

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

December 22, 2015

Clear Fork High School Media Center

4:00 p.m.

District Mission Statement:

We care for our students by modeling our community's heritage and tradition of excellence to increase student achievement.

The Special Board Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School board was called to order at 4:00 PM by Board President Mr. Jim DeSanto.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Jim DeSanto, Mr. Jim Klenk, Mr. Jim Jackson, Mr. Jason Snyder and Mr. Randall Freeman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2015-305 **Upon motion** by Mr. Snyder and Seconded by Mr. Jackson, the board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, met in Special session on December 22, 2015, and adopted the following Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the conditional approval of the School District has lapsed and, as provided in ORC Section 3318.054, the School District seeks a new conditional approval of the project; and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3318.054 provides that a lapsed school district may request that the new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) be established by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the School District requested on November 2, 2015 (see attached Resolution B) that the Ohio School Facilities Commission ("Commission") establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to resubmitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the project scope and estimated costs established shall be valid for thirteen months from the date of approval by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the School District hereby concurs with, and approves the use of, the findings outlined in the final “Facilities Assessment Report” dated April, 2001 with revisions March, 2015 for the purpose of developing a master facilities plan. The School District and the Commission understand that the use of the Facilities Assessment Report is for the purpose of developing an estimated project budget and scope and that the potential for the existence of undocumented conditions that could increase the final cost of the project does exist; and

WHEREAS, the School District Board hereby concurs with and approves the use of the Enrollment Projections dated October 7, 2015. The School District Board and the Commission acknowledge that actual enrollment status will be reviewed annually; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges the Commission recommendation that the School District engage a design and construction professional to assist in the review of the information presented in the Facilities Assessment Report. The School District has provided any information available to aid in the identification of any areas of concern for conditions, which cannot be readily observed by standard assessment procedures throughout the school district’s facilities and the School District acknowledges that the scope of services provided by the professional authorizing the Facilities Assessment Report does not include invasive facilities and grounds investigation; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges that neither the School District nor Commission have control over conditions which are hidden or otherwise unknown at the conclusion of the assessment report and master facilities plan; and

WHEREAS, the School District accepts the School District share determined by the Commission and desires to proceed with the Scope of the Project and Facilities Plan as indicated below:

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Segment One:

Build two new elementary schools to house grades PK thru 5; allowance to abate and demolish Bellville and Butler elementary schools.

STATE SHARE:	\$15,615,530
LOCAL SHARE:	\$ 9,983,699
PROJECT BUDGET:	\$25,599,229

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, Ohio that the conditional approval as granted by the Commission for the Classroom Facilities project be hereby accepted in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054.

The board discussed the resolution and the next steps that need to be taken. Mr. Snyder asked if the resolution or the OFCC determine location and Ms. Wyckoff assured the board that the resolution was for two elementary schools to be placed where the district wished and location had not been yet determined. Mr. Jackson asked if the location would be determined before the March ballot and Ms. Wyckoff affirmed that location should be set before the voters vote in March. Ms. Wyckoff explained that the board also needs to determine the Locally Funded Initiatives (LFI's) that the board wishes to add as part of the construction. Ms. Wyckoff explained that she has contacted the OFCC requesting to review 15 different projects that have been done in the past 15 years by 10 different architects across the state. She also has called 6-7 different architects to determine what the district should be looking at in the review of the different buildings and what LFI's the architects would suggest the board considers in the building projects. In January Ms. Wyckoff intends to line up multiple trips to other districts that have recently built new elementary buildings using different architects to look at different styles to determine what is lasting compared to what is not, what has worked for the other districts as compared to what doesn't, upkeep costs, etc. Ms. Wyckoff intends to include community members, board members, staff and administration to view these buildings and ask questions. Mr. DeSanto inquired how soon the board could have drawings of the new facilities. Ms. Wyckoff explained that the board and the OFCC have not yet selected an architect to move forward and the visits would help the board in the selection process. Mr. Klenk expressed the concern that there are unanswered questions that need to be addressed as soon as possible because the March 4th ballot is only about 6 weeks away. He requested that the visits to other districts happen the first two weeks in January. Mr. Klenk also suggested that before the March Ballot the public needs to know where the new buildings are going to be placed, who will be the architect, what will happen with the old building and what the new facilities will look like. Mr. Klenk also suggests that elements of the old buildings be incorporated into the new facilities. Mr. Jackson questioned how quickly the board could review architectural firms and if it would be possible to have firms present to the entire board at a Special Board Meeting in January so the selection process could take place before March. The board requested to have Mr. Prenosil from the OFCC attend the next meeting on January 7th to present the next steps in their process, provide recommendations and discuss the various delivery method available for the projects. The board discussed the creation of a levy committee and how to proceed with the creation of that committee. The board also reviewed the ballot language that was returned from board of elections and the board requested that the format of the language be consistent throughout without any bold, italicized or capitalized words. The board also discussed the wording of the ballot language and why the ballot language does not mention new facilities. Mr. Stevens explained that in order for this to be a tax renewal and in order to be able to use the income tax for operating expenses as well as new facilities the ballot language had to be worded in the manner in which it was written.

The vote was:	Mr. Snyder	Yes	Mr. Freeman	Yes
	Mr. Jackson	Yes	Mr. Desanto	Yes
	Mr. Klenk	Yes		

2015-306 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board adjourned from regular session at 4:37 PM.

The vote was:	Mr. Snyder	Yes	Mr. Klenk	Yes
	Mr. Freeman	Yes	Mr. DeSanto	Yes
	Mr. Jackson	Yes		

Jim DeSanto, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer