

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEB. 18, 2014
7 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Feb. 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Little Miami Junior High School, Morrow, OH 45152.

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Niemesh	Present
Mrs. Journeay	Present
Mr. Haas	Present

Others in attendance were: Greg Power; Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Gene Blake, Melinda Briggs, Ryan Cherry, Tracey Williams and a number of parents and community members.

Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Haas seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Niemesh	Present
Mrs. Journeay	Present
Mr. Haas	Present
Mrs. Grice	Present

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Cherry introduced Rob Ryan, who led the junior high school band in several musical selections.

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Journeay made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 21, 2014 regular meeting and the Jan. 21, 2014 special meeting. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Niemesh	Present
Mrs. Journeay	Present
Mr. Haas	Present
Mrs. Grice	Present

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Mr. Cremeans
MOTION CARRIED

Present

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mr. Power discussed the staffing plan for the 2014-2015. He said that 5.6 positions would be eliminated, including a maintenance supervisor position. He also said that 10 positions would be added, including a full-time technology director and an online administrator/facilitator. He said the principals at Hamilton-Maineville and Salem Twp. Primary Schools would not be returning and that those positions would need to be filled. He also said that the district’s preschool program would see a significant increase in state funding for the next school year. Mr. Power said he would be asking the board to approve the staffing plan later on in the agenda.

Mr. Power also discussed the current status of legislation that would allow districts additional calamity days. He said the bill was still in committee with no firm date on when it would come to a vote. He also said that the state had added an additional week to the OAA testing window for this school year.

Mrs. Morgan gave a presentation on student growth measures and the mechanics of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System. Board members followed along and commented that the system was quite convoluted. They said they appreciated her helping them to understand it more.

Financial Reports

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the financial reports for January 2014. Mrs. Journey seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the following contracts. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Skyline of River’s Bend	\$16,819.00 (4 payments)	July 15, 2014- July 15, 2017	Sponsorship	Refinishing gym floor at LMHS
SWOCA	\$166,896.00	Dec. 1, 2013- Nov. 30, 2017	Service	Wireless installation
LCNB	Varies	Jan. 28, 2014-Jan. 28, 2018	Service	Depository of public funds

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Donation I

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the donation of six new wireless headset microphones, six new body packs, six new receivers and two new hand-held microphones from Jim Frederick, Jr. for the LMHS Drama Department. Mrs. Journeyay seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Donation II

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to accept the donation of a Lifestep machine, Cybex hip machine, three weight trees and 66 weight plates from the Fitness Center at Harper's Point Racquet Club. Mr. Haas seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Notice for publication

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the authorization to place a notice in the newspaper of record for a public hearing regarding employment. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

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Personnel

Mr. Niemesh made 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. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Molly Ramsey, maternity leave, eff. approx. 3/7/14-5/2/14

Allyson McVey, maternity leave, eff. approx. 5/8/14 to the end of school year

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL—EMPLOYMENT, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

Angie Hoffman, from approx. 3/7/14-5/2/14 for maternity leave

Linda Olinger, from approx. 5/8/14-end of year for maternity leave

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

David Haney, bus driver, surgery leave, eff. approx. 1/16/14 to end of school year

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Steve Scherle, 1st shift custodian at LMHS, eff. 2/10/14, Step 0

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

Phyllis Bright, special ed. aide, building aide

Brooke Daugherty, special ed. aide, building aide

Scott Davis, custodian

Ruth Sandoval, secretary

VOLUNTEER

Jeff Hoevenaar

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Journeay Yes

Mr. Haas Yes

Mrs. Grice Yes

Mr. Cremeans Yes

Mr. Niemesh Yes

MOTION CARRIED

2014-2015 Staffing Plan

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the staffing plan for the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

Mrs. Journeay seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Haas Yes

Mrs. Grice Yes

Mr. Cremeans Yes

Mr. Niemesh Yes

Mrs. Journeay Yes

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Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve a The Superintendent recommends approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Little Miami Board of Education and the Ohio Association of School Employees Local 516 regarding vacation leave. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Itinerary for Little Miami Select Women's Chorale trip to Latvia

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the itinerary for the Little Miami Select Women's Chorale trip to the World Choir Games in Latvia in July 2014. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

The board held a first reading of principal and assistant principal job descriptions.

Mrs. Grice said she would be giving a Warren County Career Center report at the next meeting because the board had not had its meeting yet.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, Mar. 18 at 7 p.m. at Little Miami High School.

Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Journey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Bobbie Grice, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer