

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013
7 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on April 16, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Little Miami Junior High School, 5819 Morrow-Cozaddale Road, Morrow OH 45152.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Black called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Black	Present
Ms. Journey	Present
Mr. Haas	Present
Mrs. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present

Others in attendance were: Greg Power; Pam Coates; Melinda Briggs, Regina Morgan, Gene Blake, Ryan Cherry, Marla Timmerman, Mike Davis, Sharon Fisher, Maryann Duffy, Connie Combs, Debbi Contner, Pam Pritchard, Erica Kramer, Cathy Trevathan, Wayne Lyke, Dorothea Casselman, Bobbi Allen, Marci Goodrich.

Susan Murray, assistant treasurer, was appointed as treasurer pro tempore in Terry Gonda's absence.

Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt the agenda and to amend it to remove the contract non-renewal for Tina Hopkins under Personnel, to add the certified retirement of Bea Cook under Personnel, and to add the separation agreement and resignation of Tina Hopkins under the Superintendent's Report.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Little Miami Junior High Principal Ryan Cherry made a presentation of a video made by media center specialist Ellen Mason that was entered in the Follett Challenge. Mr. Cherry said the Junior High's video finished 8th out of 140 entries and garnered 12,000 votes. He also announced

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that the Junior High recently was notified that it had won a \$10,000 STEM grant from the 3M Corporation.

Reading of Minutes

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mrs. Journey seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2013 regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Black reported to the Board the items covered in the Board's second listening session at the Harlan Township Fire Department. Both said that the session went well and that they had good discussions with residents.

Mr. Power and Mrs. Morgan gave a presentation of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System that will be implemented. They also discussed the background and the process for writing Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) that will be used to assess student progress and will also be used for teacher evaluation purposes.

Mr. Power presented the Board a draft staffing plan for the 2013-2014 school year and said the Board would be asked to approve this at their May meeting.

Mr. Power said he, Mr. Gonda and other district representatives would be in Franklin County Court in Columbus on April 23 for a hearing of oral arguments on the Miami Bluffs case.

Mr. Power also let the Board know that teachers Mark Lapille and Julie Thompson recently were named Project Excellence winners. Mr. Power said the Board would be pleased to know that the district had 32 nominees for this honor.

Mr. Power also told the board that Ohio Rep. Ron Maag had visited the Little Miami Women's Select Chorale this week and had presented to them a check to defray the costs for the group to come to the Ohio Statehouse to perform in May.

Mrs. Briggs then made a presentation on two paperless board meeting software vendors, BoardDocs and ElectronicSchoolBoard, for the Board to consider. The Board asked her to set up a demonstration of BoardDocs and to bring more information about cost effectiveness for their consideration.

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Financial Reports

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mr. Haas seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for March 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journeay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 13-043 of Urgent Necessity

Mrs. Grice moved and Mr. Haas seconded a motion to approve a resolution of urgent necessity to enter into a contract with SHP Leading Design for architectural design and engineering services for HVAC work at Salem Township Elementary School.

Resolution 13-043

A RESOLUTION OF URGENT NECESSITY AUTHORIZING
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, The heating and ventilation system at Salem Twp. Elementary and Primary Schools currently uses a Daiken heat pump that was installed seven years ago and steam system that is original to the building, and;

WHEREAS, according a recent study, the existing steam system has surpassed its useful life and requires extensive repairs, and;

WHEREAS, according to the same study, the existing steam system could be abandoned and a new Daiken unit and heat pump system could be installed to serve the art room, music room and computer room, and;

WHEREAS, this option would take an extensive engineering analysis to determine if the steam system could be taken off-line, and;

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 school year is nearly complete and the Board's desire is to have this analysis and any resulting work performed while students are not in the building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, County of Warren, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby expressly finds that an urgent necessity exists to enter into a contract with SHP Leading Design to perform architecture design and engineering services at Salem Twp. Elementary and Primary Schools.

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Section 2. The Board of Education authorizes the Little Miami Local School District to enter into the contract at a price not to exceed \$100,000.

Section 3. The Board expressly finds and declares by this resolution that the expenditure is not subject to competitive bidding by reason of it being a case of urgent necessity as set forth in R.C. § 3313.46 (A);

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

2013-2014 Lunch Prices

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mrs. Journeyay seconded a motion to approve lunch prices for the 2013-2014 school year

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Donation

Mrs. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to accept the donation of a permanent director's platform donated by the Little Miami Band Boosters.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mr. Haas seconded a motion to approve the following personnel issues with employment contingent upon the school system receiving the results of the mandated criminal records background check as required by the O.R.C. 3319.311 which indicates that no conviction or pleas of guilty were entered into by any persons being employed.

EXEMPTED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

Julie Campbell, LPN
Angel Hoch, RN
Shannon Horton, RN
Jessica Knochel, RN
Michelle Ross, RN

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RETIREMENT

Roger Levo, LMHS teacher, effective May 31, 2013
Bea Cook, LMHS teacher, effective June 6, 2013

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Melissa Cerjan, kindergarten intervention specialist, eff. 6/30/13
Susan Marschhausen, LMJH teacher, eff. 6/30/13
Erin Davis, LMHS English teacher, eff. 6/30/13

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

Christopher Barr	Lindsay Ellis	Brandy Phillips
Josh Chasteen	Jamie Jackson	Ty Whitaker
Mark Lapille	Cindy Wilmes	Kerry Crotty
Tammy Martin	Bailey Wilson	Craig Eckstein
Andrew Morelock	Ken Gray	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

Stacy Allen	Shane Cummings	Linda Mattingly
Bethany Beebe	Amy Ehlers	Stephanie Pennix
Tracy Bently	Kristine Farrell	Victoria Pitcock
Heather Bessler	Paula Griffin	Robin Prewitt
Melinda Buckwalter	David Schultz	Erin Burgett
Joan Lewis	Jason Smith	Sharon Carter
Sally Lockhart	Geneva Stein	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, CONTINUING CONTRACT

Andrea Ellen
Vikki Iannelli
Ellen Mason
Julie Theuring
Rebecca Wulf

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES

Becky Wilkerson for Lindsey Eckstein, eff. approx. 5/8/13-6/7/13

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Mike Reuscher, mechanic's helper, eff. 4/12/13

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kim Stamas, teacher, for 2013-2014 school year

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT

Dave Tobler, from part-time bus driver to full-time, effect. 3/12/13
Jack McMullen, from sub bus driver to stand-by driver, eff. 4/1/13

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Abstain

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 13-044 To Adopt the Updated Board Policy Manual

Mrs. Grice moved and Mrs. Journey seconded a motion to approve a resolution to adopt the updated Board Policy manual for Little Miami Schools.

Resolution 13-044

To adopt the updated board policy manual
for Little Miami Local Schools

WHEREAS: the Board of Education of Little Miami Local School District engaged the Ohio School Boards Association to conduct a thorough search of documents for existing policy, regulations and management information and to provide the Board a manual containing a new codification of current policies and regulations, and

WHEREAS: the search, codification and manual preparation tasks have been completed and

WHEREAS: the manual has been reviewed by the Board, the Superintendent and school administrators and found to be current and accurate, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education accept and adopt the manual prepared as the Policy Manual of the Little Miami Local School District. As of this date, the 16th day of April, 2013, this manual contains all of the policies of the Little Miami Local School District with the understanding that all of the policies and regulations contained therein are subject to continuing review and revision by the Board. All policies in effect prior to this date are hereby rescinded or superseded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

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Separation Agreement and Resignation

Mrs. Journey moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion to approve the separation agreement and resignation of Tina Hopkins, Little Miami Junior High teacher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adoption of Advanced Placement Statistics textbook

Mrs. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt *The Practice of Statistics* by Starns, Yates and Moore, and the companion *Strive for 5* by Molesky for use in AP Statistics for the 2013-2014 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Mrs. Grice gave a report on the Warren County Career Center. She said there was a teacher evaluation presentation at the previous meeting that was very informative. She also said OSBA members were recently awarded their service pins.

Mr. Power introduced a bus driver job description and student, employee and athletic handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year that the Board would be asked to approve at their May meeting.

Mr. Power also said the final state commission meeting would be held May 22, 2013.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Journey	Yes
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Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Stephanie Baxter Black, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer