

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2015

Bellville Elementary Library

6:30 p.m.

Building Tour 6:00 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Meeting 5:30 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 Board Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School board was called to order at 6:31 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 and Mr. Randall Freeman. Mr. Jim Klenk was excused.

2015-251

Upon Motion by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 10, 2015 and the Work Session meeting of September 30, 2015 as presented.

The vote was:	Mr. Jackson	Yes	Mr. Snyder	Yes
	Mr. Freeman	Yes	Mr. DeSanto	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 presented to the board a summery on H.B.212 which is the Local Authority Restoration Act and asked that the board review the document and consider a resolution to support the bill at next month's meeting. Ms. Baughman asked the board if she could do an anonymous survey to the teachers to find out how they feel about teaching the common core standards to get feedback from the staff. The superintendent requested to have time to review board policy and state law to make sure that no policy or law would be broken by doing that. Mr. Snyder inquired about how the results would be used. Mrs. Baughman said that it would be used to indicate if the teachers support the efforts of the parent group that is opposed to the common core standards.

Carl Gonzalez, 4543 Possum Run Rd spoke and added that the surveys needed to be anonymous because he feels teachers are afraid to voice their opinion. Ms. Wyckoff and Mr. Desanto assured the both Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. Baughman that every teacher is free to voice their opinion and at no time have they been in danger for repercussions from voicing their opinion and Mr. Jackson reiterated that teachers are protected under the union contract.

Ms. Baughman also said that she has mailed six questions regarding the testing in the spring to both Ms. Wyckoff and Mr. Desanto. Ms. Wyckoff said that she is not able to answer the questions at this time because the district cannot predict the changes that ODE will make before the test is to be given in the spring.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Jim Jackson has had some discussion in the community about what the board plans to do with the property called Hamilton Hills after the buildings are built. Mr. Jackson said that his response was that until the district has master plan and a clear understanding of what we are doing with regards to the building project the board will not do anything with that property.

At 6:45 PM Mr. Jim Klenk arrived at the meeting and was welcomed by the board.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Josh Predovich, an architect from SHP Leading Design presented a recap from the Board Work Session on September 30, 2015 and an updated schedule to discuss the next steps and dates to be keep in mind. He talked about the upcoming community presentations on October 19th, 20th, and 21st with a goal of getting the information with regards to the master plan out to the public and getting some feedback with regards to one or two buildings. He set a goal to have the decision of one vs two buildings to the OFCC commission by November 1, 2015. He requested that the board have another work session on October 29th to review the responses of the second survey and digest what is learned at the three community presentations so the district can provide the OFCC with a direction so they can in turn create a Notice of Conditional Approval in November so the OFCC can have it back to the board for approval by December. These dates are set to target a March Ballot Date for a bond issue. Mr. Predovich reviewed the tree master plan options and the costs that were presented during the work session and reviewed the differences in operating costs of the three options, which were also discussed at the work session. The total project costs are roughly \$25.6 million for two elementary schools without any MS/HS renovations, roughly \$22 million for one elementary school without any MS/HS renovations and approximately \$39.5 million to build a new HS 9-12 and renovate the existing MS/HS to house preK-8. None of these figures includes any Locally Funded Initiatives or upgrades that the district may choose. The state/local split is 61%/39% so the options break out to be approximately \$9.9 million local share for two elementary buildings, approximately \$8.6 million in local share for one elementary building and roughly \$15.4 million for the MS/HS renovation and a new 9-12 facility. Mr. Predovich explained how the OFCC generates the figures that were presented and what factors create the

differences in the three different projects. He explained the cost differences associated with the different sizes of buildings and the differences in square footage required per student in each building option. He also explained how the projected operating costs with regards to gas and electric are calculated for each of the three options. The variances in operating costs are not a significant deciding factors in the major overall costs of the projects. Ms. Wyckoff discussed the survey that will be mailed to the registered voters of the district with regards to what information is on the survey and the goal of what the district wants to learn from the survey. Mr. Jackson stated that the meetings have all been public and that nothing has been decided thus far and the board encourages the public to attend the meetings as all the discussion with respect the new facilities will be held in public forum and the board will welcome the public's opinion and input.

Mr. David Conley and Mr. Scott Ericson are municipal advisors with Rockmill Governmental Financial Consulting. They presented the financial options the district has with respect to building new facilities. Mr. Conley explained the various tools that the district has available to use to aid in the financing of a building project. Mr. Conely's company did a feasibility analysis of the district's financial condition to determine the community's ability to pay taxes and the amount the district has the ability to finance for a new facility. He explained that his company's responsibility will be to investigate the various options the district has to finance a building project, assist the district with communicating and educating the public on the options so they understand and finally assist the district in securing any financing to complete a project. From the feasibility analysis Mr. Conley was able to conclude that the district has been extremely well managed and the district's financial condition is exceptionally strong. He was able to determine that the community's tax burden is modest, not excessive but he thinks the district could build most of the options that were presented by Mr. Josh Predovich without increasing the taxes that people are currently paying today. Mr. Conley said that the district does not have to increase taxes above what people are currently paying to raise the money the district needs in order to build new buildings. We can finance a building if the public will agree to continue to pay what they are currently paying for a longer period of time. The timing for this project is good with respect to the financing with low interest rates, the district's expiring debt and the strong performance of the community. Mr. Conely concluded that the with either renewing the existing income tax for a period of 20 years or renewing the existing current property tax bond issue for 25 years could provide the district with up to \$14 million dollars for build new buildings. Both issues will still require voter approval and still require that the district borrow money. He suggested the district hold any funds that are to be redirected to the project in a capital reserve fund and draw it down over time. We can be on the ballot as early as March of next year with either proposal. Mr. Conley discussed the advantages of renewing the income tax to fund a bond issue were: 1. No increase in the taxes over what is currently paid, 2. The reduced amount of time for financing, 20 years vs the average of a 37 year bond issue which means an overall savings in interest in both the initial rate as well as the overall compounded interest for the life of the bond. 3. The current property tax bond issue will expire in 2024 and the community's property taxes will decrease. 4. There is also additional revenue for operating with an income tax and it will grow as the communities income grows. The advantage of a property tax is: 1. No increase in the amount of taxes that are currently paid. However, since the taxes that would be collected are strictly for the bond payment there would not be any

growth so it does not account for any future repair or operating expenses. Mr. Conely also discussed the language that would need to be placed on a ballot for this project for each of the different financing options.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder and Seconded by Mr. Jackson, the board:

- 2015-252 Approved the September Financial Report.
- 2015-253 Discussed and approved the five-year forecast.
- 2015-254 Approved the following Activity Budgets for the 2015-2016 school year.
- 200-9612 Bellville Elementary Student Council
- 2015-255 Accepted the donation of Covered Trailer to haul athletic equipment to away competitions from the Clear Fork Valley Athletic Boosters.
- 2015-256 Approved a transfer from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund (300/9500) in the amount of \$40,000.00 for partial payroll expenses for the months of July/September 2015. Including this transfer, the total for the year transferred to athletics from the general fund for payroll expenses is \$40,000 for payroll expenses.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Klenk and Seconded by Mr. Jackson, the board:

- 2015-257 Advanced the following certified personnel on the salary schedule effective October 19, 2015.
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| D. Nicole Traxler | Masters + 15 |
| Paula Slezak | Bachelors + 15 |
| Cathy Kinney | Masters + 30 |
- 2015-258 Accepted the supplemental resignation of Monica Stillion, 7th Grade Girls Basketball.
- 2015-259 Employed the following certified personnel are on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2015-2016 school year.
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| Brandon Baumgardner | High School Boys Basketball |
| William Deckling | 8 th Grade Boys Basketball |
| Lauren Townley | 7 th Grade Girls Basketball |
| Ryan Vermillion | High School Girls Basketball |

2015-260 In accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirmed 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:

Bradley Crunkilton	8 th Grade Girls Basketball
Mitchell Davis	Assistant High School Wrestling
Jeff Layne	High School Girls Basketball
John Parrott	7 th Grade Boys Basketball

2015-261 Approved the following for payment once the Activities Director submits the number of contests worked. These staff members may be utilized as Site Managers to assist the Activities Coordinator when 2 events are occurring at the same time, paid at a rate of \$50.00 per event.

Judy Golden	Jennifer Moore
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2015-262 Approved for payment once the Activities Director submits the number of contests worked.

Connie Barr	Game Worker	\$25/contest
Brandon Baumgardner	Game Worker	\$25/contest
Randy Echelberger	Game Worker	\$25/contest
Richard Hoover	Game Worker	\$25/contest
Jeremy Riddle	Game Worker	\$25/contest

2015-263 Approved an unpaid medical leave of absence for Michelle Evans from September 5, 2015 through October 16, 2015 pending medical release.

2015-264 Approved Jared Beans to be paid for the Algebra Project summer camp held July 27-31, 2015, \$100.00 per day for 5 days teaching.

2015-265 Employed the following classified staff be on a one (1) year limited contract beginning with the 2015-2016 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Abby Hawk – Bus Driver effective October 5, 20

2015-266 Approved the following volunteer coach for the 2015-2016 season:

Douglas Noblet III	Middle School Wrestling		
The vote was:			
Mr. Klenk	Yes	Mr. Freeman	Yes
Mr. Jackson	Yes	Mr. Desanto	Yes
Mr. Snyder	Yes		

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson and Seconded by Mr. Freeman, the board:

2015-267 The Board 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;
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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.

2015-268 Accepted the bids opened on October 2,2015 for Locker Upgrade at the High School.

2015-269 Awarded the Locker Upgrade Project to Rayhaven Group in the amount of \$68,125.00 for the removal and installation of 583 new lockers at the High School.

2015-270 Entered into the attached Services Agreement with Rockmill Financial Consulting for the 2015-2016 school year.

Discussed the facilities and building tour recap.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Discussed (2nd reading) of the following Board Policy:

New:

IJA Career Advising

Update from the Building & Grounds Subcommittee:

The district's maintenance is need of a new truck and plow. The newest truck and plow the district has is a 2003 and one of the older trucks currently has a crack in the frame. Kevin Carr and Kelly Stanford are to obtain three quotes for a new vehicle and present them to the board at the next meeting.

2015-271 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board adjourned from regular session at 9:01 PM.

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

Jim DeSanto, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer