

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Jan. 23, 2018

The Board of Education of the Little Miami Local School District, Warren County, Ohio met in regular session on Jan. 23, 2018 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 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Greg Power, Terry Gonda, Regina Morgan, Pam Coates, Marla Timmerman, Stephen Collins, Melinda Briggs, Erin Losey, Amber Hubert, Kathy O'Callaghan, Sara Harris, Maryann Duffy, Teresa Reynolds, Tammy Quatman, Lisa Smith, Rusty Holman, Travis Showers, Cory Taylor, Vicki Gregor, Rachel Tilford, Joe Rozzi, Darryl Cordrey, Michele Tegtmeier, Pam Tramble-Johnson, Wayne Lyke, Jamie Miles, John Bailey, Nate Mahon, Tiffany Sawyer, Alison Gates, Ryan Cherry, Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims, Hamilton Twp. Police Chief Scott Hughes and other members of the public.

Adopt the Agenda

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Reading of Minutes

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 12 regular meeting, the Jan. 9, 2018 organizational meeting and the Jan. 9 special meeting. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications and/or Visitors to the Board

Mr. Power stated that January was Board of Education Appreciation Month and Board members would find a small token of appreciation at their seats.

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Erin Losey, preschool director, and several of her teachers then made a presentation about the Little Miami preschool program recently receiving a five-star rating from the state's Step Up to Quality program. This is the highest possible rating for preschools. Members of the Board said they were pleased and excited by this news and thanked the preschool staff for all of their hard work.

Mr. Haas then read the Board's mission statement to begin the meeting.

Financial Reports

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Contracts

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

COMPANY	AMOUNT	PERIOD	TYPE	PURPOSE
Jeepers Creepers	Interior treatments: \$685/mo. Exterior treatments: \$1,575 (Apr., May, June, Aug. Sept., Oct.)	4 years	Service	Pest management
Duke Energy	\$24 per kW of power curtailed	June 1-Sept. 30	Revenue	PowerShare Agreement
ZXF	\$6,028	Apr. 1-15	Service	Flying system for spring musical

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Donations

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the following donations. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

- Melissa Danowski to the Hamilton-Maineville Primary School intervention specialists
- Family of Jacob Michael Smith to Sale Twp. Elementary School
- Jennifer Harding to Hamilton-Maineville Primary School

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 18-003

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Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve Resolution 18-003, declaring the Board's determination to proceed with the issuance of bonds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

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

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL - MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

Caleb Jones – approx. 1/25/18 – 2/8/18
Bridget Herron – approx. 3/5/18 -5/24/18
Megan Salzl – approx. 2/26/18 – 5/18/18

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Angela Bass-Acito - 2/26/17 - 3/16/18

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

Tara Robinson – BS Step 0, effect. 12/8/17

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Michael Keeton – OBI Trainee, Bus Driver Step 0

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT, SUBSTITUTE

Dona Ortberg – Bus Driver, effect. 1/3/18
Rebekah Showers - Nurse

SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT

Nate Mahon – Weight Room Supervisor, Class 9 Step 5

VOLUNTEERS

Christie Fischer
Todd Wittenauer - LMYBB
Jennifer Atwood

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Junior High Reading List

Mrs. Grice made a motion to approve the following novels to the junior high reading list. Mr. Cremeans seconded.

- Scythe by Neil Shusterman
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt
- Downsiders by Neil Shusterman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Gifted Student Identification and Service Plan

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve Little Miami's gifted student identification and service plan as presented. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

2018-19 Staffing Plan

Mrs. Journey made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Staffing Plan as presented. Mrs. Grice seconded. The Board then held discussion on the plan.

Mr. Haas said he did not believe the district could afford to do the hiring of teachers and staff that has been requested in this plan. He said that, according to numbers from the Treasurer's office, the district is looking at 6.9% spending growth, but only 2% growth in revenue. Mr. Power pointed out that if the district was flatlined on enrollment numbers, the district would be okay, but growth at 200 students per year necessitates the hiring of teachers and support staff.

Mrs. Grice said she had concerns also with spending and said that the community does not pass levies on the first try.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mrs. Grice	No
Mr. Cremeans	Yes
Mr. Siebert	Yes
Mrs. Journey	Yes
Mr. Haas	No

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

The Board held first reading of the Special Education Coordinator job description.

Mrs. Grice said the Warren County Career Center board held its organizational meeting and approved its tax budget at its last gathering. Mr. Cremeans was appointed educational legislative liaison and Mrs. Grice was appointed achievement liaison.

Next meeting will be Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the LMHS Media Center.

Executive Session

Mrs. Grice made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss details relative to the security arrangements for the board of education; to consider the purchase of property for public purposes; to review negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Mrs. Journey made a motion to return to regular session at 10:45 p.m. Mrs. Grice seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourn

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Briggs
Director of Communications

Randy Haas, President

Terry Gonda, Treasurer