

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Jan. 31, 2017
6 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in special session on Jan. 31, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Little Miami Intermediate School, 7247 Zoar Road, Maineville OH 45039.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Haas called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Regina Morgan, Melinda Briggs, Pamela Coates, Marla Timmerman, Christie Boron, Troy Glover and David Griggs.

Adopt the Agenda

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Board Work Session

Facility Master Plan: Mrs. Boron and Mr. Glover made a presentation regarding multiple options of the district's facility master plan, including construction of new buildings, adding on to existing facilities, and taking Maineville and Butlerville offline. Mr. Power also mentioned that Mrs. Boron, Mr. Gonda and Mrs. Journey had recently toured the River's Bend Health Care Center for the possible leasing of board office space.

The Board learned that estimates to rehab the old Morrow Elementary building would be approximately \$10.4 million. Estimates to demolish the building are approximately \$500,000.

The Board then proceeded to discuss the several master plan options. Board members eliminated both option 3a and 3b, which call for the construction of a second high school. Board members said they believed they had worked hard to reunite the district after Little Miami's fiscal challenges and did not want to split the district again. The Board also stated that they would like to eliminate option 2b as it does not include additions to existing facilities. Mr. Cremeans stated that the Board had made a promise when the Intermediate and Jr. High buildings were built that those two facilities could and would be expanded when the time came, and he said he felt it was important to keep that promise.

Mrs. Journey said she could support option 2c, which calls for a new high school, an addition to the Jr. High, an addition to the Intermediate, and a new elementary at the Salem Twp. Elementary site. Under this option, the existing high school would become a junior high, the existing junior high would become a grades 4-5 building and the existing intermediate would become a PK-3 building. She said this would not

push these buildings to full capacity and would allow for flexibility in the future.

Mrs. Grice said she agreed with option 2c. Mr. Cremeans said he agreed as well.

Mr. Niemesh said it concerned him greatly that the district's youngest learners were housed in the district's oldest buildings. He said he could support either the small expansion of the existing high school or the building of a new high school, as long as the youngest students could be moved into newer facilities. He said with that he probably most preferred option 2c.

Mr. Haas said there were none of the plans that he agreed with. He said he knew the Board needed to work on the lower grades, but that he was not a fan of building a high school, because it was just adding dollars to an already expensive price tag.

The Board asked Mr. Power to share these options with the Business Advisory Council and to get their feedback. The Board also said that at their next special meeting on Feb. 21, they would need to make a decision on what to do with Morrow Elementary and to come closer to making a decision on which master plan option to pursue at their Feb. 28 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Briggs
Community Relations Coordinator

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer