

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Dec. 13, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Dec. 13, 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 7:03 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, Marla Timmerman, Stephen Collins, Melinda Briggs, Cathy Trevathan, Susan Ganim, Ryan Cherry, Nate Mahon, Tracey Williams, Travis Showers, Lisa Smith, Jamie Miles, Cory Taylor, Tiffany Sawyer, Maryann Duffy, Wayne Lyke, DeeDee Walker, Nikki Irwin, Cindy Marshall, Ernest Lawrence and other community members.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Reading of Minutes

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 22, 2016 regular meeting and Dec. 5, 2016 special meeting. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes
Mrs. Grice	Yes Nov. 22/Abstain Dec. 5
Mrs. Journey	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mr. Power recognized student board representative Lien Nguyen for recently getting accepted to Stanford. Nguyen said it was a dream come true and that Stanford had offered her a substantial scholarship to attend.

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Financial Reports

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the financial reports for November 2016. Mrs. Grice seconded the motion. No questions or comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the following personnel items as submitted for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Journey seconded the motion.

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE**

Stephanie Pennix – approx. 1/9/17 – 2/21/17  
Julianne Brendamour – approx. 2/14/17 – 5/22/17

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION**

Terri Spradlin, Custodian – effect. 12/5/16

**SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT**

Erin Dipzinski – LMIS Student Government  
Stephanie Baldwin and Jenna Valentine – LMIS Yearbook  
Amy Luck and Judy Todia – LMIS Spelling Bee & Geography Bee

**VOLUNTEERS**

Stephanie Green  
Matt Walker – BAA

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Policy DECA – Administration of Federal Grant Funds

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve the updated Board policy DECA -- Administration of Federal Grant Funds. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Policies AC, ACA-ACAA, ACA-R-ACAA-R, IIBH, JEC, JECAA, JECAA-R, JFCF, JFCF-R, JHCB, JO, JO-R.  
Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve updated board policies AC, ACA-ACAA, ACA-R-ACAA-R, IIBH, JEC, JECAA, JECAA-R, JFCF, JFCF-R, JHCB, JO, JO-R. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 16-003: Appointment to Warren County Vocational School District

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve Michael Cremeans as the second Little Miami representative on the Warren County Career Center Board. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

**Resolution of Appointment To  
Warren County Vocational School District Governing Board**

1. WHEREAS Warren County Vocational School District (“JVSD”) has a vacancy on its board;
2. WHEREAS Little Miami Local Schools is a member of the Warren County Vocational School District and is authorized by the Warren County Vocational School District “plan” on file with the State Board of Education to appoint an individual (“Appointee”) to fill the vacancy;
3. WHEREAS Little Miami Local Schools has reviewed the statutory requirements for making the appointment, including those in Ohio Revised Code 3311.19 (as amended) and its requirements that JVSD Board members have experience as chief executive officers, chief financial officers, human resources managers, or other business, industry, or career counseling professionals who are qualified to discuss the labor needs of the region with respect to the regional economy; and the requirement that JVSD board members represent employers in the region served by Warren County Vocational School District and be qualified to consider the state’s workforce needs with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state; and the requirement that JVSD Board members be selected based on the diversity of the employers in the territory served by Warren County Vocational School District;
4. WHEREAS Little Miami Local Schools has performed and documented its due diligence in considering the Appointee’s qualifications, including the Appointee’s qualifications to meet the legal requirements to serve;
5. WHEREAS Little Miami Local Schools is party to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU”) (attached) with Warren County Vocational School District and the other school districts that make up the JVSD and this appointment is in keeping with the terms of the MOU;
6. NO, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Little Miami Local Schools appoints Michael Cremeans to the Warren County Vocational School District Governing Board for a three-year term of office to commence on January 1, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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New Business

Mrs. Grice said she did not have a Warren County Career Center as the board had not met yet.

Board work sessions will be held Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at LMIS to discuss district budget and the Hopkins Common project.

The Board Organizational meeting will be held Jan. 10, 2016 at LMIS: Tax Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.; Organizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Special Meeting, 7 p.m.

Community Comments – Non-agenda Items

Ernest Lawrence then addressed the board regarding the high school wrestling program. He said the program has improved exponentially this year, thanks to the coach and the hard work of the team. He said the youth program has had to be limited in size because of the lack of space to practice. He said that, according to board minutes, the program was supposed to have a fourth paid coach and to this date does not have one. Mr. Power said that the coaching position had been posted that day and a fourth coach would be hired when that posting closes.

Motion to Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Briggs  
Community Relations Coordinator

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Randy Haas, President

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Terry Gonda, Treasurer