

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Dec. 12, 2017
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Dec. 12, 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 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Pam Coates, Regina Morgan, Marla Timmerman, Stephen Collins, Melinda Briggs, Cathy Trevathan, Susan Ganim, Ryan Cherry, Nate Mahon, Tracey Williams, Travis Showers, Lisa Smith, Jamie Miles, Cory Taylor, Tiffany Sawyer, Maryann Duffy, Wayne Lyke, DeeDee Walker, Wayne Siebert, and other community members.

Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Grice made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addendum of an executive session to consider the employment of a public employee. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 28, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Niemesh seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mr. Haas presented a plaque and card to Mr. Niemesh and thanked him for his service to the Little Miami Board of Education. This was Mr. Niemesh's last meeting.

Mr. Power then presented the Board with a mock-up of a floor plan of the central office at Maineville Crossing. He said this was a rendering of the projected location of offices and public spaces, and was subject to change.

Mr. Power then also presented the 2018-2019 staffing plan. He said student enrollment numbers would be driving a few hiring decisions, including the need to hire some additional teachers. He also said that changes in preschool regulations could cause the district to increase the number of sections offered, or even go to a five-day model rather than four. He said a board work session would be held following the Jan. 9 organizational meeting in order for the board to ask questions about the plan.

Financial Reports

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts

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

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Countryside YMCA	\$21 per lane per hour	Nov. 7, 2017-Feb. 15, 2018	Rental	Practice lanes for LM Swim Teams

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Donations

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve several donations to the Little Miami Food Service Dept. to cover negative student lunch balances: Mimi Rogg (\$300), Dennis & Dottie Conger (\$100), The Haynes Family (\$300).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 17-016

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve Resolution 17-016, declaring Little Miami Local School District to be a special needs district and applying for consent to submit a bond issue to the electors of the district May 8, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Niemesh	Yes
Mr. Haas	Yes

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Mrs. Grice	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Sale of Buses

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the sale of two buses no longer needed for school purposes and is valued under \$10,000 (Bus #30 2004 Freightliner, Bus #43 2005 Freightliner)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the following personnel items as submitted for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Niemesh seconded the motion.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Paul Burns – Bus Driver, effective 11/20/17 Step 0
Amanda Sizemore – JH Cook, effective 12/04/2017 Step 0
Mysty Noe – Bus Driver, effective 12/7/17 Step 0

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, SUBSTITUTE

Michelle Williams – Sp. Ed. Aide
David Ketterer – Bus Driver

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RELEASE FROM EMPLOYMENT

Marvin Estep – effect. 11/27/17

VOLUNTEERS – YOUTH BASKETBALL SITE MANAGERS

Troy Callahan
Kurt Dooley
Marc Grake
Bryan Hall
Felisha Hartman
Daren Scott
Kevin Stouder
Cory Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Reduction of Pay-to-Participate Fees for 2018-2019

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve a reduction in pay-to-participate fees beginning with the 2018-19 school year, with fees reduced by \$75 at the high school and \$50 at the junior high and the family cap realigned to reflect these changes. Motion died due to lack of second.

Mrs. Grice said she would like to discuss a smaller reduction than the one first proposed. Cutting the fees by \$50 at the high school and \$25 at the junior high would save enough dollars to pay for half a teacher's salary.

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Mrs. Journey said she would like to see it approved as recommended. She said she believed the pay-to-participate fees were too high and a reduction was long overdue.

Mr. Niemesh said he agreed and said he would like the fees to be brought into line with other league opponents (Little Miami's were the highest.) He said a \$75/\$50 reduction is his preference, but that if fellow Board members could only support a \$50/\$25 reduction, he would not vote against it.

Mr. Haas said that if a \$75/\$50 reduction were to pass, he would insist that \$10,000 from the Mercy Health payment to the athletic department be used to defray the impact to the general fund. He said he would forego that request if the Board settled on a \$50/\$25 reduction. Mr. Niemesh said he did not want to touch the money from Mercy and wanted that to be up to the discretion of the athletic director to use.

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to approve a fee reduction of \$50 at the high school and \$25 at the junior high. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Mrs. Grice said the Warren County Career Center had not yet met this month and that she had nothing to report.

The next board meeting would be Jan. 9, 2018, the organizational meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the special meeting at 7 p.m. in the LMIS conference room.

Mr. Niemesh thanked the Board and those in the audience for their support over his four-year term. He said he wanted to leave the District better than he found it when he first became a board member, and said he believed he had accomplished that.

Executive Session

Mr. Niemesh made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Journey made a motion to return to regular session at 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

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Adjourn

Mrs. Grice made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Journey seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Briggs
Community Relations Coordinator

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer