

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session on the 4th of February 2016 in the Fairfield Administration Building Conference Room A.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Items for Board Discussion

1. Construction Financial Review – Holly McLean, Quandel
Quandel is the owner's agent for the construction project.

Quandel works with the district superintendent & treasurer to oversee the financials for the project.

Holly gave an overview of the guaranteed maximum price and the process of how the guaranteed maximum price is generated and agreed to for the project.

2. 2018 – 2019 School Calendar – Paul Otten

The following dates were presented:

- Student's first day – August 20, 2018
- Thanksgiving break – November 22 & 23, 2018
- Winter break – December 24, 2018 - January 2, 2019
- Last day of school for students – May 23, 2019
- Graduation – May 25, 2019

The school calendar will be on the March 17th agenda for approval.

Mr. Berding asked when the exams would be given for the first semester. Mrs. Wildow replied that the summative assessments will begin before winter break.

3. Bus Purchases – Tom Weiser

He explained that the Board will be asked to approve the district going out to bid for five new regular buses at the next meeting.

Mr. Begley asked how we are doing with the training of additional bus drivers. Mr. Weiser stated that there are several in training that will fulfill the current staffing needs.

4. Middle School and Freshman School Redesign for 2017-2018 – Lani Wildow
Mrs. Wildow gave an overview of the redesigning of the middle schools and freshman school.

She is recommending an additional counselor to be hired at the Intermediate School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Hare believes an additional counselor will be beneficial and would like to look at elementary counselors in the elementary schools in the future.

5. 3rd Grade Reading State Testing Results – Lani Wildow
She stated that we still have much work to do to improve our test scores.

Mrs. Shorter asked if the scores include reading and writing.
Mrs. Wildow stated that they will and pointed out that the OAA tests were short answers. The new test requires much longer responses.

6. Revision of Policy DFA and repeal of Policy DGC – Nancy Lane
This will be on the February 18th agenda for approval.

7. Pay to Participate Legislation – Dan Hare
The recommendation is to postpone sending a letter for now.

8. Other Items for Board Discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 15, 2016 – Presidents' Day (No School)

February 18, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 PM, FHS Catherine D. Milligan
Community Room

February 22, 2016 - Kindergarten Information Meeting, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, FHS,
Performing Arts Center (For parents of children who will be at least five years
old by September 30)

March 1, 2016 – Kindergarten Registration Begins, 8:00 AM – 3:00PM, Student
Registration Center, 4641 Bach Lane

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Shorter

She is impressed with the work that went into the school calendar for 2018-2019.

She thanked Mrs. Wildow for the information that she shared tonight.

She thanked Mr. Weiser on his work on the bus purchases.

She stated that she appreciates everything that the administrators do and told them to
“keep up the good work”.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (continued)

Mr. Begley

He piggybacked Mrs. Shorter's comments and stated that the new buildings are a conduit to the education that occurs within the buildings. What we do inside the buildings is what matters. The district's foresight in planning for years from now is important.

Mr. Berding

He thanked Mr. Lanier for inviting the board into his classroom. The lesson that he witnessed included students demonstrating team work, showing respect for the instructions given and following safety precautions. He was impressed with what he saw.

Mr. Kearns – no comments

Mr. Hare

He read the following statements:

Every week the Fairfield Rotary Club hosts two Fairfield High School seniors as guest speakers. Each week we are treated to know more about two outstanding senior high school students who are making a positive impact in our community. Recently Alison Tuiyott and Andy Toensmeyer were our guest speakers. Ms. Tuiyott is a native of Kenya and stated she owes her success to her support groups, which have provided her opportunities to embrace the community and be embraced by the community. Mr. Toensmeyer works with several Hispanic adults at a local restaurant and works at the Community Arts Center doing arts and crafts with young people. They are great assets to our community and are helping build assets for others through their community involvement.

Congratulations to our seniors athletes who signed their letters of intent to play at the college level:

Shawn Brown: Football – Heidelberg University

Brooklynn Grein: Softball – Hiram College

Hunter Krause: Football – Davenport University

Mitchell Larsen: Football – Ball State University

Alexandra Powell: Soccer – University of Dayton

Todd Ross: Football – Davenport University

Rayna Sayles: Volleyball – Case Western Reserve

Kalyn Smith: Soccer – Cleveland State University

Micah Vann: Football – Wittenberg University

Joshua Weaver: Football – Lake Erie College

TC Wells: Football – Davenport University

Anaiah Williams: Basketball – Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis

Recently one of our teachers at Central Elementary, Anne McKinney was highlighted in the "Community Conversation" of the Hamilton Journal. I encourage people to check out the article from the January 24 edition of the Pulse.

16-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 7:40 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
Security Arrangements 121.22 (G) (6)

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

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

The Board resumed the meeting at 10:17 pm.

16-17 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Berding

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm by the President, Mr. Hare.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer