

# **CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **WORK SESSION**

**September 30, 2015**

**Hines Avenue Building**

**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 Work Session 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 Klenk, Mr. Jim Jackson, and Mr. Randall Freeman. Mr. Jason Snyder was excused.

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

None

### **Elementary school construction project.**

Mr. Joshua Predovich, a project manager with SHP Leading Design Architects led the discussion with respect to the construction of new elementary building/s for the Clear Fork Valley Local School District. Mr. Predovich and Ms. Wyckoff reviewed the discussions from the Executive Committee meeting that occurred on Thursday Sept. 24. The results of the survey that was taken were discussed which were as follows, 80% of the people surveyed felt that the district needed new elementary building and 20% were opposed. 60% of the people felt there should be one building and 40% felt that there needs to be two. The next round of surveys were discussed as to who's opinion to solicit, what information and details and how in depth the information that is placed on the survey should be, the timeline of when this needs to be completed and how to go about collecting the results of the survey. The timeline of going before the OFCC was discussed and why there is an urgency to go to the OFCC sooner because of the financial benefits due to the enrollment projections. Mr. Predovich explained how enrollment projections are determined and how they affect an enrollment trend and how enrollment projections are used when determining OFCC funding. The cost difference of one elementary school vs two was discussed for the initial construction as well as the differences in operation costs. Operation costs were

compared to the existing elementary school as far as the cost per square foot in utilities and the target cost per square foot of a new building. Size determinations of square feet per student per OFCC requirements were discussed. Site plans and associated facility location costs with where the building/s would be build were discussed and Mr. Predovich explained what the OFCC will support and fund at the construction cost split. He also gave us a very preliminary, generalized, estimated cost difference of building one vs two buildings without any locally funded initiatives and/or upgrades from what the OFCC will co-fund. The oversizing issue of the MS/HS was addressed and so far to date we are able to account for the use of all but approximately 3,500 square feet. Variances in transportation were discussed with regards to the number of elementary students that currently walk to school and how those students would be transported to a single facility. The board also discussed the timeline, key dates and the use of an independent financial consultant to assist with the funding options, the information gathered to be presented for a bond campaign and the method that would be the most beneficial to the district's future to finance the project. Future community meetings were discussed to gather information and answer questions so by November the board can make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Mr Jackson has a previous engagement and was asked to be excused at 7:30

**2015-250 Upon Motion** by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Klenk, the Board adjourned the Work Session at 8:00 PM.

**The vote was:** Mr. Freeman    Yes  
                          Mr. Klenk            Yes  
                          Mr. DeSanto        Yes

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Jim DeSanto, Board President

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Bradd Stevens, Treasurer