

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
Streaming on Twitter Live @ www.clearfork.k12.oh.us
May 28, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

District Mission Statement: *Striving to Exceed Expectations*

The Special Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School Board was called to order at 6:30 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2020-092 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. McKee, the Board approves the revised five-year forecast for May 2020.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Accepted the following resignations:

2020-093

Danielle Haydocy – effective June 30, 2020
Cody McClain – effective end of current contract

2020-094 Employed the following certified personnel on a one year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2020-2021 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements.

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| Aaron Gates | Vocational Agriculture |
| Taylor Lutz | Vocational Agriculture |

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

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

2020-095 Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Vernon Nazarene University to provide College Credit Plus courses starting June 1, 2020 until August 15, 2021. See attached

2020-096 Entered into an agreement with Mount Vernon Nazarene University's College Credit Plus Book Rental Program for the 2020-2021 academic year. See attached

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Treasurer Bradd Stevens thanked the Board for the special meeting and started the discussion by stating the district's expenditures have been exceeding revenues for past several years and balancing the budget has been a topic of discussion since at least May of 2017, or for about 3 years. He stated the recent budget cuts from the state, because of the Coronavirus, have just made this issue more urgent. He stated in order to balance the revenues and expenditures the district was either going to have to reduce expenditures by making cuts, increase revenues by asking for more money, or do some of both. He said that because of filing deadlines with the Board of Elections and the State Tax Commissioner, the district can't wait until August or September to decide if they want to seek new money this fall, which was the purpose of this discussion and agenda item and asked the board for their thoughts and direction.

Mr. McCue thanked the administration for their hard work and acknowledged that this has been a topic of discussion since he has been on the Board. He stated that the district will need a levy but he felt the district can get through this year okay. He went on to further state that we need to keep talking about it because the numbers are the numbers and based on what happens in the fall, if more funding comes down that would be great but we can't plan on that, so he recommends that the district forego filing for a levy for this year and give it another year and see what plays out.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that he thought the district should look at folding some positions, making two into one wherever we can. He stated that we had to look at where we could make cuts this year but it is coming down the road and we knew it would be here. He stated that unless something happens we will have look at some kind of a levy but we should keep that in the back of our mind and seek positions that could possibly make one out of two. He stated that Ms. Wyckoff was the expert in making those calls and that has been discussed before so he is leaving that in her lap. He said it wasn't something he liked to do and we don't know what the situation will be in the fall so there is a lot to look at. He stated that we would have to go back to the voters in the not so distant future and we all should be thinking about it. He further went on to state that he felt that Mr. Wyckoff did an excellent job in getting the district prepared for distance learning. He then asked about graduation.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that the board is expected to be there at 9:15 and will be off to the side and not be shaking hands. They will have masks available and there is no physical contact. She stated that she is looking forward to this ceremony because it has been a long haul. She stated that it has been wonderful in a lot of ways because a lot of people have risen to the occasion and the Clear Fork Staff and parents rose to the occasion and she could not be more pleased with what everyone has done. She stated that as far as the levy, we are on hard times with the Coronavirus and the economy coming back. She stated that this is something that should be brought up in board meetings to keep an eye on and she thought it was a great idea to hold off until

the fall of 2021. She suggested that November of 2021 would be a time to have some real consideration for a levy. She stated that we will limp through and that cuts have been made through attrition but our goal is to try to keep people employed because it is hard offer the best education we can and less staff does not make a better education. She stated that more staff does not make a better education and said that the district is right in the sweet spot for the number of staff members needed to deliver a quality education and Clear Fork does an outstanding job at that. She said she gets feedback from the leadership in the district, leadership in the community, the advisement from the administrative team, and the two unions but we don't know what is going to happen in the fall as our fate is controlled by the Governor, the Ohio Department of Education and by the legislatures. She stated that we have no idea what that is going to look like but we have to have multiple plan to be able to open the doors. She stated that she hopes that when we come back it will be like normal but she stated that she has no support of that from people above her, namely the Governor's office, ODE and the legislature. She stated that we are making multiple plans and none of them are set in stone.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that he thought that too many times people think one person makes these decisions and that isn't the case. He stated that there are many plans talked about and he was confident that before anything was brought to the Board it would be discussed with the administration and the staff for their input which is valuable. He stated that together we can find our way through this and he thanked Ms. Wyckoff and asked she thank her staff for him as he appreciates them.

2020-097 **Upon Motion** by Mr. McCue and seconded by Mr. Knuckles, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 700 PM.

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

Gary McCue, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer