

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
6 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in special session on Feb. 11, 2013 in the conference room of Little Miami Intermediate School, 7247 Zoar Road, Maineville OH 45039.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Black called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mrs. Black	Present
Ms. Journey	Present
Mrs. Haas	Present

Others in attendance were: Mr. Greg Power; Mr. Terry Gonda; Mrs. Pam Coates, Mrs. Melinda Briggs, Mrs. Cathy Trevathan, Mr. Gene Blake, Mrs. Regina Morgan.

Resolution 13-023 Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Grice moved and Mr. Cremeans seconded a motion to adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mrs. Black	Yes
Ms. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Black said that the Board had approved a new mission and vision statements and had approved general goals in September. She said she would like the Board to use this meeting to set more specific goals for the Board for the coming year.

Mrs. Black said her goals for the Board would be to ensure the state Financial Planning and Supervision Commission releases Little Miami from fiscal emergency on the May 22 date that the commission had set. She said she would also like the Board to be more visible in the community and perhaps hold informal coffees for community members to come and ask questions of Board members.

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Mrs. Journeay said she agreed with the idea, and would like the Board to make itself available on a specific night for such a purpose. She asked if the superintendent or the treasurer would need to be there, and Mrs. Black said she would prefer not.

Mrs. Grice said at such events, the Board should have talking points or information they could share with residents who ask questions. Mr. Power said he and Mrs. Briggs could develop a document for the Board's use.

Mr. Haas said he believed it was a good idea, and that some people just want to vent and have someone listen.

The Board then set the following dates for these listening sessions:

- March 11, 9 a.m. at Winans Coffee Shop in Maineville, with Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Journeay attending.
- April 9 at 7 p.m. at Harlan Twp. Fire Dept, with Mrs. Black and Mrs. Grice attending.
- May 17 at 11 a.m. at Doughboys Bakery in Roachester, with Mr. Cremeans and Mr. Haas attending.

Mrs. Black school staff could also attend if they desired.

The Board also discussed the need to revisit amount of credits for graduation, with the intent of possibly phasing in an increase of required credits above the 20 credit state minimum.

Mr. Power gave an update on planning and staffing meetings he has been having with building principals. He said a complete plan should be in front of the Board at their March meeting for their approval.

Mr. Gonda gave the Board an update on Gov. John Kasich's proposed school funding plan. He said the district will be flat-funded for the next two years and that Kasich's plan calls for phasing out of guaranteed state funds. He said if this were to happen the district would lose nearly 4 mills worth of dollars that would need to be replaced by local tax dollars.

Mrs. Morgan then gave the Board an update on the district's music program. She said music teachers have stated that they would prefer to start band instruction at 6th grade rather than 5th, and would like to start choir at the 7th and 8th grade levels. Mr. Haas encouraged Mrs. Morgan to include the band boosters in the next music meetings to have their input.

Mrs. Trevathan updated the Board on autism and John Peterson scholarships that are at a cost to Little Miami. She said these monies are paying for students who have never attended school in the district.

Mr. Blake spoke with the board about ongoing efforts to improve school security and discussed a possible baseball field project at Little Miami Intermediate.

Mr. Power said he would like to reinstate a staff recognition dinner at Valley Vineyards and would like to know the Board's thoughts on this. The Board was in agreement to proceed.

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Resolution 13-024 Adjourn

Mr. Cremeans moved and Mr. Haas seconded a motion to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Stephanie Baxter Black, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer