

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Little Miami Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Miami High School Media Center, 3001 U.S. 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Hamburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Stern	Present
Mrs. Dunbar	Present
Mrs. Hamburg	Present

Others in attendance were: Daniel Bennett; Shaun Bevan; Patrick Dubbs; Lisa Knodel; Ruth Mitchell; Bill Sears; Robyn Kerman; Chris Brown;

Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Cremeans moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 organizational meeting and the January 17, 2008 special session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

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MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Debbi Contner introduced the staff members assigned to Salem Township Elementary School.

Ms. Maggie Hess, Superintendent of Warren County Career Center, reported on the number of Little Miami students who are being served by the Warren County Career Center.

Mr. Rob Blanton and the Athletic Boosters gave a presentation on field turf.

Mr. Justin Koenes gave a construction update on the projects going on throughout the district.

Ms. Laura Collier presented on the Special Education Department at Little Miami Local School District.

Resolution 08-012 Financial Reports

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for January 2008.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-013 Fund to Fund Transfers

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mrs. Dunbar seconded a motion to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund (001) to EMIS Fund (432).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-014 Donation

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to accept the donation of \$300 by Mr. John Hise for the Power of the Pen Competition.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

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Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-015 Personnel

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to approve the following personnel issues as submitted for the 2007-2008 school year. Employment is contingent upon the school system receiving the results of the mandated criminal records background check as required by O.R.C. 3319.311 which indicates that no conviction or pleas of guilty were entered into by any persons being employed:

Administrative Staff--Resignation

Mrs. Ruth Mitchell—Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-4 resigning effective July 31, 2008.

Certified Staff--Resignation

Amy Kelley—Intervention Teacher at Morrow Elementary resigns effective January 18, 2008

Certified Staff--Leave of Absence

Stacey Allen—Family Medical Leave Act/Maternity Leave of Absence estimated dates March 31, 2008 through May 12, 2008

Certified Personnel—Substitute Teacher Employment

Brandon Tankersley
Jason Daily (Intern)
Tara Miller (Intern—Long-Term Substitute)
Kellye Coulter
Kristina Haller
Brooke Warner

Certified Staff—Change in Assignment

Casey Woodruff—from High School Special Education Teacher to Pre-professional Internship Program

Per their request, the following teachers are being transferred to the Salem Township Elementary School for the 2008-2009 school year:

Sara Dicks—Kindergarten
Natalie Edwards—Kindergarten
Lindsey Biddle—First Grade
Andrea Jackson—First Grade
Molly McCoy—First Grade
Katherine Baldner—Second Grade
Suzanne Macomber—Second Grade
Abby Neugebauer—Second Grade
Annette Baker—Third Grade
Eleise Buxton—Third Grade
Julie Bradbury—Fourth Grade
Timothy Huecker—Fourth Grade

Classified Staff—Resignations/Retirements

Jack Kesselring—bus driver resigns effective February 1, 2008

Classified Staff—Employment/Change in Assignment

Don Griffiths—Additional kindergarten route 2.0 hours per day effective January 29, 2008
Nikki Lierman—Junior High School Cook 6.0 hours effective January 28, 2008
Rick Tudor—additional duties as 3.5 hour cook at Junior High School/Intermediate School effective January 28, 2008
Joyce Miller Lang—Bus Driver #60 and cafeteria aide at Maineville Elementary effective February 4, 2008
Jason Cefaratti—Bus Driver #49 effective January 15, 2008
Lisa Rusmiselle—Bus Driver #9 effective February 11, 2008
Tim Schoellman—Bus Driver Standby position effective February 19, 2008

Classified Personnel—Substitute Employment

Sue Sand—substitute bus driver, cook, aide

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Debra Ayers-Jebson—substitute bus driver
Kimberly Byrd—substitute bus aide
Thomas Wilson—substitute custodian

Supplemental Contracts—Employment

All available supplemental contract positions have been offered and advertised and that no qualified licensed individual has accepted the position or that a person holding a license is not qualified to serve in the designated position and the position may be offered to a non-licensed person.

Chris Lynch—Assistant Track Coach (shot and discus)
Philip Grieshop—Assistant Boys Varsity Track Coach
Norm Runyan—Varsity Boys Track Coach
Jackie Engle—Varsity Girls Track Coach
Terry Doughman—Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Sam Ricketts—Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
Randy Callahan—Varsity Softball Coach
Susan Dayton—Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
Rick Lake—Junior Varsity Softball Coach
Stephanie Jauch—Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach
Allison Fisher—7th Grade “B” Girls Basketball Coach (1/2 due to resignation)

Volunteers

The superintendent recommends that the following list of district volunteers be approved as submitted. All submitted volunteers have current background checks.

Don Cleaver—Volunteer Baseball Coach
Tyler Callahan—Volunteer Softball Coach
Kimberly Isaacs—Volunteer at Maineville Elementary School
Krista Henrich—Volunteer at Maineville Elementary School

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-016 Policy

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt the Limited English Proficiency Program Policy as submitted:

The Board of Education believes in the importance of providing English language instruction to students in the Little Miami Local School District who are Limited English Proficient (LEP), including immigrant children and youth. The Board’s Limited English Proficiency Program (“LEP Program”) shall be provided to enable LEP students to become competent in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing of the English language and effectively participate in the District’s educational program. In order to ensure that LEP students are properly identified, regularly assessed, provided with high quality language and academic instruction, achieve English language proficiency, and meet the same challenging State academic content and student achievement standards as all students in the District are expected to meet, the Board will adhere to the procedures set forth in these guidelines.

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- Each student enrolling in the District for the first time will be required to complete a Home Language Survey in order to identify whether the student's primary or home language is other than English. Each completed survey will be included as a part of the permanent record of each student in the District. Each student who identifies that his/her primary or home language is other than English will be assessed in order to determine whether he/she is LEP and needs special language assistance in order to effectively participate in the District's educational program. Such assessment will be administered in accordance with the age and educational level of the student. Based on the assessment results, the District will determine whether the student is eligible to participate in the LEP Program.
- If a student is identified and assessed as LEP and determined to be eligible for services, the District will send written notice to the student's parent(s). Such notice shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the start of the school year or within two (2) weeks of assessment (if the student is not identified prior to the beginning of the school year) and include information regarding:
 - A. the LEP Program and the reasons for the student's identification and assessment;
 - B. the student's level of English proficiency; and
 - C. the method of instruction to be used in the student's program.
- No student will be placed in the LEP Program without having received consent from the student's parent(s). Additionally, the student's parent(s) will be given the opportunity to participate and provide input into the student's program and will be regularly informed of the student's progress.
- Each student shall be tested on an annual basis and monitored to determine how well he/she is learning English and becoming more proficient in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing of the English language. Students will also be tested in the academic content areas of reading/language arts, math and other core academic subjects. The District will provide each student's parent(s) with the results of the tests so that he/she will know how the student is progressing.
- Each student who is assessed as LEP must participate in all State assessments, including the Ohio Achievement Tests and Ohio Graduation Test.
- All students will be given accommodations based on HB 231 rules and requirements.
- Once a student has been placed in the LEP Program, she/he will be provided with services and evaluated on an annual basis until it is determined that the student is proficient enough to meaningfully participate in the District's regular educational

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program. Teacher recommendation will initiate the process for the student to exit the LEP Program. Once a student has been identified for exit, she/he will be reassessed.

- Upon exit from the LEP Program, a student will be monitored for a period of up to two (2) years in order to determine whether he/she is achieving academically and continuing to achieve English language proficiency.
- The District shall maintain records on all LEP students indicating the annual increases the number or percentage of students:
 - A. making progress in learning English;
 - B. attaining English proficiency by the end of the school year;
 - C. making adequate yearly progress.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-017 Salem Township Elementary School

Mr. Stern moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to name the new elementary school to be located at the Welch Road complex, Salem Township Elementary School, effective with the 2008-2009 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-018 Superintendent's Agreement

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to approve the signed agreement between the Little Miami Local School District and the Lebanon City School District for a student to continue attending Little Miami Schools.

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Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-019 Course of Study

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to adopt the College Advantage Course of Study as submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of public employees and litigation issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered executive session at 9:14 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

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MOTION CARRIED.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Mary Beth Hamburg, President

Shaun Bevan, Treasurer