

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008
7:30 P.M.

The Little Miami Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Miami High School Media Center, 3001 U.S. 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Hamburg called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Stern	Present
Mrs. Hamburg	Present
Mrs. Dunbar	Present

Others in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Bennett; Mr. Patrick Dubbs; Rebecca Sims and Michele Blomer.

Swearing in of New Board of Education Members

Mr. Cremeans, Mrs. Hamburg and Mrs. Dunbar took the Ohio School Board Association oath of office for board members.

Adopt the Agenda

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-001 Election of Board President

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to nominate Mrs. Hamburg for Board President.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Mrs. Hamburg
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Mr. Stern
Mrs. Hamburg
Mrs. Dunbar
Ms. Grice

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MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-002 Election of Vice-President

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Stern seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Cremeans for Vice-President.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Stern
Mrs. Hamburg
Mrs. Dunbar
Ms. Grice
Mr. Cremeans

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MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-003 Ohio School Boards Association Education Legislation Liaison for the 2008 calendar year

Ms. Grice moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to nominate Mrs. Dunbar for the Ohio School Boards Association Education Legislation Liaison.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg
Mrs. Dunbar
Ms. Grice
Mr. Cremeans
Mr. Stern

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MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-004 Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Liaison for the 2008 calendar year

Mr. Stern moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to nominate Ms. Grice for the Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Liaison.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Dunbar
Ms. Grice
Mr. Cremeans
Mr. Stern

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Mrs. Hamburg

Ms. Grice

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-005 Authorization of the Board of Education, Treasurer and Superintendent

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mr. Stern 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. Meetings will be held in the Little Miami High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m.
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 2008 National School Boards Association Annual Conference and 2008 Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference.
3. Authorize joining the Ohio School Boards Association with membership dues and approval of subscriptions and participation in the Ohio School Board Association Legal Assistance Fund.

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 Treasure 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 maximum 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.

Authorize the Superintendent for the following:

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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 2008 school year.
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, and approve applications for professional meetings that conform to Board of Education established policies and appropriations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-006 Tax Budget for fiscal year 2009

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to approve the tax budget for fiscal year 2009 for submission to the County Budget Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-007 Five-Year Forecast

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mrs. Hamburg seconded a motion to approve the five-year forecast as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes

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MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-008 Contracts

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

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
08-01-01	Eugene Blake	Addtl. \$32.50/day	Temporary	Service	Additional duties as Asst. Trans. Supervisor
08-02-01	Debbie Hunter	\$25.00/hr	2007-2008 SY	Service	Nursing Care for Student

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-009 Personnel

Mr. Cremeans moved and Ms. Grice seconded a motion to approve the following personnel issues as submitted for the 2007-2008 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:

Certified Personnel – Substitute Employment

Lauren VanDerzee	Megan Elam	David Klein	Patricia Harriosn
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Classified Personnel – Resignations/Retirements

Connie Schneckner—disability retirement effective October 1, 2007
Tamula Goodwin—bus driver resigns effective December 13, 2007
Sandra Burger—retired effective December 31, 2007

Classified Personnel—Employment

Shelley Schmidt—full-time instructional aide at Little Miami Junior High School effective January 10, 2008
Melody Stacy—full time instructional aide at Little Miami Junior High School effective January 10, 2008
Tonya Studer—Head Cook at Little Miami Junior High School effective October 1, 2007

Classified Personnel—Substitute Employment

Tim Schoellman—substitute custodian
Lisa Wiles—substitute custodian
Alicia Reynolds—substitute custodian
Cindy Smith—substitute custodian
Joyce Miller-Lang—substitute bus driver
Robbie Begley—substitute van driver
Michael Hanna—substitute custodian
Michael Adams—substitute custodian and mechanic
Lisa Rusmiselle—substitute bus driver

Supplemental Contracts

All available supplemental contract positions have been offered and advertised and that no qualified licensed individual has accepted the position or that a person holding a license is not qualified to serve in the designated position and the position may be offered to a non-licensed person.

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Resignations

Julie Stephens—resigns as 7th grade girls “B” basketball coach
Phil Baird—resigns as assistant varsity track coach

Employment

Katie Baldner—Career Ed Advisor for Maineville Elementary
Kasey Cole—National Honor Society Advisor for Little Miami High School
Peggy Mirlisena—Year Book Advisor for Morrow Elementary
Stacey Allen—Career Ed Advisor for Morrow Elementary

Volunteers

Andrea Weisenburgh

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 08-010 Policies

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt the following policies:

1) Student Fund-Raising Activities

File: IGDF

STUDENT FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board believes in providing opportunities for students to participate through cocurricular activities in fund-raising projects for the purpose of contributing to their educational growth and which do not conflict with the instructional program. Since the Ohio Revised Code and the Auditor’s office mandate careful accounting of the receipt and expenditure of such funds, all fiscal operations of student groups must be in compliance with the following guidelines. All such related activities must be:

1. conducted by a recognized student group for the purpose of contributing to educational objectives;
2. appropriate to the age or grade level;
3. activities in which schools may appropriately engage:
4. conducted under the supervision of teachers, advisors or administrators;
5. conducted in such a manner and at such times as not to encroach upon instructional time or interfere with regularly scheduled school classes and activities (preferably at the end of the day);

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6. Scheduled so as not to be unduly demanding on secretarial, teacher and principal time or work;
7. evaluated annually by teachers, advisors, administrators and students;
8. limited in number so as not to become a burden or nuisance to the community;
9. sensitive to direct competition with fund-raising efforts sponsored by recognized groups and organizations within the community;
10. organized to avoid any door-to-door solicitation by students;
11. limited to one time per week when the fund-raiser is a bake sale or candy sale and takes place after lunch;
12. limited to a two-week period, when possible.

The application of the above criteria for student sales and activities is supervised by the building principal with the approval of the Superintendent. Each principal submits to the Superintendent a list of the proposed sales or fund drives in the schools which the school plans to conduct during the school year and the purpose for which the funds are going to be used. The Superintendent then indicates his/her approval or disapproval within the limitations of the above criteria.

Funds derived from approved student fund-raising activities are handled by the Treasurer's office in accordance with the State Auditor's requirements.

2) Graduation Requirements

File: IKF

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet the operational standards of the State Department of Education as well as those of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and, further, that our high school compares favorably with high schools in the state that are recognized for excellence.

The minimum requirements for graduation from high school are as follows:

	Warren County Career Center			
	<u>2008-2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2008-2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
English	4 units	4 units	4 units	4 units
Social Studies	3 units	3 units	3 units	3 units

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Science (1)	3 units	3 units	3 units	3 units
Mathematics (2)	3 units	4 units	3 units	4 units
Health & P.E. (3)	1 unit	1 unit	1 unit	1 unit
Business/Technology				
Fine Arts (4) and				
Foreign Language	1 unit	1 unit	1 unit	1 unit
Electives	<u>9 units</u>	<u>9 units</u>	<u>8-12 JVS Program Choice</u>	
Total	24 units	25 units	23-27 units	

- (1) Students must take a science class that includes “inquiry-based” laboratory experiences that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.
- (2) Students must have a least four credits in Mathematics including a course equivalent to Algebra II.
- (3) Credit may be awarded for participation in Athletics at the High School. A student who has participated in a sport or sports for a total of two (2) complete seasons may apply for one half credit to be applied to meeting the graduation requirement for Physical Education.
- (4) Students must complete a credit of fine arts.

The requirements for graduation include:

- a. student electives of at least one unit, or two half units, from the areas of Business/Technology, fine arts and/or foreign language, and
- b. units earned in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies delivered through integrated academic and technical instruction.

Each student is required to complete three units in another subject in addition to the English requirement.

Summer school credits are accepted toward graduation, provided that administrative approval has been given prior to registration for the course.

In order for a home educated student to be considered for a Little Miami High School diploma, he/she must be in attendance at the high school for a minimum of the final trimester of the senior year.

The Board assumes that at the time of graduation each student has fulfilled all academic and financial obligations. A good school record, scholastic and otherwise, is the best

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recommendation an applicant can offer, either for college admission or for a job. A record of good personal behavior and cooperation is expected.

JUNIOR HIGH COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Students who take designated classes at the Junior High School may be granted credit towards graduation. These classes must be taught by a teacher licensed to teach high school and meets high school curriculum requirements as determined by the district.

A student may earn no more than three (3) high school credits at the Junior High level.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Grice	Yes
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Grice gave the Warren County Career Center report.

The Board of Education will hold a special session on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Little Miami High School Media Center, 3001 U.S. 22 & 3, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Adjournment

Ms. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Stern	Yes
Mrs. Hamburg	Yes
Mrs. Dunbar	Yes
Ms. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mary Beth Hamburg, President

Shaun Bevan, Treasurer