

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2014
7 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on April 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the media center of Little Miami High School, 3001 U.S. 22-3, Morrow, OH 45152.

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power; Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Melinda Briggs, Marla Timmerman, Tiffany Sawyer, Cathy Trevathan, Ryan Cherry, Gene Blake, Connie Combs, Joanie Holbein, Jack McMullen and a number of parents and community members.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Gonda opened a public hearing for the purpose of re-hiring Randy Gray as LMHS teachers at 7:05 p.m. He asked to hear those opposed to the rehire to speak. Hearing none, he asked for those in favor of the rehire to speak. Hearing none, he asked for Board comments. Mr. Haas asked to clarify the purpose of rehiring Mr. Gray after he retired. Mr. Power said it gave the district the opportunity to hire an experienced teacher at a lower rate of pay. Mr. Gonda closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Reading of Minutes

Ms. Journeyay made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2014 regular meeting. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Athletic Director, Tiffany Sawyer, recognized athletes and coaches for outstanding performances:

- **Ian Thunhorst** is a junior at Little Miami High School. Ian was named Southwest Ohio Conference Runner of the Year for the 2013 season.
- **Lindsey Davis** is a senior and a three-sport athlete at Little Miami. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball. She was named Conference Athlete of the Year for the 2013 volleyball season.
- **Ron Maupin** is the head academic team coach at Little Miami. For the first time in school history, the varsity academic team qualified for state competition this year, and will compete on May 3 in Columbus. Ron was named Conference Coach of the Year for this season.
- **Will Thornton** is a senior at Little Miami High School and has earned a number of accolades for outstanding academic achievement, including being named a National Merit Scholarship finalist and for earning a perfect score on the ACT. Will was recognized as Southwest Ohio Conference Player of the Year for academic team.
- **Mason Boulton** has been a volleyball coach at Little Miami for 15 years. This season, Mason earned his 200th win as head coach for Little Miami.
- **Matt Tolliver** has been the head girls' basketball coach at Little Miami for three years. This year, Matt was named Conference Coach of the Year for girls basketball.
- **Jack German** is a junior at Little Miami High School and is a highly competitive swimmer. His time at regionals qualified him to swim at the OHSAA state championships in two events, which is the second year in a row for such an honor. Jack also is a key member of the swim team at the Countryside YMCA.
- **Mitchell Beerse** is a senior and is our school's only male diver. His performances this year qualified Mitch to dive at the state championships in Canton, where he finished 21st. He has been a trailblazer for diving at Little Miami and we hope others will step up and follow his lead after he graduates this year. In May, Mitch will be signing a letter of commitment to continue his diving career at the University of Cincinnati.

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- **Kristin Garn** is a senior soccer and softball player. Kristin has been given the opportunity to continue her playing career after high school and has signed a letter of commitment to play soccer for the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio.
- **Abbey McKee** is a senior softball player. Abbey also has been given the opportunity to continue her playing career after high school and has signed a letter of commitment to play for Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.
- **Amy Bullimore** is a senior basketball player. Amy will be signing her letter of commitment to continue her career with Urbana University at a ceremony on Thursday.

Greg Power recapped the Fine Arts Festival held on April 12, 2014 at the High School. The festival was well attended and full of artwork that was on displayed from each building. Every Little Miami school was also represented throughout the day with musical performances.

Mr. Power also announced Project Excellence award winners for 2013-2014 are Amber Huber, preschool teacher at Butlerville Elementary and Stephanie Greishop, 6th grade teacher at LM Intermediate. In addition, Stephanie Woodruff, HS Math, was named Cincinnati Teacher of Excellence.

Community Comments

Jack McMullen addressed the board with concerns of closing up the shop class. He suggested the idea of starting a Booster Club stating he would be happy to head it up. He feels this class can build a strong foundation for students and would like for the program to be saved.

Mr. Power commented that the current equipment is outdated and could be dangerous. He also said that colleges are not training teachers to be able to truly teach shop class. This class is not violable and not cost effective.

Mr. Haas added that the district would have to finance the entire program and they simply do not have the funding.

Financial Reports

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the financial reports for March 2014. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Lunch Prices

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve a 10-cent meal price increase for the 2014-2014 school year. Mrs. Journey seconded.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Contracts

Mr. Haas told Greg Power that the board appreciates him coming back for another term, then thanked him for the good job he does.

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve Greg Power's contract for the period of Aug. 1, 2014- July 31, 2017. Mrs. Journey seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mr. Haas 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. Niemesh seconded.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Meggan Davis, 2014-2015 school year

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL—EMPLOYMENT – 3-YEAR CONTRACT

Marla Timmerman, Principal, Intermediate Building, eff. 2014-2015 school year

Tiffany Sawyer, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director, High School, eff. 2014-2015 school year

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Robyn Hapner, eff. 03/25/2014

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RETIREMENT

Kathy Ruschman, eff. 7/31/2014

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Evan Vogel, eff. 4/11/2014

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Linda Norton, cook, eff. 4/8/2014 through 6/6/2014

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Linda Hurst, cook, eff. 4/4/2014 through 6/6/2014

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

Tim Bookout, custodian

Kristina Haller, teacher aide, sp ed aide

Bobbie Wolfe, cook

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Cory Taylor, .5 Elementary Summer School Administrator

Tracey Williams, .5 Elementary Summer School Administrator

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Student Handbooks for 2014-2015

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve the student handbooks for Grades K-6, Little Miami Junior High, and Little Miami High School. Ms. Journey seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Board Policies Second Reading

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the board policies IC-ICA, EB, EBAA, EBBC,EBC-R,ECG, GBKv2, JFCGv2, KGCv2 as presented. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Ms. Grice gave an update on the Warren County Career Center. SHP Design will be conducting an overview of the building; there have been no construction updates since the building was built. They are expecting 369 incoming juniors and 381 incoming seniors for the 2014-2015 school year. Some important upcoming dates are: Apr. 24, 2014 Meet and Greet; Oct. 3, 2014 Career Day.

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Adjourn

Ms. Journey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Haas seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bobbie Grice, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer