

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 9, 2017
6 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in special session on March 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the media center 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Regina Morgan, Melinda Briggs, Pamela Coates, Christie Boron, Terry Liette, Troy Glover, Cindy Marshall, Jon Hansted, John Poe, Rusty Holman, Mark Sousa, Tina Thompson.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Board Work Session

Facility Master Plan: Mr. Gonda informed the Board that many of the options currently under consideration could not be pursued because of the district's debt limitations. He said the Board could currently issue just \$64.6 million in bonds because school districts are restricted to having just 12% of their valuation out in debt notes. He said the maximum amount of debt Little Miami could carry is \$116.5 million and that there is already \$51.8 million in bonds out due to the construction of the junior high and intermediate schools. Mr. Gonda said the only way to get over the debt cap is to do an OFCC project.

Mr. Power said that Mr. Gonda had just made him aware of this and when he found out, he contacted Christie Boron to brainstorm some options.

Ms. Boron said that Little Miami is currently has 511 as an equity number for OFCC, based on valuation of the district. OFCC expends approximately \$400-500 million annually. OFCC has a priority list. If a district receives OFCC's call asking to partner with them and the district defers or declines, a district is moved to the priority list. Districts on this list trump everyone else in line. Of the 10-15 districts that get projects per year, ten or so are on priority list. This year 11 of 15 are on the priority list and 33 districts are ahead of Little Miami on the equity list. Typically, it would take 8-10 years to get the call, but depending on the priority list projects, Little Miami could receive the call in 3-5 years.

Boron also said in light of the information Mr. Gonda shared, proposed improvements to Salem Elementary and a board office could not come out of bond issue. Dollars from the permanent improvement fund would

have to be used to do this. The Board thanked Mrs. Boron for her information. Board members then discussed the options they believed they could support.

All members agreed on adding 50,000 sq. ft. of additional space to the existing high school, the bulk of which would be classroom space, and a small addition to athletics.

All members agreed on adding an additional 60,000 sq. ft. of additional space or 600 additional seats to the junior high.

All members agreed on changing Salem to a grades 4-5 building and hope to spend some bond dollars on the projected \$6.8 million renovations that are needed there.

All members agreed that a new K-3 elementary school could be built on the district-owned 44 acres on Zoar Road. Further info was needed to see what it would cost to bring utilities to that site.

All members agreed on adding a 450-student addition on to the existing intermediate school.

Mr. Haas said he did not want to see the district's old buildings closed because even though these options would be adding approximately 1,900 seats, about 650 of those would be taken up with students moved out of older buildings. Mrs. Journeay and Mrs. Grice said it did not seem to them to make sense to keep Butlerville and Maineville online when the district would be pouring money into them to maintain them.

Board members said they agreed on the above options, but were divided on closing Butlerville and Maineville.

Mr. Haas and Mr. Niemesh said they would be meeting with the Business Advisory Council to discuss operating millage that could go with the bond issue. The BAC canceled their March meeting and will meet on April 10.

Motion to Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Briggs
Community Relations Coordinator

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer