

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 11, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in special session on April 11, 2017 at 6:30 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 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Regina Morgan, Melinda Briggs, Christie Boron, Mark Sousa, Cindy Marshall, Gene Blake, Rachel Tilford and other members of the public.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mrs. Journeyay	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Board Work Session

**Facility Master Plan:** Mrs. Boron brought further information about how the district could best meet its future facility needs while working within its debt limit. Mr. Power, Mr. Gonda and Mrs. Boron met with members of the Ohio School Facilities Commission and found that Little Miami could become a member of the Expedited Local Partnership Program, which would lock in the district's relationship OSFC.

As part of the ELPP program and in doing Phase I of a proposed project, there would be "light oversight" from OSFC to meet their criteria, while the district fully-funded the project. Then, when the district's number comes up and OSFC calls and asks if Little Miami would be interested in working with them – possibly in 3-5 years -- Phase II would be co-funded and would have full oversight from OSFC. When a district does a co-funded OSFC project, that district's debt limit is eliminated, Boron said. That is a significant benefit in Little Miami's case.

The Board then entered into discussions about what the plan could be moving forward. Mr. Haas said he would like to see all the district's older facilities kept online, while adding more seats to the new buildings. He said he would like to carve out \$6.5 million to do renovations to Salem. Mrs. Boron said she would recommend reducing that figure down in order to be able to build the new facilities the district needed.

Mrs. Journeyay said she did not want to put that much money into an aging building. Mrs. Boron agreed and pointed out that, if the district agreed to join the ELPP program, the OSFC would recommend closing Salem, Butlerville and Maineville and that \$6.5 million would be for naught.

General discussion followed regarding possible grade reconfigurations, the future location of the district's

central office and transportation facility, and other items.

The Board then agreed to the following plan:

- Small additions made to the high school as per Emersion's plan
- A 600-seat addition to the junior high
- A 250-seat addition to the intermediate school
- Renovations to Salem to keep it online for 8-10 years
- A new 800-student elementary to be built on the Salem site
- Maineville/Butlerville to stay online for foreseeable future

Motion to Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Briggs  
Community Relations Coordinator

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Randy Haas, President

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Terry Gonda, Treasurer