

The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio, held a Work Session Meeting on the 6th of October 2016 in Conference Room "A" at the Fairfield Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:31 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mr. Berding, Mr. Hare, Mr. Kearns and Mrs. Shorter

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Balena Shorter

PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS

- A. Butler Tech Student Spotlight – Katie Pospisil/Nicole Climer
Fairfield students spoke to the Board about their experiences with Butler Tech programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

16-104 RESIGNATIONS/EMPLOYMENT – Mr. Weiser

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

A. Personnel – Classified

1. Resignations

- a. Susan Farver Springer, District, Director of Human Resources
(effective at the end of the day September 30, 2016; for personal reasons per agreement)

2. Employment

- a. Gina Stern, Freshman, Food Service Assistant
(effective September 16, 2016; for a replacement position)

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

B. Items for Board Discussion

1. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Lacrosse – Roger Martin
Mr. Martin explained to the Board that this will be a one year MOU. It will then be considered under the normal extra-curricular review process in the spring.

2. Job Descriptions – Roger Martin
 - a. Lacrosse, Boys Assistant Coach
 - b. Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Coach
 - c. Lacrosse, Girls Assistant Coach
 - d. Lacrosse, Girls Varsity Coach
3. Dynegy Energy Services – Tom Weiser
Mr. Weiser collected quotes for electric services. He is proposing a three (3) year agreement with rates being 10% less than what we pay now.
4. North Gilmore Road Utility Easement – Tom Weiser

16-105 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING LACROSSE/JOB DESCRIPTIONS/ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SCHOOL BUSES/THREE (3) YEAR ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY/GRANT OF EASEMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Shorter to approve the following:

C. Other Items for Board Action

1. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Lacrosse
2. Job Descriptions
 - a. Lacrosse, Boys Assistant Coach
 - b. Lacrosse, Boys Varsity Coach
 - c. Lacrosse, Girls Assistant Coach
 - d. Lacrosse, Girls Varsity Coach
3. Recommend approval for the Treasurer to advertise for bids for five (5) school buses.
4. Recommend approval of a three (3) year electric service agreement with Dynegy Energy Services effective May 2017 through May 2020.
5. Recommend approval of a new grant of easement to Duke Energy to allow for a new ten (10) foot utility easement following the widening of North Gilmore Road.

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Begley

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative Update – Michael Berding

A legislative breakfast was held on 9-27-2016 at Butler Tech’s Public Safety Education Complex. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Lane were also in attendance. Candidates for the state school board were given the opportunity to speak to administrators, superintendents, treasurers and other officials as to their qualifications for election. Many questions were asked relating to ECOT and Charter Schools. Candidates offered opinions that they would like to see more accountability from these types of schools.

I would like to paraphrase a statement that was released by the OSBA on Sept. 15, 2016:

“School districts concerned about new state report card measures”

COLUMBUS — Today’s release of the Ohio Department of Education state report cards is causing concern in school districts across the state because many of this year’s scores are lower than in prior years. Even though schools are seeing local improvement on many fronts, the results were not unexpected since students are being judged against new, higher state standards.

OSBA supports accountability and welcomes the opportunity to learn how students are progressing and where improvement is needed. At the same time, there are concerns about 2016 being the third year in a row with different tests and varying standards. Districts need adequate time to properly prepare for such transitions.

School board members and administrators have expressed legitimate concerns about the report card methodology and measures. They’re also concerned that the report card tells only part of the story. OSBA President Eric K. Germann said “To truly gauge progress, it’s important to take a holistic look at student and district achievement, the report card is just one component. Many other factors, including job, college and military placement, scholarships awarded, the arts and community service must be part of the overall picture of student success.”

The recently passed Every Student Succeeds Act provides a welcome opportunity for the Ohio Department of Education and state legislature to review and reconsider report cards and measures. OSBA looks forward to working with them to ensure that assessment is fair, equitable and consistent and reporting is clear and concise.

B. Butler Tech – Michael Berding

Mr. Berding shared a friendly reminder about Butler Tech’s “All Boards Meeting” being held Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Butler Tech’s D. Russel Lee Auditorium.

Mr. Berding provided a copy of student success update for everyone to view.

The Butler Tech Administration and Board of Education are working on many exciting things. Look for announcements on these items in his updates in the coming months.

C. Planning Commission – Brian Begley – nothing to report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October, 2016 – Bullying Prevention Month

October 20, 2016 – Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M., FHS Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

October 21, 2016 – Homecoming Parade, 5:25 P.M.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Berding

I wish to thank the Butler Tech students for coming out tonight and sharing their experiences with us.

Mrs. Shorter

I would echo Mr. Berding's comments. The students were excellent.

16-106 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION - Moved by Mr. Kearns to recess to Executive Session at 7:09 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)

Negotiations with other subdivisions regarding economic development assistance 121.22 (G) (8)

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 Board resumed the meeting at 10:29 pm.

16-107 ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Shorter

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm by the President, Mr. Hare.

President

Attest: _____
Treasurer