

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held an Organizational Meeting on the 8th of January 2015 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

15-01 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2015 (ORC 3313.14)

Mr. Hare nominated Mr. Kearns for 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 Pro Tem declares himself as the elected President of the Fairfield Board of Board of Education for 2015.

B. Oath of Office for the President given by Mrs. Shorter

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.

15-02 ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2015 (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 2015.

B. Oath of Office for the Vice President given by Mr. Kearns.

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

15-03 ESTABLISH 2015 MEETING DATES/ESTABLISH BOARD SERVICE FUND FOR 2015/
APPROVE THE RENEWAL AND/OR PURCHASE OF POSITION/PERFORMANCE BONDS
FOR BOARD MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT &
TREASURER/APPROVE STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2015/APPOINTMENTS TO
OHIO SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION AND CITY COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENT TO
BUTLER TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

NEW BUSINESS/BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Establish 2015 meeting dates, times and location (ORC 3313.15)

Suggestion:

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

Regular Sessions: 3rd 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 2015 in the amount of \$9,942.00.
(ORC 3315.15).

C. Recommend renewal and/or purchase of Position/Performance Bonds for Board Members, Superintendent, Director of Business Operations, and Treasurer as required by Ohio Law in the amount of \$20,000.00 each.

D. Recommend approval of the following standing authorizations for 2015:

1. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
2. Authorize the Treasurer to borrow short-term funds as needed for cash flow purposes.
3. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds whenever funds are available.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 designee.

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.

8. 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 /Designee's acceptance.
9. Authorize the Curriculum Director 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 the Treasurer to utilize the legal firm of Dinsmore & Shohl when fiscal legal opinions are required.
11. Authorize members of the Board to attend workshops, seminars and meetings for Professional Development and to benefit the academic and financial status of district.

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: Dan Hare
2. Parks and Recreation Board: Billy Smith
3. Planning Commission: Tom Heisler

F. Appointment to Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education

1. Recommend approval of the resolution to appoint Michael Berding to the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Board of Education wishes to appoint a member to serve on the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, to be qualified to serve on a board of education of a joint vocational school district, a member must meet the qualifications set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3311.19; and

WHEREAS, the named appointee meets the qualifications as set forth in ORC 3311.19.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, Michael Berding meets the qualifications of Ohio Revised Code 3311.19 and is hereby appointed to serve on the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools Board of Education for a period of three years in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3311.19. The term of office shall begin January, 2015.

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

Public comments: None

Board comments:

Mr. Hare suggested the fourth Thursday of January for the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Heisler wanted to know if we can adjust the Board Service Fund down.

15-04 MOTION TO AMEND DATE OF JANUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AS JANUARY 22, 2015

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

Amend January Board of Education Meeting as January 22, 2015

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Kearns

Public comments: None

Board comments:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

- G. Presentation – Board Member Recognition – Gina Gentry-Fletcher read the following Statement:

Each year in January, we celebrate School Board Recognition Month. This gives us an opportunity to say thank you to the five individuals seated here who selflessly serve our school community. This year's theme — "School Boards Empower Student Success" — illustrates the significant impact that board members across the state have on the future of Ohio's 1.9 million schoolchildren.

In more than 700 school districts in the state, nearly 3,500 board members are studying issues, reading reports and advocating for schools. They also participate in school and community events while making time for their own personal, professional and family obligations.

Being a board member can be demanding. It's a thankless job. That is why we want to take a moment to honor the contributions and dedication of Mr. Jerome Kearns, Mrs. Balena Shorter, Mr. Michael Berding, Mr. Dan Hare and Mr. Tom Heisler. Join me in saying "thank you." Our school board members do make a difference in our community, for every child, every day.

- H. Items for Board Discussion

1. Policy IGBJ – Title 1 Program – Lani Wildow
This will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

2. Policy IGBL – Parental Involvement in Education – Lani Wildow
This will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
3. 2016/2017 School Calendar – Roger Martin
He would like to start school as early as possible and end the school year as early as possible for the 2016/2017 school year due to the new building construction.
4. 2017/2018 School Calendar – Roger Martin
The school year will start late and end late due to the opening of the new buildings.

Mr. Hare pointed out that the 2017/2018 calendar may need to be changed due to occupancy permits.

5. School Security Grant – Tom Weiser
The bulk of the work on this grant was done over winter break.
Dave Foster, Jamie Bertke and Jeff McKinney were instrumental with the success of this project.

Mr. Weiser presented security upgrades that were completed at each building.

6. School Construction Update – Paul Otten
Mr. Heisler would like more information on the geo thermal systems.

Mr Hare asked the life expectancy of the buildings; the response is 50 years.

Mr. Hare asked if there are plans for a construction schedule for the general public.

15-05 APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 TAX BUDGET/APPROVAL OF PAY RATE FOR SEASONAL OR SPORADIC ATHLETIC WORKERS

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to approve the following

- I. Items for Board Action
 1. Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Budget that will be submitted to the Butler County Auditor's Office.
 2. Recommend approval of the following rates to be paid to seasonal or sporadic athletic workers, effective January 1, 2015:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22, 2015 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Fairfield Administration Building, Conference Room A

January 19, 2015 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hesiler

He hopes that everyone had a great winter break.

Mr. Hare

He restated that life never prepares us for some of the challenges that are thrown our way. He stated that his thoughts and prayers are with the family of Dylan Hilliard, the students and staff. He asked that the community reach out and console one another.

He thanked the Fairfield Rotary Club for their annual Christmas project where they donated gifts to over 92 students amounting to \$9200. In addition to the gifts provided by Rotary and Meijer's, food was donated by the Fairfield Food Pantry and Jungle Jim's. The Bass Pro Shop donated mattresses.

He and Gina Genty-Fletcher attended a forum entitled "Sandy Hook Promise Conversation". He will provide more information at a later date in regards to this program.

Mr. Kearns

He thanked Dr. Mark Morris for his service on the Planning Committee.
He also thanked Dan Murray for serving on the Butler Tech Board of Education.

Mrs. Shorter

She thanked Dr. Morris and Mr. Murray for their service.
She hopes everyone had a good holiday.
She thanked Paul for his presentation.

Mr. Berding

He thanked Paul and his team for keeping our children safe during the week.
He thanked the Board for their trust in him.

He reminded everyone of the Second Annual Father/Daughter Dance at the high school on February 7th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

15-06 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Hare to recess to Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss the following:

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

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 8:34 pm.

15-07 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Hare

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm by the President, Mr. Kearns.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer