

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TAX BUDGET AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2011
6:45 P.M.

The Little Miami Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in organizational session on January 12, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the Little Miami High School, 3001 East U.S. 22&3, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Tax Budget Hearing

A budget hearing was held at 6:47 p.m. by Mr. Shaun Bevan, Treasurer, for the fiscal year 2012 tax budget.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Absent
Mrs. Black	Present
Mrs. Dunbar	Present
Mrs. Hamburg	Present

Others in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Bennett; Mr. Shaun Bevan; Mr. Greg Power; Mrs. Pam Coates; Mr. David Griggs.

Resolution 11-001 Executive Session

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mrs. Bobbie Grice seconded a motion for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing labor contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

Resolution 11-002 Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Black seconded a motion to return to regular session.

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ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to regular session at 7:57 p.m.

Resolution 11-003 Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, adding XVI, Levy Discussion, and removing XVII, LMTA Contract.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-004 Election of Officers and OSBA Liaisons

Mrs. Mary Beth Hamburg moved and Mrs. Black seconded a motion to maintain the same positions from 2010 as follows:

Kym Dunbar, 2011 Board President;
Mary Beth Hamburg, 2011 Board Vice President;
Stephanie Black, 2011 OSBA Education Legislative Liaison;
Bobbie Grice, 2011 OSBA Student Achievement Liaison; and
Bobbie Grice, Representative to the Warren County Career Center Board of Education for a two-year term commencing with the 2011 calendar year.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-005 Board of Education Authorization

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion to authorize the Board of Education for the following:

1. Establish the Board of Education meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of June 2011, which be held the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meetings will be held in the Little Miami High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

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2. Authorize attendance by the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the Treasurer at local, state and national conferences deemed appropriate as Board representatives, including the 2011 NSBA Annual Conference and 2011 OSBA Capital Conference.
3. Authorize joining the Ohio School Boards Association with membership dues and approval of subscriptions and participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-006 Treasurer Authorization

Mrs. Black moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion to authorize the Treasurer for the following:

1. Authorize the Treasurer to invest funds according to Board policy and the Ohio Revised Code.
2. Authorize the Treasurer to request tax advances from the County Auditors.
3. Authorize the Treasurer to adjust appropriations by transfer among fund functions as stipulated in Board policy.
4. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills in accordance with appropriations.
5. Authorize the Treasurer to sign all checks.
6. Establish reimbursement rate for district employee travel at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for the current calendar year.
7. Approve Lebanon Citizens National Bank, First National Bank of Warren County, Fifth Third Bank, STAR Ohio as depositories of public funds of the Little Miami Local School District.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-007 Superintendent Authorization

Mrs. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent for the following:

1. Appoint the Superintendent as purchasing agent for the district and authorize him to sign contracts on behalf of the Board President along with the treasurer for contracts not to exceed \$25,000.
2. Approve student activity purpose/policy statements for the 2011 school year.

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3. Authorize the Superintendent to participate in all federal/state programs of value to the district.
4. Authorize the Superintendent to employ temporary personnel, appoint negotiations personnel, enter into contractual agreements for services needed in emergency situations, approve applications for professional meetings that conform to Board of Education established policies and appropriations.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-008 Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Black seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2010 Regular Session.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

1. Superintendent Dan Bennett presented certificates to the board members in honor of School Board Recognition Month in January.
2. The Superintendent reported on facilities, transportation, curriculum and instruction. He reviewed the reconfiguration for the 2011-2012 school year.

Discussion of May levy

School board members discussed different millage scenarios for a May levy issue.

Resolution 11-009 Levy Resolution of Necessity

Mrs. Grice moved to adopt the resolution declaring the necessity of levying a 13.95-mill levy. The motion died for lack of a second.

Resolution 11-010 Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to approve the tax budget for fiscal year 2012 for submission to the County Budget Commission.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11- 011 Financial Reports

Mrs. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-012 Donation

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion to accept the donation of approximately 59 17" flat screen monitors from L3 Nova Engineering.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-013 Personnel

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to approve the following personnel issues with employment contingent upon the school system receiving the results of the mandated criminal record background check as required by O.R.C. 3319.311:

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Erin Davis – requests a maternity leave of absence effective approximately February 1, 2011, including the Family Medical Leave Act, and will return approximately April 25, 2011.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Kathy Marchione	Corie Bland	Kyle Finuf	Catherine Harber
Hale Husband, Jr.	Erin Keaton	Joel Sackenheim	Kathryn Toerner

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SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS – EMPLOYMENT

Janell Terrell – Fine Arts/Specials Department Chair
Sally Lockhart – Special Education Department Chair
Sharon Stein – Social Studies Department Chair
Jen Lyke – English Department Chair
Stephanie Woodruff – Math Department Chair
Jen Dafoe – Foreign Language Department Chair
Belle Allen – Guidance Department Chair
Amanda Venable – High School Yearbook (1/2 of supplemental)
Lisa Koch – High School Yearbook (1/2 of supplemental)
Lisa Koch – High School National Honor Society
Jen Lyke – Junior and Senior Class Advisor
Jeff Peters – Student Government Advisor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 11-014 Southwest Ohio Conference Participation

Mrs. Grice moved and Mrs. Black seconded a motion to adopt the resolution of participation for the Southwest Ohio Conference.

**RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION
FOR SOUTHWEST OHIO CONFERENCE**

Whereas the Fort Ancient Valley Conference has served our school district well, and

Whereas, several teams from the Fort Ancient Valley Conference have withdrawn from the Fort Ancient Valley Conference, and

Whereas the superintendents, high school principals, and athletic directors, of the school districts listed below have collaborated and proposed the formation of a new conference named the Southwest Ohio Conference,

Edgewood City School District
Little Miami Local School District
Mt. Healthy City School District
Northwest Local School District
Ross Local School District
Southwest Local School District
Talawanda City School District
Wilmington City School District

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Now therefore be it resolved that the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education endorses the formation of the new Southwest Ohio Conference, and

Further be it resolved that the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education commits its school district to four years (for school years 2012-2013 through 2015-2016) as a participant in the Southwest Ohio Conference, unless interscholastic competition is discontinued.

President of Board of Education

Vice-President of Board of Education

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Superintendent

Treasurer

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Grice gave a Warren County Career Center Report.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mr. Dave Wallace moved into the district about a year ago and asked questions about Little Miami's financial state.
2. Mr. Greg Dougherty said school districts should uphold the Constitution.
3. Mr. David Griggs discussed the outcome of the November election and its impact on a May levy campaign.
4. Mr. Harold Wall, a long-time district resident, said he was disheartened by Little Miami's financial situation, especially because the district provides excellent academics at a low price to residents.

Resolution 11-015 Executive Session

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion for the Board of Education to enter into executive session for discussion of employment of public employees.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered executive session at 9:41 p.m.

Resolution 11-016 Return to regular Session

Mrs. Dunbar moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Black	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to regular session at 10:39 p.m.

Resolution 11-017 Adjourn

Mrs. Black moved and Mrs. Grice seconded a motion to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Kym Dunbar, President

Shaun Bevan, Treasurer