

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
Bellville Elementary Cafeteria
June 28, 2021
6:30 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 6:32 PM by Board Vice-President, Mrs. Lori McKee.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Ryan Knuckles, Mrs. Lori McKee, and Mr. Carl Gonzalez. Mrs. Amy Weekley arrived and entered into the executive session at 6:43 PM. Mr. Gary McCue was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-151 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)1 and (G)5 to consider the expulsion appeal of a student and for the purpose of considering matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes at 6:34 PM.

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

2021-152 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board exited executive session at 8:05 PM.

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

2021-153 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board removed item 5.3 from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The District requested input from the public regarding the rehire of retiree Cynthia Ridenour for the position of teacher for the 2021/2022 school year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Ann Dettmer of 6586 State Route 95, Butler publically thanked Mrs. Cindy Truex for the work she did as a guidance counselor. She then read the following statement to the Board:

First

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Coach Gottfried for his tireless work, countless hours and complete dedication to his role as AD and to guaranteeing our athletes got the most out of their seasons post COVID. The hours you spend scheduling, rescheduling, and rescheduling to guarantee my kiddos as well as others got their seasons in, went way above and beyond. You will be greatly missed in your role as A.D., but I know the math students at the H.S. will greatly benefit from having you return to the classroom.

Second

In the past few months I have heard the board's response to questions being asked of them as follows, unless something immoral, unethical, or illegal they don't get involved in the operations of things taking place in the schools. The problem with this answer is that in today's culture, morality, & ethics has become a very relative term & is constantly shifting. We saw a president almost impeached because of this. One side saw –quid pro quo- Do this or you don't get the money we were going to send you, the other saw this as perfectly okay. Would this be considered immoral & unethical practices in our school district? What about the barrage of social issues, where do we stand on those. What is the basis by which our board determines morality & ethics? While I understand each situation must be evaluated on an individual basis, there must be a core belief system on which our districts morality and ethics must stand. I realize this is not something you can give an answer to here tonight, I am merely asking that the board has the discussion amongst themselves. What morality and ethics do we want Clear Fork Valley Local Schools to stand on? One of my favorite sayings I heard once was: when good people do nothing bad things happen. I for one will continue to ask questions based on my moral & ethical code, regardless of the outcome and response of the others. Thank you for allowing me this time to share with you this evening.

Mr. Craig Smith of 4763 Possum Run Road, Bellville Ohio informed the Board and the Administration that the website for the Clear Fork Valley Local School District has not been updated on the OHSAA school directory and when an official attempts to go to the school website through the OHSAA directory they are sent to the old website.

Mrs. Koti Epperson of 443 Robert Place, Bellville Ohio asked the Board about the types of Professional Development that are being offered to the staff with respect to mental health of our students and instructional hours. She stated that she was under the understanding that ODE is providing a waiver as far as instructional hours for school districts in Ohio because of the pandemic. She stated her concern and question was with what type of professional development the staff is being offered to prepare for the deficits that they may encounter in the fall academically and the mental health of the students and how the district is preparing for those two things for the next coming school year.

Ms. Wyckoff addressed the questions, answering that next year we would go back to a normal school day, and she stated that our staff stepped up and ran all of the district's

remote learning. She stated that since we didn't have a third party our staff was very involved with our kids throughout the school year regardless of whether they were on Zoom or in the classroom. She stated that a lot of the staff picked issues out from the kids because they could tell what was going on so they were addressed at the time. She stated that even though the district doesn't have on staff additional counselors, the district is involved with the Village Network and Catalyst, where their counselors come to us for kids and families that request services. Ms. Wyckoff stated that the district's teachers have been involved in quite a bit of PD so far this summer, with curriculum mapping and lots of book studies on topics such as co-teaching, mental health of students, athletics, instructional strategies and how to better implement them. She added that we are going to have PD on Dyslexic training, how to screen students and interventions for Dyslexia. She stated that we had math camp with over 68 students participating, we have reading camp coming up.

Ms. Epperson replied that those were very encouraging things she is hearing about academics but she still remains very concerned about how we will address the mental health issues of students coming back because of anxiety and depression. She stated that while she appreciates what is available as far as counseling she is concerned with the staff being ill prepared to deal with some of the issues they may come across.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that the district would look into additional PD and we would figure out some way to get some mental health training. She asked Mrs. Epperson to check back with her and thanked her for her concern.

Amy Staker-Breitinger, of 146 Spayed Road Bellville Ohio addressed the Board with questions about how they planned to address the number of students that are in the Bellville Elementary facility compared to the Butler Elementary facility. Ms. Wyckoff stated that every teacher has a room and Art and Music will be sharing a room because when Art is in Butler Music is in Bellville so they can share a room. She also stated that since all the students are equipped with Chromebooks, the technology teacher will be going into the other classrooms but other than that each teacher has a room. Ms. Wyckoff stated that the district is going to look at several options such as bus routing, redistricting lines and grade level buildings this year. She added that the district needs to get people involved and get the message out.

Ms. Breitinger stated that she understands that changes will upset people no matter what the district does but she feels like we are doing our kids a disservice having one building with a lot of students and one with very few.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that we are still under a student to teacher ratio of 23:1 to the best of her knowledge but we are sending new open enrolled students to Butler. She stated that if they have a sibling that attends Bellville or had been previously open enrolled in Bellville they would remain in Bellville but new open-enrolled students will attend Butler. She stated that the district will be spending the year looking at the enrollment numbers and we would use enrollment numbers from this fall to look at a change for next year.

2021-154 Upon Motion by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board approved the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting as written.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- 2021-155** Approved the May 2021 Financial Report.
- 2021-156** Approved a transfer from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund (300/9500) in the amount of \$226,568 for partial payroll expenses for the months of December 2020 – June 2021. Including this transfer, the year-to-date total transferred to athletics from the general fund for payroll expenses is \$404,552. Last year's total transfer was \$381,493. Of this amount \$296,181.40 is salaries and \$108,370.02 is benefits. Additional General Fund Athletic Expenditures since December 13, 2020 not included in the transfer are the transportation costs, less wages, of \$23,060.
- 2021-157** Approved the revised Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021.
- 2021-158** Authorized the Treasurer to make the necessary appropriation modifications, transfers and advances, and to request from the County Auditor an amended certificate for the purpose of closing out fiscal year 2021.
- 2021-159** Acknowledged that on June 7, 2021 a notice was sent to the media soliciting input for use of IDEA funds for Fiscal Year 2022 and that no input had been received by June 23, 2021.
- 2021-160** Approved Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 not to exceed 50% of Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations at fund level.
- 2021-161** Approved the use of Blanket and Super Blanket purchase orders for amounts not to exceed \$500,000.00 per order for Fiscal Year 2022.
- 2021-162** Approved using Ohio School Plan for the District's Property/Liability Insurance renewal and RPS AXIS for Cyber Liability for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$71,765.
- 2021-163** Entered into a contract with Julian & Grube, Inc. to perform the Medicaid School Program Audit for the period of 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2023 at a cost of \$1,600.00 per year.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- 2021-164** Revised motion 2021-113 approved at the May 20, 2021 Board Meeting to read as follows: The following certified personnel be employed on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements.

Zachary Chambers	Middle School English Language Arts
Faith Edwards	High School English Language Arts
Kilee Stoner	Preschool Teacher

2021-165 Revised motion 2021-116 approved at the May 20, 2021 Board Meeting to read as follows: The following certified personnel be employed on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Kelsey Aldrich	Samantha Kline
Jordan Black	Justen LaPlante
Jill Conway	Kimberly Lifer
Theresa Dutch	Taylor Lutz
Aaron Gates	Lauren Motter
Jessica Haley	Nichole Rinehart
Tyler Hunter	Sarah Vermillion
Katrina Jacobson	Meredith Wendling
Natalie Johnson	Molly Weyhmeller
Angela Kasper	Kelsey Winters

2021-166 Accepted the following resignations:

Jacquelynn Arnold – Middle School Aide – effective end of 2020-2021 contract year
Taylor Lutz – Vocational Agriculture Teacher – effective end of 2020-2021 contract year
Jennifer Seifert – High School Secretary – effective 6/4/2021

2021-167 Approved the following administrative stipends for the 2021-2022 school year.

Elizabeth Nickoli	Special Education Coordinator	\$15,000.00
Shawn Ramion	District Safety Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00
Jennifer Klaus	Resident Educator Program Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00
Jennifer Stallard	Workers Compensation Manager	\$ 5,000.00

2021-168 Employed the following classified personnel on a one year limited contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements:

Kristine Roberts	High School Guidance Secretary
Sheila Smith	Custodian effective July 6, 2021
Bradley South	Custodian effective July 6, 2021

2021-196 Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements.

Emily Bradfield	High School Guidance Counselor
Seth Johnson	High School Vocational Agriculture
Sydney Moore	4 th Grade Butler
Stephanie Phillips	High School Special Education

2021-170 Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year:

Nicholas Allarding	8 th Grade Football
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Rachel Bieri	Speech Team Advisor
David Carroll	Summer Weight Coach
Amy Cox	Project Support High School Advisor
Whitney Golden	Varsity Girls Golf
Jessica Haley	Assistant Band Director
Jennifer Irwin	Art Club Advisor
Heather Keating	Freshman Class Advisor
Heather Keating	High School Yearbook Advisor
Heather Keating	Newspaper/District Newsletter
Kourtney Kucirek	Junior Class Advisor
Sonia Kelley	Musical Set Design
Lauren Motter	Spanish Club Advisor – shared
Matthew Reffel	8 th Grade Football
Jeremy Riddle	High School Intramurals
Jeremy Riddle	Junior Class Advisor
Melinda Sansom	Assistant High School Cheerleading Football/Basketball
Joseph Staab	7 th Grade Football
Tami Vaughn	Technology Club Advisor
Tami Vaughn	Senior Class Advisor
Amber Weaver	Spanish Club Advisor – shared
Amber Weaver	High School Student Delegation
Melissa Wright	High School Student Delegation
Melissa Wright	Senior Class Advisor

2021-171 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 on March 22, 2021 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Richard Hauger	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer
Leigh Pudwill	Assistant Varsity Volleyball
Matthew Beachy	Boys Soccer JV Coach

2021-172 Approved the following certified staff members to participate in the Curriculum Mapping Professional Development, to be held June 24, 25 and 29, 2021. To be paid \$250.00 per week or \$50.00 per day.

Sydney Metcalf	Molly Weyhmeller
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2021-173 Approved the following certified staff members to participate in the Technology Professional Development, to be held June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2021. To be paid \$50.00 per day.

Susan Brown	Jackie Koch
Jennifer Campbell	Justen LaPlante
Rebecca Clapp	Jenessa Luzader
Jennifer Irwin	Jessica Wend
Cathy Kinney	Melissa Wright

- 2021-174 Approved a two year administrative contract beginning on August 1, 2021 for Jessica Brokaw as District Activities Coordinator
- 2021-175 Approved a two year administrative contract beginning on August 1, 2021 for Brian Constance as Director of Technology Services and Grant Coordinator.
- 2021-176 Approved Jessica Brokaw and Brian Constance to work up to twenty (20) days in July of 2021.
- 2021-177 Approved three additional tech team advisor positions, one for Bellville Elementary, one for Butler Elementary and one for Clear Fork Middle School to be placed at Level XI on the supplemental salary schedule.
- 2021-178 Approved up to fifteen (15) days in June and up to fifteen (15) days in August for the Special Education Teacher on Assignment position to be paid at the per diem rate of teacher.

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

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

- 2021-179 Entered into a SPARC Council Career Coach Agreement of Services effective August 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- 2021-180 Entered into a contract with the Sheriff of Richland County for Police Services for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2021-181 Entered into an agreement with Knox Educational Service Center for services starting August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.
- 2021-182 Entered into a contract with Wilson Language Training for services for Professional Development for a one year COMPASS Plan 45 staff members to participate during the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$56,534.24 to be paid for from IDEA funds.
- 2021-183 Entered into a contract with Imperial Autism Connections for summer program instruction for two students attending June 21, 2021-August 6, 2021 at a cost of \$9,000.00.
- 2021-184 Mr. Gonzalez asked if there was any plan to have CRT training. Ms. Wyckoff stated that the plan is to teach History like we have always taught History.

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

- 2021-185 The Board discussed the July Board of Education meeting date and decided to cancel the July 15, 2021 Regular Board meeting and move any items that would have been addressed at the July meeting be addressed at a Special meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Butler Elementary Cafeteria at 6:30 PM and move the Regular August meeting from August 19, 2021 to Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the High School Auditorium at 6:30 PM.

2021-186 Upon Motion by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 8:47 PM.

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

Gary McCue, Board President

Bradd Stevens, Treasurer