

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 2nd of October 2014 in 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 and Mr. Clemmons

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### A. Items for Board Discussion

##### 1. World Language presentation

Mrs. Lani Wildow, Mrs. Cindy Jones & Mrs. Mindy Reed presented an overview of the World Languages available in the district.

Discussion regarding the presentation:

Mrs. Shorter agreed that we are losing students taking a World Language at the Middle School level. She would like the district to expand offerings and consider having a class after school and ask parents to pay for the courses.

Mr. Berding asked that, if the option is to “phase-out” courses, what happens when a student does not pass the first or second year language courses? Mrs. Wildow responded that we will make sure that the students are given options and that an on-line course could be one of those options.

Mr. Berding asked if staff needs would increase during the “phase-out” process as the district would be introducing new languages. Mrs. Wildow stated that staffing needs would increase.

Mr. Heisler stated that he has no opposition to Chinese as an offering, but in his business, most for the outsourcing seems to be going to India. He thinks the district should look at Hindu as an option.

Mr. Kearns asked how we will increase the current numbers in our language classes. Mrs. Jones thinks that the lack of offerings in the Middle School program results in a decrease in student numbers in the High School.

Mrs. Shorter pointed out that we have outsourcing all around us. At General Electric, they look for French speaking employees. We need to look at our World Language model as an “expansion model.”

Mr. Heisler stated that he was surprised to learn that a student could not reach Advanced Placement status if they do not start a language until freshman year.

Mr. Hare stated that we have to look at the skills that students will need 5-10 years after graduation. Mr. Hare asked several questions in regards to our student needs:

- Where do our students rank in World Languages when they go to college?
- What is the academic profile of a student in our Honors Program?
- At what point do we administratively decide to end a class?
- What do our students think?

Mr. Otten stated that a recommendation will be made to the Board in November.

2. OSFC building update – Mr. Otten presented the following information:

- September 2, 3, 29 - Visioning Meetings - Frank Locker
- September 4, 2014 - The Board has selected and approved a Commissioning Agent
  - Four Seasons Environmental
- September 16 – The district scored the proposals of Lend Lease, Messer, Shook Touchstone, Skanska, and Turner – the five companies interested in filling the CM at Risk position for the project. Score sheets were submitted to OFCC.
- September 17 – Paul Motylinski and I met with SHP Leading Design (to review their Technical Proposal in order to address costs and services)
- September 18 – The Board approved the Project Agreement with the OFCC
- September 24 - We held our first Core Team meeting (District, OFCC, SHP)
  - Project Agreement was mailed to the OFCC
- September 25 – The OFCC contacted the district to inform us of the 3 firms to invite on to the next level (by way of the score sheet):
  - Shook Touchstone
  - Skanska
  - Turner

Upcoming Information

- Owner's Agent Selection – purpose of the Owners agent is to oversee costs and support the Treasurer.
  - Interviews will be established with three firms
  - We will select the Owners Agent in November
  - Selection process will be completed by Nancy and Paul
- October 15 - 9:00-4:00 – CM at Risk Pre-Proposal Meeting
- October 30 - 9:00-3:00 – CM at Risk Interviews
- November 5 – 9:00-12:00 - Core Team Meeting
- November 7 – Announce selected Construction Manager

3. Superintendent and Treasurer's evaluations – Mr. Hare  
Mr. Hare stated that the minutes from the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be distributed to the Board.
4. Other items for discussion - None

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 10, 2014 – Homecoming Parade, 5:25 PM, and Game, 7:30 PM

October 16, 2014 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

##### Mr. Hare

He reminded the Board that they will be assembling at West at 5:00 pm to walk in the Homecoming Parade.

He gave special recognition for the high school J. Kyle Braid students who attended the Myerson Foundation Service Learning Workshop. The purpose of the event was to assist student leaders to become aware of the needs within their school and community. The hope is that the students will begin to implement service projects in their school and community. The students that attended were Emma Starkey, Scott Vinson, Madison Coburn, Daulton Gunnell, Lexi Wayhoff, Adam Halsey, Lexi Thomas and Brady Bell.

He expressed condolences to the family of Courtney McIntosh, a staff member who passed away. He was loved and respected by staff and students.

##### Mr. Berding

He reminded everyone of the Bandcake Breakfast this Saturday at the middle school.

He stated that Mr. Kearns & Mr. Berding are participating in the *Dancing with the Choraliers* on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

He noted that Mr. McIntosh will be missed.

##### Mrs. Shorter

She stated that she enjoyed the presentation tonight.

She is proud of our football team and is looking forward to Homecoming.

She expressed her condolences to the McIntosh family.

##### Mr. Kearns

He stated that *Dancing with the Choraliers* is a great event.

14-101 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to recess to Executive Session at 8:09 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)

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 Board resumed the meeting at 8:51 pm.

14-102 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare 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 8:52 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

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President

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