

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 12, 2015

Clear Fork High School Media Center

6:30 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 regular meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President Mr. Jim DeSanto.

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

2015-273 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 08, 2015 and the Work Session of October 27,2015 as presented.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Public comments will only be permitted during this section of the agenda.

Mrs. Janet Baughman of 3863 Anderson Rd Bellville Ohio asked if the information presented to the board last month on H.B.212 and her request to survey the teachers would be discussed at this meeting. Ms. Wyckoff stated that she had spoken with the district's attorney regarding the survey and was advised to recommend to the board to not allow personal requests to survey public employees. Ms. Wyckoff stated that if Mrs. Baughman wanted to do the survey herself she could but she is recommending to the board to pass on allowing the district to conduct the personal survey.

Carl Gonzalez, 4543 Possum Run Rd requested the district provide a fact sheet to the public regarding the income tax issue and the exact costs of the new building project in order to keep the public informed.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. DeSanto spoke briefly about attending the Capital Conference on Monday and Tuesday and relayed a few things that he learned at the conference.

PRESENTATIONS

FFA - 2015 Honduras Trip

Mr. Adam Staley presented information about a trip that the FFA wishes to take to Honduras. The FFA is requesting that the Board allow them to continue this trip that was started with The Ohio State University and the Heritage Corporation who gives a grant to the Ohio FFA Foundation. This trip is designed to send 5 educators and students to Honduras to solve problems like water filtration as an example. Two senior students, Brent Ball and Austin Miller both presented what they had learned last year, described their experiences and how the trip impacted their lives. The FFA students who go on the trip work hands-on with the vocational students on projects such as maximization of crop production in limited space and building pens for livestock.

High School Guidance Department:

Three students presented the board with an explanation of the student tutoring program that is in place at the Middle and High School as well as sharing some of the results of the program. The students that presented were:

Alexis Wade – She discussed how the peer tutoring program started with her being asked to help a student with failing grades. From there the program took off as the need for tutoring increased. Alexis also shared that she tutors in Mrs. Israel's class in the middle school.

Tawny Hetsler – She shared that tutoring is not only helping the student, but also helping her prepare for her future as she is going on to college to be a math teacher. Tawny also shared that her student now has a B in her Algebra class. Tawny stated that her student went from getting 19% on tests to getting 75%.

Devon Priess – She shared that she loves tutoring and she feels good just knowing that she can help others. Devon shared that her student has had a positive attitude change since starting in the tutoring program. Her student is working hard everyday and her grades are improving.

The following students are participating in the program as tutors: Brent Ball, Clara Bradley, Taylor Cook, Kelsey Carver, Tawny Hestler, Maija Johnson, Laura Kelley, Lauren Nichols, Devon Priess, Luke Stevens, Alexis Wade, Mackenzie Wade.

Joe Tresey and Brian Brown – Athletic League Information

The Athletic Director (Joe Tresey) and the High School Principal (Brian Brown) presented information to the Board comparing the district's overall performance record and student population to the other schools in our current athletic conference. Mr. Tresey and Mr. Brown proposed that the district switch to the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference (MOAC) because the schools within that

conference are closer to the size of Clear Fork Valley. Currently we are in the Ohio Cardinal Conference (OCC) and we have been officially invited to Join the MOAC. Mr. Tresey showed illustrations on the student enrollment as well as the athletic divisions of the schools in both conferences and compared them to Clear Fork's size and division for each sport. He also compared the distances that our athletic teams currently travel to compete in away competitions in our current conference, previous conference (MAC) and the MOAC. Currently the distance to compete at away athletic events is less than it would be if we switched conferences. Mr. Tresey and Mr. Brown illustrated that Clear Fork's enrollment is more closely related to the schools in the MOAC and that Clear Fork is the smallest school competing in the OCC. He expressed his feeling with respect to how this discrepancy in enrollment in the OCC puts Clear Fork at a disadvantage in competitions. Mr. Tresey showed the OCC Final Conference Standings for each sport for the past 10 years and highlighted where Clear Fork finished compared to the other schools. Since the 2004-2005 school year, Clear Fork has only finish in the top 3, 27% of the time for all sports combined. Mr. Tresey presented the size of the schools that compete in the MOAC and he feels that Clear Fork would be more competitive in that conference because the enrollment of the schools within that conference is closer to ours. Mr. Brown shared with the board the history of how Clear Fork ended up in the OCC conference and the direction the various conferences are headed with regards to the size of the schools that are coming into the conferences. Mr. Brown indicated that this is an opportunity that would allow the district to become more competitive and increase the district's ability to win championships which would boost the morale of the students. Mr. Klenk requested that Mr. Tresey provide the board with some data that breaks down how many students actually participate in each sport at each grade level. He wants to be able to determine the percentage of students that participate in athletics at each grade level because he does not feel that the district has as high of participation as they have in the past.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon Motion by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board:

2015-274 Approved the October Financial Report.

2015-275 Accepted the following donations:

School supplies to Bellville Elementary from Curves in Lexington.

\$500.00 to the Clear Fork High School Band from Chase Bank.

2015-276 Approved the following activity budgets for the 2015-2016 school year:

200-9118 Project Support Middle School

2015-277 Adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE TAX RATES FOR A RENEWAL INCOME TAX (Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (“Revised Code”) Section 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter-approved income taxes upon their residents; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1% per annum, five-year income tax approved by the voters of the School District on August 7, 2012 (the “Existing Income Tax”) for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses, with the last year of collection of the Existing Income Tax being in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be passed and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio (the “Tax Commissioner”) in order to permit the Board to consider the renewal of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such a renewal income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held March 15, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland and Knox Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines that it is necessary to renew the Existing Income Tax to raise annually the additional sum of \$1,819,000 for the purpose of providing for current operating expenses (the “Income Tax”).

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals as defined in Revised Code Section 5748.01(E)(1)(b).

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner, not later than December 2, 2015, together with a request that the Tax Commissioner determine and certify to the Board the property tax rate that would have had to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above and the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce the amount of money set forth above.

Section 4. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Josh Predovich of SHP Leading Design updated the Board on where the district is in the building process, what information they have obtained to date on the sites and what information they are still waiting to receive back.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon Motion by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board:

2015-278 Approved the following personnel as home tutors on an as needed basis for the 2015-2016 school year:

Jordan Smith

2015-279 Approves the following volunteer coaches for the 2015-2016 season.

Kameryn Hendershott	Girls Basketball
Patrick Horn	Boys Basketball
James Tackett	Girls Basketball

2015-280 In accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirms that the following positions have been offered to the certified employees of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District and no qualified employee has been selected for the position(s). Furthermore, the Board affirms that the position(s) had been advertised in the Bellville Star on April 30, 2015 for anyone certified or non-certified who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2015-2016 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Charles Conrad	Middle School Wrestling
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2015-281 Accepted the following classified resignation:

Holly Montgomery – effective November 25, 2015 – Middle School/High School Library Aide

2015-282 Approved 30 days Maternity Leave for Danielle Daniels beginning with the date of the birth of the child (due date 1/13/2016).

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

Upon Motion by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board:

2015-283 Approved the following Board Policy as discussed at the September 10, 2015 and the October 8, 2015 Board of Education meetings:

IJA Career Advising

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

Upon Motion by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board:

2015-284 Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the students identified have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these students to their selected schools; and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Ohio Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation.
 2. The number of pupils to be transported.
 3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
 4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
 5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
 6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available;
- And

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Clear Fork Valley Local Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parents/guardians of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

2015-285 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board set the Organizational meeting and Regular Board meeting to follow for January 7, 2016 at 6 PM in the High School Media center .

The Board appointed Mr. Jason Snyder President Pro Tempore for the Organizational Meeting upon nomination by Mr. Jim Klenk.

The Board discussed the 1st reading the following Board Policies:

Revision:

EEA	Student Transportation Services
EEAA	Eligibility Zones for Pupil Transportation
EEAC	School Bus Safety Program
EEACC	Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
EEACCA	Recording Devices on Transportation Vehicles
EEACD	Drug Testing for District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License
EEAD	Non-Routine Use of School Buses
EEAE	Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
IGBEA-R	Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention
IKE	Promotion and Retention of Students
JEA	Compulsory Attendance Age
JECOA	Admission of Homeless Students
JFCC	Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
JFCC-R	Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation

New:

EEACC-R	Student Conduct of District Managed Transportation
JECOA-R	Admission of Homeless

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

2015-286 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board adjourned from Regular session at 8:21 PM.

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

Jim DeSanto, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer