elected Vice President of the Fairfield Board of Education for 2014.

B. Oath of Office for the Vice President administered by Mrs. Lane.

C. President directs the Treasurer to acknowledge in the minutes that the oath has been given.

14-03 ESTABLISH 2014 MEETING DATES/ESTABLISH BOARD SERVICE FUND FOR 2014/  
APPROVE THE RENEWAL AND/OR PURCHASE OF POSITION/PERFORMANCE BONDS  
FOR BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT &  
TREASURER/APPROVE STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2014/APPOINTMENTS TO  
OHIO SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION AND CITY COMMITTEES

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

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Establish 2014 meeting dates, times and location (ORC 3313.15)

Suggestion:

Work Sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
6:30 P.M.  
Fairfield Administration Building  
Large Conference Room  
4641 Bach Lane

Regular Sessions: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
6:30 P.M.  
Fairfield Senior High School  
Catherine D. Milligan Community Room  
8800 Holden Blvd.

B. Consider establishment of a Board service fund for 2014 in the amount of \$9,942 (ORC 3315.15).

C. Recommend renewal and/or purchase of Position/Performance Bonds for Board Members, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and Treasurer as required by Ohio Law in the amount of \$20,000 each.

D. Recommend approval of the following standing authorizations for 2014:

1. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
2. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds whenever funds are available.
3. Authorize the Treasurer to modify appropriations and advance money from fund to fund as needed. Modifications must then be presented to the Board for approval.
4. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
5. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

6. Authorize Superintendent or Designee to act as purchasing agent for the district to make purchases of supplies and/or services within the limits of the appropriation measure.
7. Authorize the Treasurer to borrow short-term funds as needed for cash flow purposes.
8. Authorize the Treasurer to utilize the legal firm of Peck Shaffer when fiscal legal opinions are required.
9. Authorize the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Director of Business Operations to approve professional day requests for certificated and classified employees for state meetings, workshops, and events in an amount not to exceed the limits in the Annual Appropriation, Board Policy, and negotiated contracts.
10. Authorize members of the Board to attend workshops, seminars and meetings for Professional Development and to benefit the academic and financial status of district.
11. Authorize the Superintendent or Designee, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

12. Recommend that in accordance with Section 3313.26, ORC that the Board waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings.
13. Authorize the Treasurer to dispose of assets or property (not exceeding \$10,000 in value) that is no longer needed.

E. Appointments to OSBA and City Committees

1. Legislative Liaison to OSBA/Federal Relations Network Tom Heisler
2. Parks and Recreation Board Billy Smith
3. Planning Commission Mark Morris

(Any of items "A" through "E" may be voted upon separately at the request of any Board member.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments:

Mr. Hare thanked Dr. Morris for serving on the Planning Commission on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

F. Items for Board Discussion

1. Upcoming Board Retreat – Potential items for discussion

Mr. Hare would like to see a facilities update including repairs detailing time and money spent on repairs.

14-04 APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2015 TAX BUDGET/APPROVAL OF OSBA MEMBERSHIP FOR 01-14 THROUGH 12-14/APPROVAL OF PAY RATE FOR SEASONAL OR SPORADIC ATHLETIC WORKERS/APPROVAL OF HEARING FOR GIL VOIGT ON 01-27-14

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

G. Items for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 Tax Budget that will be submitted to the Butler County Auditor's Office.
2. Recommend approval of the annual membership with the Ohio School Boards Association for January 2014 – December 2014.
3. Recommend approval of the following rates to be paid to seasonal or sporadic athletic workers, effective January 1, 2014:

Scorekeepers/Timers/Ticket takers: \$28 per game  
Site Managers: \$60 per game  
Bookkeeper: \$150 per tournament

4. Recommend approval of employee hearing for Gil Voigt, Monday, January 27, 2014, 10:00 A.M. at the Fairfield Administration Building.

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 20, 2014 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School

January 25, 2014 – Board Retreat, 8:00 A.M., Fairfield Administration Building, Large Conference Room

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kearns explained why there was no vote on the committee member appointment to Butler Tech tonight. Mr. Murray will complete his two year term with Butler Tech.

Butler Tech is undergoing changes in regards to their Board of Education which will be addressed in the future.

### Mr. Berding

He thanked Dr. Morris, Mr. Murray, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter for leaving Fairfield City School District in such good shape. It will make the job easier for the current Board.

He thanked the community for entrusting him as a good steward of their money.

He thanked his family for their support, especially his wife. He also stated that his children have made sacrifices for him to be able to serve.

### Mr. Hare

He thanked all of the voters who felt he was worthy of their trust. He thanked his wife and family for their support.

He looks forward to serving students and will use two values to guide him – student safety and the objective that all students will learn.

He thanked the Fairfield City School District employees for their efforts.

He stated that it is a pleasure to serve on the Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Heisler

He thanked the public for their trust in him to fill the position on the Board.

He stated that he has experience to bring to the position and looks forward to working with the Board as well as the staff of Fairfield City School District.

He thanked his wife for her support.

He asked that the public engage in the Board activities and provide feedback and opinions to the Board.

Mrs. Shorter

She welcomed the new Board members and reminded them that there is a fun side to the position.

She is looking forward to working as a team and offered her support to the new Board members. She reminded them to ask questions.

Mr. Kearns

He welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for serving. He thanked the new Board member's family that came to support them. He stated that he looks forward to working with the new Board members.

He thanked Mr. Murray and Dr. Morris for continuing to serve the Board in their committee assignments.

14-05 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to recess to Executive Session at 6:57 pm to discuss the following:

Court Action 121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation  
Security Arrangements 121.22 (G) (6)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Heisler

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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14-06 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Heisler, Mr. Kearns & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

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President

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