

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 21, 2004

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on December 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Little Miami High School Media Center, 3001 U.S. 22-3, Morrow, Ohio.

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Cress	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Ms. Grice	Present
Mr. Rothwell	Present
Mrs. Hamburg	Present

Resolution 282-2004 Adopt the Agenda

Ms. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 283-2004 Reading of Minutes

Mr. Rothwell moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2004 Special Session, November 16, 2004 Regular Session, November 23, 2004 Special Session and the December 2, 2004 Finance Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes

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Resolution 284-2004 Financial Reports

Mr. Cremeans moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to approve the financial reports for the month ending November 2004.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 285-2004 Fund to Fund Advances

Mr. Rothwell moved and Mrs. Cress seconded a motion to advance \$3,000.00 from the General Fund (001-0000) to Title II-A FY05 (572-9005).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 286-2004 Contracts

Mr. Cremeans moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to approve the following contracts:

	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
04-16	ODACS Inc.	\$18.00/EE	2005 SY	Service	Alcohol testing
		\$36.50/EE	2005 SY	Service	Urinalysis testing
		\$125.00/EE	2005 SY	Service	On-site testing
04-17	Kathy Loomis	\$2,680.00	2005 SY	Services	Piano Accompanist
04-18	Stephanie Ryan	\$320.00	2005 SY	Services	Piano Accompanist
04-19	Larry Redfern	\$27,672.30	2005 SY	Consultant	Interim JH Counselor
04-20	Jack Worley	\$1,000.00	2005 SY	Consultant	HS Intervention Spec.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes

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MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 287-2004 Personnel

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to employ the following personnel for the 2004-2005 school year. Employment is contingent upon the school system receiving the results of the mandated criminal records background check as required by O.R.C. 3319.311 which indicates that no conviction or pleas of guilty were entered into by any persons being employed:

RESIGNATIONS

Katherine Burgess Junior High School Guidance Counselor effective November 29, 2004

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS--EMPLOYMENT

Sharon Kerestes Long-term substitute for Junior High school library Step: M-0

Nancy McLaughlin

Susan Bills

Shawna Duvelius

Laura Clark

Leah Busick

Bryan Parthermore

Susan Trutner

Barbara Tudor

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL--EMPLOYMENT

Amy Cromer-3 hour teacher's aide at Maineville Elementary School for a special education student for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year. Step: 0

Christy Stephens-2 hour cook at the Junior High School. Effective 01/03/05 Step: 0

Resolution 273-2004 employment of Mary Query as a special education aide at the Junior High School be rescinded.

SUBSTITUTE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL-EMPLOYMENT

Barbara Bowman-substitute bus driver

Gary Carmanck-substitute custodian

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS-EMPLOYMENT

Katie Books-Flag Instructor

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS-RESIGNATION

Sean Derrig Junior High School Assistant Track Coach

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Korrie Skibinski, Maineville Elementary teacher, requests an unpaid maternity leave from February 15, 2005 through March 24, 2005.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 288-2004 Lacrosse Club

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to recognize lacrosse as a club sport for the 2005-2006 school year at no cost to the district.

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Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 289-2004 Athletic Release

Mr. Rothwell moved and Mrs. Cress seconded a motion to permit an athletic release to Michael Grossman to the Goshen Local School District for the 2004-2005 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 290-2004 School Year Calendar

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mr. Rothwell seconded a motion to adopt the calendar for the 2005-2006 school year.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 291-2004 Selecting and Ranking Design Professional Firms and Directing Commencement of Negotiations

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 153.67, on the 21st day of December 2004, the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the "Board") publicly announced a request for proposals for design professional services for the following projects: Addition/Renovation of existing High School; construction of a new Middle School; and, construction of new Elementary School (hereafter referred to as the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposal contemplated awarding the Design Professional Services to more than one design firm and the possibility that there may be further design professional services necessary beyond the initial scope of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Board received proposals from seven design professional firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established a Architect Proposal Review Committee (hereafter referred to as the "Committee") to review the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed all of the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for proposals, and has made recommendations to the Board as it relates to the ranking and selection of the design professional firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has met with representatives from each firm recommended by the Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee and the Board interviews, the Board hereby determines that the following three design professional firms are the most qualified to perform the requested services

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for the Addition/Renovation of existing High School, the construction of a new Middle School, and any further renovations or construction at the High School; and further hereby selects and ranks, in descending order, the following three design professional firms:

1. Steed Hammond Paul Architects, Inc.
2. Voorhis Slone Welsh Crossland Architects
3. Cole Russell/Fanning Howey Architects

Section 2. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee and the Board interviews, the Board hereby determines that the following three design professional firms are the most qualified to perform the requested services for the construction of the new Elementary and any new Elementary School construction beyond the anticipated initial scope, and further hereby selects and ranks, in descending order, the following three design professional firms:

1. Voorhis Slone Welsh Crossland Architects
2. Steed Hammond Paul Architects, Inc.
3. Cole Russell/Fanning Howey Architects

Section 3 The Board hereby directs the Treasurer and Superintendent, in consultation with legal counsel, to negotiate with the highest ranked design professional firm a contract for services for the respective Projects, said negotiations to include an agreement as to a fair and reasonable compensation.

Section 4. Should the aforementioned individuals be unable to reach agreement with the highest ranked design professional firm, they are hereby directed to report back to the Board for further direction.

Section 5. The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education; and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supercede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education which may be inconsistent with or duplicative of the provisions of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg

Yes

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Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 292-2004 Resolution Selecting and Ranking Construction Management Firms and Directing Commencement of Negotiations

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Cress seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 9.331, on the 21st day of December, 2004, the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the “Board”) publicly announced a request for proposals for construction management services for the following projects: Addition/Renovation of existing High School; construction of a new Middle School; and, construction of new Elementary School (hereafter referred to as the “Projects); and

WHEREAS, the Board received proposals from six construction management firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established a Construction Manager Proposal Review Committee (hereafter referred to as the “Committee”) to review the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed all of the proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for proposals, and has made recommendations to the Board as it relates to the ranking and selection of the construction management firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has met with representatives of all construction management firms recommended by the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Miami Local School District Board of Education, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. Based upon the interviews conducted by the Board, the Board hereby determines that the following three construction management firms are the most qualified to perform the requested services for the Projects, and further hereby selects and ranks, in descending order, the following three construction management firms:

1. Dugan & Meyers Construction
2. Turner Construction
3. Megan Construction

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- Section 2. The Board hereby directs the Treasurer and Superintendent, in consultation with legal counsel, to negotiate with the highest ranked construction management firm a contract for services for the Projects, said negotiations to include an agreement as to a fair and reasonable compensation.
- Section 3. Should the aforementioned individuals be unable to reach agreement with the highest ranked construction management firm, they are hereby directed to report back to the Board for further direction.
- Section 4. The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education; and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supercede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education which may be inconsistent with or duplicative of the provisions of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 293-2004 Approving the Establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District

Ms. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“O.R.C.”) Sec 5709.40, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Little Miami Local School District (the “School District”) received notice dated October 28, 2004 (the “City Notice”), of the intent of the City of Loveland, Warren County, Ohio (the “City”) to adopt an ordinance (the “City Ordinance”) declaring improvements to a certain parcel of real property located in the City and identified in the City Notice to be a public purpose (the “Exempted Property”); and

WHEREAS, the intent of declaring such property to be a public purpose is to provide for the exemption (the “TIF Exemption”) of up to one hundred percent (100%)

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(the "Exemption Percentage") of the assessed value of such improvements for a period commencing on the date upon which the adoption of the City Ordinance and ending on the earlier of December 31, 2031 or the date upon which the obligations of the City issued to finance the cost of making certain infrastructure improvements (the Public Infrastructure Improvements") to benefit the Exempted Property have been paid in full: and

WHEREAS, the City intends to require the owners of the Exempted Property, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 5709.40, to make annual service payments in lieu of taxes to be used to pay for the Public Infrastructure Improvements; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. Section 5709.40(B)(2) and section 5709.82(B) and (C) permit the City Council of the City and the Board of the School District to enter into an agreement in order to compensate the School District for potential property taxes lost as a result of the TIF Exemption;

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

SECTION 1. The Board hereby approves the exemption of the Exempted Property of up to one hundred percent (100%) for thirty (30) years on the condition that the City Council of the City and this Board enter into a tax incentive agreement (the "Agreement"), providing, among other things, for compensation to the School District, during any year, or any portion thereof, in which the School District would have received property tax payments derived from the Exempted Property, but for the City's authorization of the TIF Exemption, which compensation shall include annual payments to the extent revenues are available all as set forth in the Agreement, a draft of which is attached hereto.

SECTION 2. The Agreement shall be executed on behalf of this Board by the Treasurer and shall be substantially in the form presented to this Board, with such changes, not inconsistent with this resolution, as shall be agreed to by the Treasurer, the Treasurer's execution of the Agreement on behalf of this Board shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

SECTION 3. Provided the Agreement is entered into, the School District hereby waives compliance with the remainder, if any, of the forty-five (45) business days notice requirement of O.R.C. Sections 5709.40, 5709.82 and 5709.83 of the Ohio Revised Code, but solely with respect to the Exempted Property.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Ms. Grice reported on 12/17/04 Warren County Career Center meeting:

- community college development
- Educational Partner Program with local businesses
- minimum student enrollment standards
- established Board meeting schedule
- superintendent strategic planning

Resolution 294-2004 Executive Session

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered executive session at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Resolution 295-2004 Adjournment

Mrs. Hamburg moved and Mrs. Cress seconded a motion the Board Meeting be adjourned.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Rothwell	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Cress	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

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The Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Nona Cress, President

Robert Giuffré, Treasurer

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