

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Feb. 28, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Feb. 28, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Little Miami High School, 3001 East US 22 & 3, Morrow, OH, 45152.

Public Hearing

At 7 p.m., Board President Randy Haas opened a public hearing on the issue of the re-employment of Ida Jo Allison, Nancy Bookout and David Vick during their SERS service retirement. Mr. Haas asked for public comments in favor of, or in opposition to, the retirement/re-employment of Allison, Bookout and Vick. Hearing none, Mr. Haas closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Haas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Grice	Present
Mr. Cremeans	Present
Mr. Niemesh	Present
Mrs. Journeay	Absent
Mr. Haas	Present

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Lien Nguyen, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Marla Timmerman, Stephen Collins, Melinda Briggs, Cathy Trevathan, Ryan Cherry, Nate Mahon, Tracey Williams, Travis Showers, Lisa Smith, Jamie Miles, Cory Taylor, Tiffany Sawyer, Teresa Reynolds, Maryann Duffy, Wayne Lyke, Cindy Marshall, Ida Jo Allison, Rusty Holman, Nancy Bookout, Christie Boron, Lt. Col. Chas Peterson, Cara and Drew Hageman, Gene Blake, John Horn, and other community members.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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 Jan. 24, 2017 regular meeting, Jan. 31, 2017 work session and Feb. 21, 2017 work session. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mr. Power gave an enrollment update and said that the district had 4,662 students as of today. He also discussed the facility master plan process and said that the board had had good discussions at their recent work sessions. The Board indicated that they would like to schedule additional work sessions to work through further options. Mr. Power also said he would plan on bringing lease costs for temporary central office space to the March meeting.

Mr. Power also said that he had learned that Bruce Rippe, the developer of the Hopkins Commons project, could be seeking annexation into the village of Maineville. Mr. Power also said that more than 100 nominations had been submitted to the Area Progress Council for Project Excellence. This was nearly 10 times the amount of nominations that other Warren County districts had submitted.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the financial reports for January 2017. Mr. Cremeans seconded the motion. No questions or comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the following contracts. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Northwest Education Association	\$36,375	Jan. 1, 2017-June 30, 2018	Service	MAP testing
NaviGate	\$3,000	Feb. 1, 2017-Feb. 1, 2018	Service	Emergency Action Planning

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Donation

Mrs. Grice made a motion to accept the donation of \$500 to the LMHS HOPE student service organization from Zack & Alisha Shepard. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Donation

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to accept a donation of books and other materials for the Salem Elementary Library in memory of Patty Blackburn. Mrs. Grice seconded.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the following personnel items as submitted for the 2016-2017 school year.
Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENT, ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

Lt. Col. Chas Peterson – HS JROTC, MIP (Minimum Instructor Pay) as set by USAF JROTC

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Kristine Farrell – effect. 6/30/2017

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL - MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

Dan Distel – approx. 3/20/17 – 3/24/17

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Courtney Meyer from Kindergarten to Title I Literacy Coach, effect. 2017-18

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EXTENDED DAYS

Chas Peterson, JROTC – April 3 through May 25, 2017, MIP (Minimum Instructor Pay) as set by USAF JROTC

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Judith McGuinness – JH 3.5 hr. cook, effect. 2/13/17, Step 0

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, SUBSTITUTE

Tammy Krah – Building Aide, Sp. Ed. Aide
Michelle Williams – Building Aide, Sp. Ed. Ed. Aide
Mary Ellen Reid-Wollner – Cook, Bus Aide, Building Aide
Rhonda Smith – Secretary
Emily Wills – Cook, Bus Aide
Brandy Wyatt – Cook
Kimberly Grimes – Aide

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Jen Lyke – 0.25 Bookstore, Class 11, Step 1
Caleb Jones – Men’s Varsity Asst. Track Coach, Class 10, Step 5
Tiffany Sawyer – Volunteer Softball Coach
Steven Hardwig – 0.5 Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Class 8, Step 1

PUPIL ACTIVITY PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Eric Bond – Men’s Head Varsity Track Coach, Class 6, Step 2
Jackie Engle – Women’s Head Varsity Track Coach, Class 6, Step 5
Sydney Engle – Women’s Varsity Assistant Track Coach, Class 10, Step 1
Ryan Gilkison – Men’s Volunteer JV Volunteer Baseball Coach
Don Gilkison – JV Baseball Head Coach, Class 10, Step 3
Terry Meinking – HS Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach, Class 8, Step 5
Wendy Greenwell – 0.5 Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, Class 8, Step 1
David Fletcher – Men’s JV Lacrosse Head Coach, Class 9, Step 0

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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Authorization to Advertise for Auction

Mrs. Grice made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to direct the Treasurer to advertise for public auction of real property (the former Morrow Elementary School) and to follow specific statutory requirements for property that exceeds \$10,000 in value.

Mr. Power pointed out that if there was no minimum bid for the purchase of the property, the board had then fulfilled its legal obligation and could then dispose of the property as it sees fit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Memorandum of Understanding with Sinclair Community College

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with Sinclair Community College for college level courses under Ohio's College Credit Plus program. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

Mr. Niemesh asked if the district paid for students CC+ classes if the student failed the classes. Mrs. Morgan said no. Mr. Niemesh asked if colleges were cooperative with sharing student grades as in regards to athletic eligibility. Ms. Sawyer said no, that most colleges do not do quarter grading and that for her weekly eligibility checks, she has a very hard time getting information about CC+ student-athletes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Transportation Driver Handbook

Mr. Cremeans made a motion to approve the updated Transportation Handbook. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

2017-18 LMHS Course Guide

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the 2017-18 LMHS Course Guide. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Mrs. Grice said that February was Career Tech Month and the Warren County Career Center board had heard from graduates about how their career tech education had helped them on the road to success. She also said the Board heard a presentation on BoardDocs and that the WCCC will be seeking a bond levy to make capital improvements.

Board work session on the facilities master plan will be held Mar. 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. at LMIS.

Board listening sessions will be held March 13 at the Salem Twp. Firehouse at 7 p.m.; April 5 at 9 a.m. Donuts and More and May 6 at 9 a.m. at the Kroger Starbucks.

The next board meeting will March 28 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Executive Session

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to enter into executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. The Board invited legal counsel William Deters into executive session. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Grice made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Briggs
Community Relations Coordinator

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer