

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
July 22, 2017
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in special session on July 22, 2017 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 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Susan Murray, Regina Morgan, David Griggs, Jon Hansted, Cindy Marshall and other members of the Business Advisory Council.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Work Session

Mr. Power discussed several handouts for the board, including information obtained from a recent meeting with Jerry Rampelt of Support Ohio Schools. Mr. Griggs explained the voter data to the board.

The board discussed whether to place a bond issue or a bond issue/operating levy combination on the November ballot, the latter of which was recommended by the Business Advisory Council. Mr. Cremeans, Mrs. Grice and Mrs. Journey said they supported a bond issue only on the November ballot and felt as though it would meet with success. Mr. Niemesh said he was open to either if ample communication was part of the plan.

Mr. Power discussed the challenges that are facing the district even before any building could be constructed, including shifting attendance areas, possible split schedules, etc. to accommodate growing enrollment.

Mr. Hansted said he believed that running only a bond in November would reduce the opportunity of passing an operating levy in the near future, which will be needed to operate the new buildings.

The Board then held a conference call with Jerry Rampelt. He advised the Board that research that he has conducted showed that the more complicated the ballot issue, the less likely it is to pass. He also said that the Board should realize that rapidly growing enrollment means that the district will be returning to the voters more often. He recommended tackling the most immediate need first, which is the need for space.

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General discussion followed regarding the need to engage stakeholders over the course of the next eight years to let them know that the district's growth is going to lead to the need for additional tax dollars.

Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Grice made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Journeay seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Briggs
Community Relations Coordinator

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer