

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 17, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on May 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Little Miami High School, 3001 East US 22 & 3, Morrow, OH, 45152.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Haas called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Gene Blake, Stephen Collins, Melinda Briggs, Joanie Gonda, Brian Dalton, Ryan Cherry, Marla Timmerman, Travis Showers, Maryann Duffy, Lisa Smith, Cory Taylor, Teresa Reynolds, Jody Bailey, DeeDee Walker, Vickie Gregor, Ida Jo Allison, Deb Davidson, Wayne Lyke, Lien Nguyen, the Team Players from Destination Imagination, Bruce Rippe and several community members.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Calendar Hearing

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to open the calendar hearing for the 2017-2018 school calendars, versions 1 and 2. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Haas asked for those in favor of calendar versions 1 or 2 to make a comment. Hearing none, Mr. Haas asked for those opposed to versions 1 or 2 to make a comment. Hearing none, Mrs. Grice made a motion to close the hearing. Mrs. Journey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Hearing closed at 7:16 pm.

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

The Team Players from Little Miami High School, a Destination Imagination team, then spoke to the Board. The team is made up of Gianna Fontanella, Isabel Davidson, Tejas Dinesh, Toby Davidson and Jacob Boldman. The team spoke to the board regarding their accomplishments for the 2015-16 school year. The team won first place at both the regional and state levels which qualifies them to go to the Global DI finals in Knoxville, TN., May 25-28, 2016. They were also awarded a rare Renaissance Award at the state competition. They then explained that all of the expenses for these competitions have been self-funded ever since losing the school backing when Little Miami went under the state control. They asked if the Board would be willing to help with the some of the funding. The Board unanimously responded that they would look into some type of funding.

Mr. Bruce Rippe then addressed the Board regarding the Hopkins Commons Project. He is requesting the Board consider a 20-year tax incremental financing plan in order for the project to begin. When Mr. Rippe was asked about an option for a 10-year TIF instead, he stated that it was not an option due to the size of the project. He said TIF dollars would go towards putting in the sidewalks and street lights for the project. Mr. Niemesh asked if the majority of the funds would go to Warren County to be put back into the project, Mr. Rippe confirmed it would. He further explained that Warren County would own Hopkins Commons but would lease it to the Warren County Community Services. He also said that Hamilton Township had not yet committed to the project because they were waiting to see what Little Miami decided to do.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the financial reports for April 2016. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion. No questions or comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Five-Year Forecast

Treasurer Terry Gonda presented the revised Five-Year Forecast to the Board for the May submission after reviewing and updating accordingly all the line items in the forecast. He stated that the property taxes, public utility personal property, and property tax allocation have all remained very consistent. He further said that the Unrestricted Grants in Aid (state funding) has also remained consistent. However, the district has hit the funding cap where the amount of students enrolled has exceeded the maximum amount of funding dollars. Currently, the district is into the cap by about \$400K so it will be monitored for the upcoming school year. He continued saying that there should be an increase in state funding for the next school year however there will still be a cap (7.5%) so the number of students will play a great role.

He also pointed out that Personnel Services, Retirement, and Insurance have been adjusted to include the staffing plan as previously approved. And as enrollment increases or decreases the staffing will be adjusted as needed. Mr. Gonda was happy to announce that medical insurance for the January 1, 2017 renewal will remain at the 2016 level with a 0% increase. He stated "With the negative 1% for 2016 I am quite pleased on how the Southwest Ohio EPC consortium has been working for the district."

Mr. Gonda continued to explain that Capital Outlay was mainly made up of the bus purchases that were forecasted 4, 5, 6 and 6 busses for FY17-20, not the aggressive numbers (they were doubled) that were looked at in an interim forecast. However bus fleet will be reviewed each year as they age.

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to adopt the Five-Year Forecast for the Little Miami Local School District as presented. Mrs. Journey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the following personnel issues as submitted for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Employment to be contingent upon the school system receiving licensures, all completed required paperwork, and the results of the mandated criminal records background check as required by O.R.C. 3319.311, which indicates that no convictions or pleas of guilty were entered into by any persons being employed. Mrs. Grice seconded the motion.

**EXEMPT PERSONNEL – ONE YEAR CONTRACT**

Blaire Shamoun – RN at HB

**EXEMPT PERSONNEL – EXTENDED DAYS**

Pam Coates – 10 days

Rachel Tilford – 15 days

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – NEW EMPLOYMENT- ONE YEAR CONTRACT**

Angela Bass-Acito – Sp. Ed. Salem, from Master Step 1 to Master Step 4

Meghan Boeding – HS Sp. Ed., Master Step 4

Kimberly Fey – SE 3<sup>rd</sup>, LA/SS, Bachelor Step 11

Tatum Kenter – SE 3<sup>rd</sup>, M/Sci, Bachelor Step 1

Lindsay Lash – SE 4<sup>th</sup>, M/Sci, Bachelor Step 3

Caris Wadding – HS Science, Bachelor Step 1

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT**

Casey Woodruff – from JH to HS Intern Program

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL –LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Temperance Carpenter – 2016-2017 school year

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EXTENDED DAYS**

HS Counselors – 15 days

JH Counselor – 15 days

IS Counselor – 10 days

IS Librarian – 10 days

HB/HM Librarian – 10 days

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – LPDC STIPEND for 2016-17**

Pam Coates

Maryanne Duffy

Rick Lovins

Gina Woods

Sue Wright

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – GIFTED LEADERSHIP WORK STIPEND for 2016-17**

Dana Albrecht – Gr. 5/6

Stephanie Corradini – Gr. 9-12

Jane Payne – Gr. 3/4

Kelly Lawson – Gr. 7/8

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – CAREER REP STIPEND for 2016-17**

Brandy Phillips – HS

Andrea Wall – JH

Dawn Gasper – IS

Raegan Malblanc – SE

Katie Taylor – HM

Brittany Stultz – HB

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – ESL SUMMER SCHOOL STIPEND**

Nancy Finn

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – CHANGE of ASSIGNMENT**

Chrissie Hainey – from Bus Driver to Transportation Clerk, Step 3, effective 5/26/2016

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATIONS**

Kathy Ciupak – effective 5/25/2016  
Melany Petrey – effective 5/25/2016  
Cherie Thunhorst – effective 5/25/2016

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

Bus Cleaners – Cresta Eshleman, Nicole Bowman, Carrie Crowe, Shayla Hurst  
Steam Cleaners/Camera Installers – Frank Harpen, Jack McMullen  
Grass Cutters – Mark Short, Mark Thompson, Larry Griffith  
Painters – Samantha Hall, Kristi Hess, Michele Hurst, Rhonda Kroener

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUE EMPLOYMENT**

Jeff Davidson - Custodian

**SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT 2016-2017**

Sarah Baker – Choir  
Donna Chilcote – Yearbook Advisor  
Jaclyn Cook - .5 NHS  
Jen Cook - .5 Spanish Club  
Jen Dafoe – French Club, World Language Dept. Chair  
Randy Gray – Science Dept. Chair  
Kim Hamlin – Media Specialist  
Scott Hammann – Art Club, Asst. Stage Manager, Fine Arts Festival Manager  
Katie Hill – Student Government  
Roger Levo – Academic Team Asst. Coach  
Jen Lyke – English Dept. Chair, Junior Advisor, Senior Advisor  
Wayne Lyke – Stage Manager, Radio Workshop  
Tammy Martin – Guidance Dept. Chair  
Ron Maupin – Academic Team Head Coach  
Courtney Schafer - .5 Spanish Club  
Tabitha Smith – Marching Band, Pep Band  
Sharon Stein – Social Studies Dept. Chair  
Janel Terrell – Fine Arts Dept. Chair  
Amanda VanMil – Bookstore  
Stephanie Woodruff – Math Dept. Chair  
Alex Woodward - .5 NHS  
Stephanie Woodruff – ECS Club  
Marty Skidmore – GSA Club

**VOLUNTEER CLUBS**

David Schultz - Anime Club  
Janel Terrell - Ceramics Club  
Joe Behymer - GS (Games, Gadgets, and Everything Geek) Club  
Tammy Martin, Jessica Nethers, Brandy Phillips - HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere)  
Tammy Martin, Jessica Nethers, Brandy Phillips - Student Ambassadors  
Mark Hiegl - U4U (Unified for Uganda)  
Amanda VanMil - Women’s Empowerment Movement

**VOLUNTEER**

Kristin Rutter – Drama Dept. Volunteer  
Shenna Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution for Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 2016-17

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve the Resolution for Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the school year 2016-17. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Addendum to Comprehensive Contract

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the First Addendum to Comprehensive Contract between the Warren County Educational Services and the Little Miami Local School District. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Stock Market Trip to New York

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the trip to the New York Stock Market Exchange for the students and teacher who won the Stock Market Game Portfolio Challenge. Mr. Journey seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Student Board Representative

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve Lien Nguyen to represent the student body as the Student Board Representative for 2016-17 school year. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

2016-17 District Student Handbooks

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the Junior High, Intermediate, and the Elementary 2016-2017 Student Handbooks as presented. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Class of 2016 Graduates

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the list of candidates for graduation for the Little Miami High School Class of 2016, pending completion of all state and local requirements as set forth by the Little Miami Board of Education and the Ohio State Board of Education. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Wrestling Camp

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the Little Miami K-12 Wrestling Camp to be held June 15-18. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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New Business

Bobbie Grice did not have a Warren County Career Center update.

Next Little Miami board meeting will take place June 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Little Miami High School.

Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Grice made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Randy Haas, President

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Terry Gonda, Treasurer