

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Special Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2014 at the Fairfield Administration Building, Conference Room A.

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

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. Wolterman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Personnel – Mr. Otten

1. Resignation

a. Heather Mees, Central, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
(effective at the end of the day March 21, 2014, per agreement)

14-31 RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT A CASE OF URGENT NECESSITY EXISTS & AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT ADVERTISING OR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CHILLER & RELATED COMPONENTS & CONTROLS AT FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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

B. Item for Board Action

1. Recommend approval of the urgent necessity for chiller replacement at Fairfield Senior High School.

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WHEREAS, due to the deteriorating condition, inefficiency and reliability of the HVAC system at Fairfield Senior High School the chiller and related components and controls must be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, the replacement of the chiller and related components and controls must be accomplished immediately in order to prevent further deterioration and be ready for the start of school in the fall of 2014, and,

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 replacement of the chiller and related components and controls at Fairfield Senior High School.

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 replacement 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:

Trane U.S. Inc.  
10300 Springfield Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45215

For the replacement of the chiller and related components and controls at Fairfield Senior High School in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00.

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 results 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. Hare

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

C. Items for Board Discussion

1. Personnel 2014-2015

a. Support Services (Food Service) – David Foster

He presented a proposal to hire a dietician for the District through the Butler County ESC and a part-time clerical position through the Butler County ESC.

He also expressed the need to monitor the preventative maintenance costs for his department.

- b. Maintenance – Tom Weiser  
He emphasized the need for skilled maintenance staff.
- c. Special Education – Kathy Gilbert  
She advised the board that there are over 300 students eligible for occupational therapy and that we are currently contracting with outside agencies for services. She would like to hire 1.5 FTE positions.

In addition, she would like to hire a part time pre-school supervisor as pre-school has regulations that are not the same as elementary schools.

- d. English as a Second Language (ESL) – Lani Wildow  
She asked the board for three FTEs for the ESL program.

Mr. Heisler asked if we can incentivize current teachers to take the TESOL endorsement.

- e. Technology – Tom Weiser, Lani Wildow & Paul Otten  
The recommendation is to restructure the technology department.
- f. Fairfield Administration Building – Paul Otten & Nancy Lane  
The request is for two half time clerk positions at four hours each for the front desk at the Fairfield Administration Building.
- g. Security – Paul Otten  
Mr. Otten would like an additional security position for the high school and one possibly for the middle school.
- h. Licensed Personnel – Roger Martin & Paul Otten  
Mr. Martin emphasized that class sizes have grown.  
He stated that a high school math position is needed.

Mr. Kearns asked how many students are struggling with Algebra II.  
The response was 85 students.

Mr. Otten summarized the requested positions for the district:

Three ESL teachers, 1.5 occupational therapists, 1 math teacher, 1 receptionist, 1 dietician and ½ time clerical position. In addition, the design of the technology department needs to be changed.

Mr. Kearns stated that he appreciates the effort to be conservative with the staff requests, but he wants to be sure that we do this right. He stated that, in his opinion, there is nothing outlandish in the request. He is ready to move forward in approving the positions.

Mr. Berding & Mrs. Shorter indicated their agreement with Mr. Kearns.

Mr. Hare stated that he appreciated the staff presentations.

Mr. Heisler stated that he wants to be sure that this process is done right.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31-April 4, 2014 – Spring Break (No School)

April 7, 2014 – Pizza at the Polls, 4:00-9:00 PM, Butler Co. Board of Elections (1802 Princeton Rd., Hamilton, OH 45011)

April 17, 2014 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Berding

He thanked the community for their support of the Max King 3-on-3 tournament.  
He congratulated the show choirs.

Mr. Hare

He reminded everyone that the Bond Issue is #2 on the ballot.

14-32 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to recess to Executive Session at 9:27 pm to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees 121.22 (G) (1)

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

The Board resumed the meeting at 10:23 pm.

14-33 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 & Mrs. Shorter

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

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President

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