

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 6th of March 2014 in the Fairfield Administrative Building Conference Room A.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER PRO TEM – Tom Heisler

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Items for Board Discussion

1. Request for Dan Murray's attendance at the National Science Teachers' Association conference, April 3 – 6, 2014 – Paul Otten

Discussion regarding the request:

Mr. Hare questioned the value of the conference to the Fairfield City School District and felt that the conference is for teachers, not board members.

Mr. Heisler asked if anyone felt that the conference would provide value for The Fairfield City School District and no one responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Kearns noted that it has been board practice not to pay for travel to conferences other than the OSBA conferences.

2. Board meeting schedule revisions – Paul Otten

Mr. Otten is requesting a rescheduling of the May 1st Board Meeting due to a conflict with a high school event.

Mr. Otten is requesting that the July 17th meeting be moved to the FAB.

3. Personnel – Paul Otten

Mr. Otten will schedule a special meeting to discuss restructuring of administrative departments.

4. Race to the Top update – Roger Martin

We are in the home stretch of year four.

Mr. Martin stated that the January 30th Transformation Team meeting was cancelled due to the number of snow days teachers were out of the classroom; but the Assistant Superintendent, the Curriculum Director and the RttT Coordinator met with the Regional Specialist to look at the district's data.

Area B subcommittee met January 15th; Area C subcommittee met February 3rd and Area D subcommittee met February 18th.

This is year three of our roll out process.

Science teachers in grades K-12, social studies teachers in grades K-3 and social studies elective teachers and math III & IV teachers will receive professional development on the standards this year.

Area C subcommittee met to determine the professional development that will be provided related to the 115. The professional development related to the 115 will be provided on the April 11th Waiver Day.

Teachers have completed all five Formative Instructional Practices modules.

The Curriculum Director sent the Value Added Presentation given during the State Board of Education January meeting to the appropriate staff to review.

The Curriculum Director and the RttT Coordinator worked on a Growth Measures Update PowerPoint presentation to give to each building.

Administrators are registered to attend the second round of training for eTPES being offered in February & March at Butler County ESC.

The OTES will continue the work of Student Learning Objectives beyond the third year of RttT.

5. School lunch price increase – Tom Weiser

Due to a deficiency in the school lunch reserve, federal statute requires us to increase lunch prices by 2.7% or about \$.10 next year.

6. Other items for discussion

14-21 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DECLARING A CASE OF URGENT NECESSITY EXISTS & AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT ADVERTISING OR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE RENOVATION & REPAIR OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 DONALD DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, OHIO

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

B. Item for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of the urgent necessity for the renovation and repair of property located at 211 Donald Drive to accommodate student needs of The Fairfield Academy.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A CASE OF URGENT NECESSITY
EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT
ADVERTISING OR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE RENOVATION
AND REPAIR OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 DONALD DRIVE,
FAIRFIELD, OHIO

WHEREAS, due to the need to renovate and repair property located at 211 Donald Drive, Fairfield, Ohio, to accommodate student needs of The Fairfield Academy, and,

WHEREAS, the renovation and repair of the building must be accomplished immediately in order to provide services for students attending The Fairfield Academy beginning August 20, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District, County of Butler, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. It is found and determined pursuant to ORC 3313.46 that there is an urgent necessity for the renovation and repair of the property located at 211 Donald Drive, Fairfield, Ohio.

SECTION 2. It is further found that compliance with the procedure for advertisement and competitive bidding prescribed by ORC 3313.46 would delay the commencement of said renovation and repair for an excessive period of time causing an additional burden on the district.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer and the President of the Board are hereby authorized to contract without advertising and competitive bids with:

Mark Spaulding Construction Co.
5785 Constitution Drive
Florence, KY 41042

For the renovation and repair of the property located at 211 Donald Drive, Fairfield, Ohio to accommodate students of The Fairfield Academy as described above in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including ORC 121.22.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

Public comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

2. Recommend approval for Dan Murray, as the District's Butler Tech representative, to attend the National Science Teachers' Association conference, April 3 – 6, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

This item was not acted upon by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 17, 2014 – End of 3rd quarter, Grades K-12

March 20, 2014 – Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

March 31-April 6, 2014 – Spring Break, No School

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Heisler

He wished Principal Billy Smith and his family the best as his son, Kyle, battles cancer.

He also acknowledged his appreciation for support provided to him as his Mom passed away last week.

Mr. Hare

He read the following statements:

I want to thank Kenny Rhodus and the many volunteers who assisted in making the Crystal Classic a smashing success. I was amazed and impressed with the hard work and precision of Do Dads, the men behind the curtain moving props and equipment for each set.

I wish good luck to our athletes who are still competing in the state tournament.

Tuesday the temperature was 24 degrees. As I drove by the Freshman building and Central Elementary I could not help but notice the windows open. I had the opportunity to speak with one of our teachers from the Freshman building so asked how things were going. He mentioned he has his heat turned down as low as possible and still has to open the windows so that he and students can function and it is still too warm. He has several buckets in the room to catch the water from the leaks. I suggest our voters arrange a visit to our schools or speak with our employees to get a better understanding of our facility needs.

A special thanks to Ms. Gage at Central for an outstanding Right to Read Week. I had the pleasure of reading to Ms. Fields first grade class. They were a wonderful group of eager listeners and learners.

Mr. Kearns

He reminded everyone that the district will have the last opportunity on May 6th to receive \$19 million from the state to build a new Central Elementary School, create a high school campus with a new freshman campus across the street from the high school, have two middle schools in the existing intermediate building and middle school and build a sixth elementary school in a location to be determined.

He emphasized that the \$19 million will impact the entire community and if there is no successful outcome, the opportunity for the \$19 million will be lost. The money will be awarded by the Ohio School Facilities Commission if there is a positive outcome to the vote.

He asked everyone to get as much information as they can and to be sure to vote on May 6th.

14-22 MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Mr. Kearns requested a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion item for Executive Session to include the discussion of collective bargaining.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Berding to amend the agenda to include collective bargaining as a discussion issue for Executive Session.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Hare

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

14-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Berding to recess to Executive Session at 7:14 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 Mr. Hare

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:54 pm.

14-24 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Heisler

Public comments: None

Board comments: None

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

Absent: Mrs. Shorter

Nayes: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____

Treasurer