

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
Butler Elementary Cafeteria
February 20, 2020
7:30 p.m.

District Mission Statement: *Striving to Exceed Expectations*

The Regular Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School Board was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Gary McCue.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Ryan Knuckles, Mrs. Amy Weekley, Mrs. Lori McKee, Mr. Gary McCue, and Mr. Carl Gonzalez.

PRESENTATIONS

The building Principals and Transportation Director provided a brief presentation of current topics in their building or department.

Butler Elementary Principal, Mrs. Libby Nickoli, demonstrated the on-line newsletter called a smore. She discusses Butler being a recipient of the Purple-Star award and what it took to obtain the award. She talked about a donation drive that the Butler building did to collect food and items for military personnel deployed overseas. She also talked about a kindness challenge that the Butler Elementary student council started and several students who participated in the Richland County Spelling Bee. She concluded with a brief description about a fundraising event the PTO had put on.

Mrs. McKee asked when the district received the five star preschool rating that was advertised on a banner in the front of the building. Mrs. Wyckoff stated that it was 3 or 4 years ago. Mrs. McKee asked if the district has been able to maintain that ever since. Mrs. Nickoli affirmed that it has been maintained every year.

Mr. McCue congratulated Mrs. Nickoli on the Purple Star status.

Bellville Elementary Principal, Mrs. Stacey Swank, introduced Mrs. Ashley Twedt, who shared information on the Purple Star accreditation. She described her role in the state support team for the Purple Star accommodation and who she represents. She informed the board that March 11, 2020 is Ohio Career Commitment Ceremony military signing day at COSI at 10:30 AM. April 17, 2020 is Ohio Purple-Up day, which is a day everyone should wear purple to show support for the military-connected youth. June 15, 2020 is National Purple Star summit in Ohio at the OSU main Campus.

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Klaus, talked about the Washington D.C. trip that the Middle School Students will be taking next year. She also described to the board a theater production that will be taking place on February 28th promoting energy efficiency. She talked a little about the upcoming science fair on March 3rd. She mentioned the High School musical Annie that will be coming up soon and it will be

presented to the elementary students on March 5th. She also talked about emergency trauma kits that one of the 6th grade classes is researching.

High School Principal, Mr. Brian Brown, talked about the senior breakfast and some of the FFA highlights and awards that students have received. He shared the overall outcomes of the winter sports and described the preparation for spring sports. He presented some AIR testing data results and explained what the various numbers meant and how to read the results of the fall tests. He described the population that is reflected in the scores and the number of students who tested that were taking it for the first time and how many were retakes.

Mrs. McKee asked about the number of students who tested and how many would be taking it in the spring. Mr. Brown explained the sections and stated that there would be between approximately 90-110 students testing in the spring.

Transportation Director, Ms. Lisa Yarger, shared some details about the district's transportation department like the bus routes, buses age, mileage, regular miles driven, extracurricular miles driven, and size of the district, as well as where we actually travel each day. She also shared all of the other community activities the bus drivers participate in regularly.

Mr. McCue asked how long a bus was good for or approximately how many miles the district could expect to get out of a bus. It was explained that a bus may not pass inspection because of rust or degradation of structural integrity caused by rust even though the drivetrain may still be in good working condition, so miles are not always the determining factor in the life expectancy.

2020-047 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. Knuckles, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2020 Organizational and Regular Meeting as written.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes		

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Wyckoff shared with the board some of what she learned from the Harvard Case Study for Rural Education on chronic absenteeism. She stated that chronic absenteeism for Clear Fork is 9 days and not 15, so the district is above the curve. She stated that she learned that if a child misses 15 days of school they lose 4 days of language arts learning, but if they miss 15 days of school they lose 35 days of learning math. She stated that the district is in the process of trying to figure out how to help the elementary students learn their math facts and retain the basics to build upon.

Mrs. Weekly asked what types of information we get from the case study. Ms. Wyckoff explained that they break down the absentee rates, any ethnic influence, and special education influence, and reasons behind chronic absenteeism. She shared that one of the factors that is consistent in the chronic absenteeism is the single mom that has to work one or two jobs. She stated the discussion came down to the importance of education compared to the importance of food, housing, and all the basic things needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

2020-048 Approved the January 2020 Financial Report.

2020-049 Accepted the following donations:

\$325.00 from Mechanics Bank to the Butler Elementary to be used toward sensory pathway

\$102.17 from Dick and Kim Miller to the Butler Elementary to be used to pay lunch charges

\$200.00 to the Clear Fork Schools from American Legion Post 535 to be used for Purple Star Awards

A bookcase for the Butler Elementary book room from Catherine Kinley

\$525.00 from Jerry Smith to the Butler Elementary to be used toward the 4th grade field trip to the State House in Columbus

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

2020-050 Accepted the resignation of Rinda Sansom, effective December 31, 2019.

2020-051 Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

Benjamin McClay	Middle School Track
Samantha Kline	Middle School Track

2020-052 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 on the Clear Fork website for anyone certified on April 3, 2019 and May 2, 2019 or non-certified on May 24, 2019 who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2019-2020 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Christine Belcastro	Assistant Track
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2020-053 Approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ashley Andrus	Softball
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Brandon Burgess	Baseball
Eric Kline	Baseball
Lauren Motter	Softball
Adam Staley	Track

2020-054 Approved James L Watson for the hourly position of Grounds Care with an hourly rate of \$10.25 for potential work during the time from of April 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020 pending completion of employment requirements. This position is not eligible for any benefits other than SERS retirement.

The vote was:	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mrs. McKee	Yes
	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

Upon Motion by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board:

2020-055 Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Clear Fork Valley Local Schools, District IRN number: 049411 of 211 School Street, Bellville, 44813 Richland County, Ohio

Has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education/Governing Board (“Board”) and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD that all schools listed on the reverse side of this card do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director’s office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director’s office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

2020-056 Adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OASBO SECTION 457 PLAN

WHEREAS, the Clear Fork Valley Local School District (the "District") desires to adopt and maintain an "eligible deferred compensation plan" under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue IRC ("IRC") through the Ohio Association of School Business Officials ("OASBO") OASBO 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, OASBO maintains a Plan Provider Agreement with Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company ("Voya"), and AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company ("AXA"), pursuant to which Voya and AXA have provided (i) group annuity contracts that meet the requirements of IRC Section 457(g)(3) ("Provider Contracts"), and (ii) assistance with certain aspects of Plan administration; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides that it may be amended from time to time by OASBO; and

WHEREAS, OASBO has amended and restated the terms of Plan and the Plan Provider Agreement, effective as of April 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as a Participating Employer under the Plan, the District wishes to permit Eligible Employees under the Plan to be able to select Provider Contracts from either or both of Voya and AXA for receipt of their employee contributions under the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, Richland County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Inclusion of AXA and Voya as a Plan Provider. Effective as of February 20, 2020, in connection with the administration of the Plan, both Voya and AXA shall be permitted to offer Provider Contracts for receipt of employee contributions under the Plan. Voya and AXA shall do so pursuant to, and in accordance with, the terms of the Plan Provider Agreement between OASBO and Voya and AXA. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute the OASBO Plan Provider Selection Agreement and any other documents that may be necessary for inclusion of AXA as an additional Provider under the Plan.

Section 2. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board or committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

2020-057 Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District currently offers the Clear Fork Valley Local School District 403(b) Plan (the "Plan") to give its employees the opportunity to save additional funds for retirement; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to execute this required restatement of the Plan in compliance with Internal Revenue Code section 403(b); and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Plan be adopted in the form attached hereto effective as of February 20, 2020; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the Plan be attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting as Exhibit A thereto: and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Treasurer (or its designee) is authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary or advisable in connection with the implementation of the Plan, including any amendments as may from time to time be required and to make such additional amendments to the Plan or execute such further documents as may be necessary or desirable, without the further approval of the Board, except as to any matter that will have a substantial and material impact on the cost of funding or administering the Plan.

2020-058 Entered into a six month lease with Clear Fork Valley Properties, LLC and the Clear Fork Athletic Boosters for the use of the Clear Fork Sports Training Facility and the contents located within the facility from February 20, 2020 through August 20, 2020.

2020-059 Approved the school calendars for 2020/2021, 2021/2022, and 2022/2023.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that because of the kerfuffle that occurred last year due to the calendar, the administration decided to recommend a three year rotation of the school calendar.

Mr. Gonzalez asked if there is any opportunity for changes if something unexpected occurs.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that there is a sentence at the bottom of each calendar that states changes may occur due to legislation, like the change from days to hours.

Mr. Knuckles asked how many total days above the state minimum Clear Fork students attended. It was stated that is was around 21 days.

Mr. McCue asked what we do if we are that far over. Ms. Wyckoff explained that we keep it that way because we have about 178 student days and kids don't learn when they aren't here. She stated she would not suggest going to the base number because it isn't advantageous for the district.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mrs. Weekley	Yes
	Mr. McCue	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

2020-060 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board entered into a College Credit Plus ASP Agreement with North Central State College starting July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The vote was:	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mrs. McKee	Abstain
	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

2020-061 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 8:38 PM.

The vote was:	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mrs. McKee	Yes
	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

Gary McCue, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer