

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

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on March 18, 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. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Niemesh	Present
Mrs. Journeyay	Present
Mr. Haas	Present

Others in attendance were: Greg Power; Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Melinda Briggs, Maryann Duffy, Jody Bailey, Marla Timmerman, Wayne Lyke, Connie Combs, Joanie Holbein, Gil Adkins, Tim Patten, Biff Arnold 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. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Reading of Minutes

Tony Niemesh made a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 18, 2014 regular meeting. Ms. Journeyay seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mrs. Morgan gave a presentation on the Straight A Grant. These grants are awarded from the state of Ohio for projects that fulfill important goals related to: student achievement, responsible budgeting, and shared resources. Mrs. Morgan proposed a New Learning Center design that would create student opportunities such as virtual field trips, online instruction, dual-credit, after school tutoring, as well as opening an Adult Learning Center for our community.

Mr. Gonda gave an update on pay-to-participate fees for the winter sports season. He said that the new model is working correctly. The district has added teams due to the increase in participation. Last year, 119 students participated and this year there were 222 students. Winter (basketball & wrestling) gate receipts were up 11.4%. He will give a spring season update in June.

Mr. Power updated the Board on the current status of legislation that allows districts additional calamity days. He said the bill was passed on March 12. The district will have four days to make up for the 13-14 school year. He has decided to add on the days in June versus adding a half hour to the remaining days due to the fact it would cost the district additional money.

Mr. Power congratulated the School Board for receiving the Gold Award, and Stephanie Woodruff for being named Cincinnati Teacher of Excellence.

Mr. Power also gave an enrollment update. He is projecting 200 new students for the 2014-2015 school year, which could push enrollment to its highest level ever.

Mr. Power announced that Little Miami received a \$30,000 grant to be used for the security upgrades in the entryways of the buildings.

Mr. Cremeans reminded everyone about the upcoming Board listening session at Harlan Township Fire Department.

Ms. Grice presented a certificate to Mr. Power from the Ohio School Board's Association for his nomination as Superintendent of the Year.

Financial Reports

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the financial reports for February 2014. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Contracts

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

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Gallup	\$14,000	Feb. 22, 2014- Feb. 21, 2015	Service	Application screener for employment
SWOCA	Varies	July 1, 2014-June 30, 2019	Service	Internet access
SWOCA	Varies	July 1, 2014-June 30, 2019	Service	VOIP/phone service

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 14-001 To Accept the Amount and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission

Ms. Journey made a motion to approve a resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

RESOLUTION 14-001

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Warren County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Fund	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
Bond Retirement Fund	7,145,944		0.00	9.51
General Fund	26,940,000	1,175,000	1.60	45.94
Permanent Improvement		2,200,000	3.00	0.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mr. Cremeans 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

Natalie Edwards, maternity leave, eff. approx. 5/20/14 to the end of school year.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL—EMPLOYMENT – 3-YEAR CONTRACT

Jody Bailey, elementary principal, Butlerville, Step 2

Maryann Duffy, elementary principal, Salem Twp., Master's +20, Step 4

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

Angie Hoffman, cover maternity leave, eff. approx. 5/20/14 to end of school year.

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CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RETIREMENT

Deb Haisley, eff. 5/31/14

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Kim Stamas

Victoria Pitcock, eff. end of 2013-2014

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RETIREMENT

Ron Gilkison, eff. end of 2013-2014 school year

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Ruth Sandoval, eff. 3/26/14

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Teresa Pence, custodian at IS, eff. 3/4/14

Ellen Summer, custodian at HS, eff. 3/4/14

Nick Greer, from sub bus driver to 6.0 hr. standby driver, \$16.06/hr., eff. 3/7/14

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

Kay Terry – cook

Christina Craig – bus driver

Nick Greer – mechanic

Shelby Henson – custodian, cook

Jason Shannon – custodian, mechanic

Dave Tobler – mechanic

Veronica Tobler -- custodian

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Abigail Hile, LMJH girls track coach

Ali Fisher, LMJH boys track coach

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Wade Brown, varsity wrestling coach

VOLUNTEER

Judy Lane

William Box

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cremeans Yes

Mr. Niemesh Yes

Mrs. Journey Yes

Mr. Haas Yes

Mrs. Grice Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Job Descriptions

Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the Principal and Associate Principal job descriptions. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Niemesh Yes

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

The board held a first reading of, updated Board policies (IC-ICA, EB, EBAA, EBBC, EBC-R, ECG, GBKv2, JFCGv2, KGCv2)

Mrs. Grice gave an update of the Warren County Career Center upcoming events.

April 3rd - GED Graduation

April 24th - Dinner and Tour

May 7th – Community Day and Project Excellent

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m., Little Miami High School.

Community Comments

Biff Arnold addressed the Board regarding the sports program. He expressed concern over losing junior high athletes to other schools or programs because Little Miami is not utilizing community resources and that the current weight room is insufficient for the current need. Tim Patten also addressed the board on the same subject.

Mr. Cremeans commented that he was a strong supporter of athletics and said he felt that the athletic program is just as important as academics. He said that the Board would sit down and discuss the athletic program. Mr. Niemesh reiterated that the Board does need to look at doing something to help the Athletic Department.

The Board agreed to meet to discuss further.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Mrs. Journeay made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee or official. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

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Mrs. Journeay made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Haas seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Bobbie Grice, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer