

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bellville Hines Avenue Building (Lower Building) Walk Through
6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2017

Bellville Hines Avenue

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 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 Klenk, Mrs. Amy Weekley and Mr. Carl Gonzalez. Mr. Dan Freund was excused.

2017-259 **Upon** Motion by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mr. Klenk, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2017 as presented.

The vote was:	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mr. Klenk	Yes	Mr. DeSanto	Yes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jeff Sellers of 1904 Wagner Road, Butler addressed the board and the public about the District's Five Year Financial Forecast and his concerns on district expenditures. He specifically discussed a recent expenditure under the school construction project to spend additional funds to hire a local contractor and how that related to the five year forecast. Mr. Sellers requested the board have an open discussion about that expenditure. Mr. DeSanto expressed his appreciation for Mr. Sellers questions and concerns and thanked him for his comments. Mr. DeSanto explained that when the Forecast is to be presented on the agenda the Board will comment and discuss the Forecast because it is something that has been addressed six months ago and a year ago. Mr. Sellers asked if the discussion should be saved until after the Board addressed the Forecast. Mr. DeSanto's reply was the board will discuss it then but this is the opportunity for the public to be heard. Mr. Sellers then asked to address the board and the community to get all his points out now, which Mr. DeSanto granted. Mr. Sellers explained that the district has a GMP with Gilbane and there were two contractors that submitted prices for the local site utilities package, which were obtained by Gilbane which is the Constriction Manager that the District hired. Mr. Sellers said that after the bids came in, the lowest contractor was not given the work and the OFCC allowed the district to take the higher of the two contractors with 100% of the difference to be funded by the district. Mr. Sellers explained why he disagreed with that decision stating that he

felt it was a misuse of taxpayer's funds in his opinion. Mr. DeSanto thanked Mr. Sellers for his comments and his perspective and said they appreciated his input. Mr. Sellers added that he has always been an advocate for putting local people to work and he believes local people should have the opportunity to work but he stated don't take from one group of tax payers and give it to another claiming they were picking winners and losers.

PRESENTATION

Cory Barlage, form Gilbane Building Company gave a brief update on the construction progress. He discussed when construction started in late September and what was done at both sites and the percentage of completion they are at in the Early Site work phase. He gave a tentative schedule of what they expect to be doing over the next few weeks at each site, the lag time between the two buildings, what they are waiting on to occur and which part of the project they plan on starting next. He anticipated that in the next four weeks they will start going vertical with the construction and the district should start seeing some masonry in the next four weeks coming up out of the ground.

Mr. DeSanto said that he had heard from the administration several times, appreciation for the workability that Gilane has had getting things done and keeping the students safe and he commended them on their flexibility and he thanked them for coming.

Me DeSanto shared with the board a letter from the Leukemia and Lymphoma society about \$1,204 raised and donated by the Middle School and how appreciated they were of the effort. Mrs. Klaus explained that the FOR club sponsored the fundraiser that was called "Pennies for Patients" which students donated money and shared a story every day of a student's experience with cancer. She said that a student shared their own personal story and that story is now shared on the national campaign. Mr. DeSanto thanked her and asked to have the board's appreciation passed along to those who made this happen.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon Motion by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board:

2017-260

Approved the September Financial Report.

The treasurer shared with the board that the district did receive a dividend from our property/liability and fleet insurance for \$2,894.00 last month from Ohio School Plan.

2017-261

Discussed and approved the five-year forecast.

The treasurer discussed the assumptions of the forecast revenues and expenditures and how the numbers were determined and where the district is headed as far as the finances.

Mr. Klenk discussed the enrollment decline over the past 5 years relating the number to the decrease being equivalent to an entire graduating class. He stated that we are on the guarantee, still losing enrollment and we must plan for the time when that additional revenue from being on the guarantee is taken away. Mr. Klenk added that he had stated that a year ago, when the district passed the one percent income tax and the board talked about the fact that they have to balance the budget and what he sees and has brought up previously is that we have less students than we had in 2013 and there has to be some type of systematic plan over the next five years of how we are going to continue serve students without hiring additional staff members. His comment was we should be able to since we have 200 less students. Mr. DeSanto agreed with Mr. Klenk. Mr. Klenk said at the time when the district decided to build two elementary buildings, he stated that he felt one would be cheaper. He also stated that when grants run out the district is responsible to maintain what the grant purchased so there should be a plan to replace and maintain the technology that we currently have. Mr. DeSanto explained that it is not the board's job to decide what to do, it is the administration's. Mr. Klenk reiterated that the data is there and the administration cannot wait until 2021 to do something. Mr. DeSanto explained that when they looked at this a year ago they knew they were looking at numbers where the expenditures were exceeding our revenue. In looking at this from a year ago we are about \$350,000 better than we were a year ago but there is a lot more work to do but the problem is the time to deal with it has decreased. The budget deficit has been nudged but there has to be more work done. The forecast needs to be fixed and the district has to be more aggressive in getting those costs under control in his opinion.

Ms. Wyckoff acknowledged the board has said do not increase staffing and she explained how the district has saved \$170,000 in staff from attrition and how the individual building budgets have been reduced. She stated that we still have to deliver education so we have to be very careful and that that is the trick. Mr. DeSanto said education has to be the first priority. Mr. Klenk agreed with Ms. Wyckoff but asked that the administration look down the road. He said that we need to look at who is retiring and determine if that position needs filled. Ms. Wyckoff said that we are always looking at positions to determine if they have to be refilled and she stated that her administrative team is frequently being told no when they ask for additional positions. Mr. Klenk pointed out that there are more administrators now than there were in the past and he understands why but he said if you add one thing you have to offset it somewhere else. He said he appreciated the discussion but pointed out that he had brought these issues up several years ago and he appreciates Mr. Sellers coming forward because it is his tax money too. Mr. DeSanto stated the obligation of the administration is to live within the revenues that we have. He stated the outcome of the forecast needs a lot more work and we have to do better.

Mr. Gonzalez said that he is confident with Ms. Wyckoff coming up with a budget that will be something the board could live with but he stated he would like to have an oversight committee set up to meet with Janice and the administration on a monthly basis.

2017-262 Approved the revised Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018.

2017-263 Approved the following activity budgets for the 2017-2018 school year:

200-9611 Student Delegation
200-9612 Student Council Bellville Elementary

2017-264 Accepted the following donations:

\$88.55 from Kroger to Bellville Elementary School

\$1,000.00 from Butler Parents Club to Butler Elementary School to be used for transportation costs for field trips

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. Klenk Yes
Mrs. Weekley Yes Mr. DeSanto Yes

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon Motion by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board:

2017-265 Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2017-2018 school year

Ryan Vermillion Varsity Boys Tennis
Ryan Vermillion H.S. Girls Basketball
William Deckling 8th Grade Boys Basketball

2017-266 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 affirmed that the position(s) had been advertised in the Bellville Star on April 13, 2017 or April 27, 2017 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 2017-2018 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Kerri Gottfried H.S. Girls Basketball
Kerri Gottfried Assistant Softball
Cameron McWatters 8th Grade Football
Chandell Pfleiderer M.S. Cheerleading Advisor
Logan Slavinski H.S. Boys Basketball – shared
Steven Lyons H.S. Boys Basketball - shared

2017-267 Accepted the following resignation:

Natalie Greer – teacher – effective 10/20/2017
Beverly Knell – teacher, retirement – effective 5/30/2018

2017-268 Approved for payment once the Activities Director submits the number of contests worked; these 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 on an as needed basis.

Richard Hoover

2017-269 Approved for payment once the Activities Director submits the number of contests worked on an as needed basis.

Richard Hoover Game Worker \$25/contest

**The vote was: Mrs. Weekley Yes Mr. Klenk Yes
Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. DeSanto Yes**

Upon Motion by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mr. Klenk, the Board:

2017-270 Adopted the following:

Clear Fork Valley Local Schools will not to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grade seven and will receive a waiver from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2017-18 school year.

2017-271 Approved the amendment to the Clear Fork Valley Youth Soccer Association lease.

2017-272 Accepted the attached easement agreement with Columbia Gas.

**The vote was: Mrs. Weekley Yes Mr. Gonzalez Yes
Mr. Klenk Yes Mr. DeSanto Yes**

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

The Board held their 2nd reading/discussion of the following Board Policies:

Revision:	EBBA	First Aid
	EBBA-R	First Aid
	GBQ	Criminal Records Check
	IGA	Basic Curricular Program
	IGCH	College Credit Plus
	IGCH-R	College Credit Plus
	IGDJ	Interscholastic Athletics
	JFG	Interrogations and Searches
	JFG-R	Interrogations and Searches
	LEC	College Credit Plus
	LEC-R	College Credit Plus

2017-273 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Klenk and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 7:32 PM.

The vote was: Mr. Klenk Yes Mr. Gonzalez Yes
Mrs. Weekley Yes Mr. DeSanto Yes

Jim DeSanto, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer