

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JAN. 20, 2015
7 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Jan. 20, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Little Miami Jr. High School, 5290 Morrow-Cozaddale Road, Morrow, OH 45152.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power; Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Gene Blake, Neil Schmidt, Joanie Holbein, Cathy Trevathan, Ryan Cherry, Tracey Williams, Brian Dalton, Marla Timmerman, Tiffany Sawyer, Travis Showers, Cory Taylor, Jamie Miles, Rob Ryan, Rachel Tilford, Stephen Collins, Wayne Lyke, Biff Arnold, Patty Wehrung, John Hise, David Birkhead, Angie Crouse, Melinda Briggs, members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Alice Yoshida, Junior High Band members, and several other community members.

Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Grice made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Journeyay seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Power opened a public hearing for the purpose of rehiring Lisa Wiles as a bus driver at 7:05 p.m. He asked for any comments regarding the rehire. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

The Jr. High band, directed by Rob Ryan, performed for the Board members and visitors. Mr. Ryan then presented certificates to 10 of the band students for making the Ohio Music Education Association's District 13 Honor Band. Congratulations to the following:

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Katie Schuckman, Rachel Boyle, Bryce Briggs, Monica Lucas, Beau Pagnard, Joel Silberberg, Dhruv Dinesh, Tadeo Palafox, Kayleigh Bowen, and Aletta Day.

Seventh grader Alice Yoshida, who placed fifth in the National Americanism Poster Contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution, was recognized by members of the SAR's local chapter, who presented her with her fifth-place national award.

Reading of Minutes

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 13, 2014 special meeting, Dec. 16, 2014 regular meeting and the Jan. 6, 2015 organizational meeting. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

January is Board Recognition month. Mr. Power presented certificates of appreciation to Board members for their service.

Mr. Power also gave a school safety update. He showed the Board members a door barricade that other districts are using. This barricade is able to sustain 4,600 pounds of pressure as well as gunfire. It is a possible tool to use in case of a lockdown emergency. Mr. Power will be meeting with the vendor in the next few weeks.

McGraw Hill representatives David Birkhead and Angie Crouse gave a presentation on District Digital Conversion. They have been working with Regina Morgan and Greg Power to develop a plan to bring LMSD's curriculum up to date and digital. Mrs. Grice asked if there was a pilot available. Mr. Birkhead said it would be too hard to do a pilot but there was a list of references available. The Board will hold a work session to discuss the possibilities.

Patty Wehrung and John Hise gave an update on the weight room conversion. The Boosters presented a plan last week to Mr. Power and some Board members for review. After some discussion, the Boosters are going to revise the proposal and present the changes to the Board in a couple weeks. Mrs. Wehrung reiterated that the monies are not coming from the district or taxpayers. The Boosters are using the money from the shop equipment sale and have planned fundraisers to raise money.

Mr. Power passed out a draft copy of the Annual Report. He thanked Neil Schmidt for his hard work on getting the report ready to be mailed out district-wide. His goal is to have the Annual Report mailed out the first part of February.

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Financial Reports

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2014. Mrs. Grice seconded. No questions or comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts

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

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Chard Snyder	\$4 per participant per month	1/1/2015-12/31/2016	Service	Flexible Spending Acct
	\$3 per participant per month	1/1/2015-12/31/2016	Service	Health Reimbursement Acct
Final Forms	\$1,000 setup fee	1/1/2015-6/1/2016	Service	Online Form Management
	\$5 per student per year			
Duke Energy PowerShare	No cost to district	6/1/2015-9/30/2015	Service	To adjust energy consumption/generate credits on electricity
Strategic Management Solutions	\$1,000 minimum 2% of Category Two funding max	7/1/2015-6/30/2016	Service	E-Rate consulting

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 15-002

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve Resolution #15-002 - Authorizing Little Miami Local Schools to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

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Mrs. Grice

Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #15-003

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve Resolution # 15-003 – Authorizing the Issuance of (not to exceed \$5,805,000) the General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds. Mrs. Journeay seconded.

Mr. Gonda explained that this would replace the district's debt at a lower interest rate, approximately 3.25%

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mrs. Journeay

Yes

Mr. Haas

Yes

Mrs. Grice

Yes

Mr. Niemesh

Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mrs. Grice 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.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Jeanne Thornbury – 11/25/14 – 5/21/15

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Sandra Allen – Bus Aide, effective 10/27/14

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

Deborah Craft – Bus Aide

John Foltz – Custodian

Greg Morris – Cook

Anita Mueller – Cook

Bobbie Wolfe - Cook

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Sharon Carter – Jr. High Yearbook Advisory

Josh Butler – Jr. High Student Council

Keith Becker – Varsity Baseball Assistant – Volunteer

Don Gilkison – Change from Freshman Baseball to Head JV Baseball - Class 10, Step 1

Ryan Gilkison – Volunteer JV Assistant Baseball Coach

Timothy Tanner Schoellman – Head Freshman Baseball Coach – Class 11, Step 0

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Joe Wilson – Volunteer Freshman Baseball Coach
Jeff Ling – Varsity Softball Assistant - 12.5% supp.
Mary VonBargen – Head Varsity Softball Coach – change supp. from 100% to 87.75%
Natalie Marnocha – Softball Assistant, assigned as JV Head Coach - Class 10, Step 3
Cara Nolte – Cheerleading - Volunteer
Steve Smith – Varsity Baseball Assistant – Volunteer
Jim Yockey – Track Coach - Volunteer

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Mrs. Grice gave a report on the Warren County Career Center. She was elected Board President at the January organizational meeting and Esther Larson was elected Vice President. The Board approved a tax budget, a revised board policy on hazing and bullying, and 14 resolutions, including one for a resolution of necessity for replacement of the 1979 3.5-mill operating levy. The Board also approved memoranda of understanding and an agreement addendum with Local WIA Area 2, Works International, and the Ohio Academy of Science. Mrs. Grice also reported that February is National Career Technical Education Month.

Next LMSD Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Hamilton Maineville Primary School.

Executive Session

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official. Mrs. Journeay seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Journeay made a motion to return to regular session. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to regular session at 9:48 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer