

# CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
High School / Middle School Media Center  
May 20, 2021  
5:30 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 5:30 PM by Board President, Mr. Gary McCue.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Ellen Walker addressed the Board as a tax payer, volunteer and friend of Jeff Gottfried about agenda items 9.1999 and 9.19991. She asked Ms. Janice Wyckoff about whether she questioned the voluntary resignation of a credible employee. She also questioned the Board if they were surprised to see the voluntary resignation of Jeff Gottfried. She proceeded to state that she is sure they all know Jeff Gottfried and how he teaches and coaches. She asked if they discussed the resignation or any recommendations prior to the meeting or if they came in to confirm yes/no.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that she does not question the resignation of employees. People have lots of reasons why they do things. He voluntarily resigned from the Athletic Director position and wanted to go back to teaching. It was his decision to make.

Mr. McCue stated that they have monthly meetings and sometimes executive sessions align with board meetings. He stated that the superintendent bounces things off of the board all the time. Mr. McCue stated that, "this is not a governing board; it is an administrative board. Unless something is illegal, unethical, or immoral, we don't get involved". He gave the example that if masks become mandatory, then it would become a policy in the school district. The Board would help shape that policy. He stated that it is not his business until it comes into this room. The only employees the board hires are the Superintendent and Treasurer. The superintendent runs the district. He stated that the Board only meets once a month as a quorum to make decisions. He stated that the Superintendent will gather information, get ideas, opinions, and advice from the Board, people in the community and the treasurer and move forward with a decision.

Mrs. Jennifer Dudley questioned if he was asked to stay and was it a positive or a negative when he left. Ms. Wyckoff stated he requested to go back to the classroom.

Mrs. Walker then asked if anything like that would even come up. Mr. McCue stated he likes to remain a disinterested third party until he becomes an interested third party and

keep all emotion out of it. "As long as I am board president we will not get involved unless something is immoral or unethical". He stated that, "once the Board gets involved in the tactical or operational details of the district, you are in a mine field".

Mrs. Walker then asked Mr. McCue that if she sent him an e-mail about something she felt was illegal or immoral if he would he act on it. Mr. McCue stated, "absolutely".

Mr. Vic Swisher wanted to thank the Board, Janice, and teachers for making it through the year. He asked questions about the benefit of a shortened day referencing the information packet that had gone out explaining the educational procedures throughout the pandemic. He claimed that his calculations left the school district short of the required hours. He claimed that the packet contained a lot of information, but none specifically addressed why the day was shortened and why we didn't go back to a regular day. Mr. McCue summarized the questions to: Why did we have a shortened day, and why didn't we go back to a normal schedule when the vaccine was available?

Ms. Wyckoff stated that the reason for the shortened day was that Clear Fork teachers did both remote and in person instruction. She stated that we started the year with about 550 students on remote learning, and we maintained about 330 students even after they were allowed to return to in person learning in the middle of the year. She stated that the 6-12 teachers were providing both remote and in-person instruction and in K-5 the district split out a separate academy so there were strictly remote teachers. One of the reasons the district did not change back to a normal full schedule was because the district had 11 teachers that were unable to come to the district and teach due to underlying conditions that either they or their family members had. She stated that the teachers had doctor's excuses so we had to honor those doctors' excuses and even when the vaccine came out they were still not allowed to return in accordance with their doctors. She stated that we were unable to provide, during the day, required by law, preparation plan periods and the 30 minute lunch period because we needed those teachers because that is where the students would go in order to provide the other teachers with their breaks. She stated that the shortened day was due to not having enough teachers to offer the required plan period during the day. She explained that at the high school/middle school the district asked all the teachers, and in an agreement with the union, to hold evening office hours with the students that were outside their typical work day. She said the agreement with the unions was that the teachers would hold those office hours outside of their typical day of 7:35-3:05 in exchange for the hour and a half at the end of the day. She stated that was the agreement with the teacher's union and once we got going the realization was even if they were vaccinated, which only 1/3 of the staff got vaccinated, we were unable to switch back. She stated that with the plan we used, we didn't use a third party company to do our remote instruction; we used our own teacher, which is what the teacher union leadership wanted.

Mr. Swisher stated that his questions were mostly answered but he asked that we move forward. He stated that there are situations which effect students, teachers, faculty, parents, and communities and now that we know all that information, can that information be included so everyone understands the purpose?

Ms. Wyckoff stated that our staff is outstanding and she stated that if she had it to do over again she would have shortened the two weeks after Christmas to one week, but the two weeks after Thanksgiving was necessary because the district simply didn't have enough bus drivers to transport the students. She also agreed that mid-year, when things started lightening up, the district probably should have put more communication

out. She stated that schools are still under the August 13, 2020 Governor mandates. She stated that when a student did test positive for COVID, because of the manner in which we conducted business, we didn't have to send home large numbers of students to quarantine, and she commended the district's staff and the students for doing such a great job.

Mr. Swisher stated that his personal experience with the staff so far has been outstanding. He then went on to a second topic of class size and the number of students that are in the Bellville building. He stated that Bellville Elementary is filled and has a teacher without a classroom next year and an art room that hasn't been used for art. He asked if there has been opportunity to look at balancing the load between Bellville and Butler. He stated that the new housing allotment will kick off in about two months which has plenty of growth ability for the Bellville building. He asked if the district has looked at or has planned to have some way to balance the load. He then added that he thought an easy solution would be to take the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class out of Bellville and move it to either the Butler Building or the Middle School to open up those rooms to allow things to fill in accordingly. He stated that he was part of the planning committee when the district started the building process with the state and he stated he remembered the district arguing with the state that we needed more space and the state would not agree. He stated that the four extra classrooms that we paid for with LFI was the right choice but we are back to being short of space and he feels that now is the time to have a decision to fix the issue for next year.

Ms. Wyckoff stated that he was not wrong. She explained that we added a million dollars to that project and we designed that building with the ability to be added on to but that isn't financially sound at this point. She stated that there is no question that the Bellville building has filled up and there has been some minor discussions about looking at grade level buildings, and some discussion about moving the boundary line between Bellville and Butler. However, to solve the issue in that manner would require the boundary line to be moved clear to Hines Avenue when we looked at where everyone was located. She stated that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade moving to Butler has been brought up as well because Butler has empty classrooms. She stated that all of those solutions have been discussed but if would probably take about a year to really get things done with community input and it will take more than just this summer to make things happen.

Mr. Swisher questioned that the district acknowledged that there is a problem but can't fix it within three or four months? Ms. Wyckoff stated that we would fix it somehow but as of today we have been talking about what the options are within that building. Mr. McCue interjected that the Board would consider this on the table and he thanked Mr. Swisher for bringing it up because it is something that has been an ongoing problem.

Mrs. Dudley asked about the option of a K-3 Building and a 4-6 building. Mr. McCue replied that there are a lot of options; everything has to be on the table but how you physically place kids in classrooms, in what school, and in what town is very emotional and there needs to be a bi-lateral team created. He stated that the Board would consider this on the table, and they would come up with a team to come up with some ideas.

Mr. Gonzalez asked if there was room in the Middle School to bring the 5<sup>th</sup> grade up. Ms. Wyckoff stated that she didn't think that there would be many 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents that would support their kids in a building with High School kids. Mrs. Dudley yelled "no, her sixth grader should be here!" Mr. McCue pointed out that these discussions will be very emotional and he didn't want to make that sausage tonight. Mr. Swisher pointed out that

we need to keep talking about it so everyone understands that change is going to affect everybody and at some point drastic change is going to have to happen, but we can't keep doing the same thing.

Mr. Gonzalez asked about the art room not being used for art. Ms. Wyckoff explained that the district has one elementary art teacher and one elementary music teacher, so when the music teacher is in Butler the art teacher is in Bellville and vice versa so they share a room.

Mrs. Dudley asked if the district was doing a shortened day next year. Ms. Wyckoff stated no. She has talked with the administration and the union leadership and the plan is to go back to a typical, normal Clear Fork full day and she would recommend that there is no remote learning next year for anyone. She also stated that she is hoping that masks are not required next year but we will have to follow the Governor's orders.

Mrs. Dudley then asked why as a district practices are not consistent in every building and why everyone is not held to the same standard and not doing the same things and have different requirements in their buildings. Ms. Wyckoff stated that she was unaware of that, and if there are differences she needs to address it with the building administrators. Mrs. Dudley stated that the Middle school has been very strict in their practices and followed the line like DeWine was watching, but the High School loosened up and Butler was looser than Bellville. She wants to know why there are different practices going on in the same district.

Mr. McCue answered that all of these guidelines will fall off the table in a week and we will take this into consideration. Mrs. Dudley asked if there are regulations next year if there would still be inconsistencies. Mr. McCue responded that we will attack it differently because have been through it and learned.

**2021-105** **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board approved the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting as written.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**2021-106** Approved the April 2021 Financial Report.

**2021-107** Approved the revised five-year forecast for the May 2021 filing.

**2021-108** Approved a transfer from the General Fund (001) to Bond Fund (002) in the amount of \$196,887.50 for debt payment of Elementary Facility Project construction bond.

**2021-109** Approved the following change funds for the 2021-2022 school year:

High School Office	\$150.00	Bellville Office	\$ 50.00
Middle School Office	50.00	Butler Office	50.00
Bellville Cafeteria	100.00	Butler Cafeteria	100.00
MS/HS Cafeteria	200.00	Athletics	3,000.00
High School Library	20.00		

**2021-110** Accepted the donation of 100 masks to Bellville Elementary School from Ronda Gearhart, valued to \$480.00.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**2021-111** Accepted the following resignations:

Curtis Belcher – High School Math Teacher – end of current contract year  
Cynthia Truex – High School Guidance Counselor – end of current contract year  
Christopher Bailey – High School Custodian – effective end of day June 11, 2021

**2021-112** Employed the following classified personnel on a one year limited contract beginning with the 2020-2021 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements:

Kent Rinehart-High School / Middle School Custodian-effective May 24, 2021

**2021-113** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2020-2021 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

**2021-114** Non-renewed the following long-term substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Kelsey Moebs Davis	Anita Hawkins
Megan Hill	Kerri Gottfried
Rosemary Kline	

**2021-115** Employed the following on Three Year Administrative Contracts effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024. Salary and benefits per the administrative salary schedule.

Heidi McDaniel	School Psychologist
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**2021-116** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2020-2021 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

**2021-117** Employed the following certified personnel on a two (2) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Sydney Metcalf

**2021-118** Employed the following certified personnel on a three (3) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Courtney Carper	
Eric Cunningham	Melissa Wright
Gabriel Dannemiller	

**2021-119** Employed the following certified personnel on a continuing teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Jared Beans	Kathryn Israel
Rebecca Clapp	Jenessa Luzader
Danielle Daniels	Alicia Williams

**2021-120** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited retire – rehire teaching contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

David Carroll

**2021-121** Employed the following on Three Year Administrative Contracts effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024. Salary and benefits per the administrative salary schedule.

Kevin Carr	Lisa Yarger
Jennifer Stallard	

**2021-122** Employed the following classified staff on a one (1) year limited contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Jacquelyn Arnold	Kent Rinehart
William Holvey	Daniel Robinson
Ronald Miller	Stephanie Stull
Carrie Oyster	Tina Thompson
Scott Pfahler	Melissa VanPelt

- 2021-123** Employed the following classified staff on a two (2) year limited contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.
- Angie Peterson
- 2021-124** Employed the following classified staff on a three (3) year limited contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.
- Crystal Drockton                      Robert McConkie
- 2021-125** Employed the following classified staff on a continuing contract beginning with the 2021-2022 school year per the adopted salary schedule.
- Jeremy Daniels                      Scott Wood
- 2021-126** Employed the following as Drug Prevention Officers for 28.75 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Jeff McBride                      Bret Snavely
- 2021-127** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2021-2022 school year:
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| Brittany Bechtel | Varsity Girls Soccer                                  |
| Erin Blubaugh    | HS Boys/Girls Cross Country                           |
| Zachary Chambers | Assistant Varsity Football                            |
| Richard Hoover   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Coordinator - shared |
| Kelly Staley     | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Coordinator – shared |
- 2021-128** 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:
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| Jamie Allenbaugh | Assistant Varsity Football             |
| Nathan Gailey    | Varsity Boys Soccer                    |
| Kaitlyn Howell   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball |
| Jeff Labaki      | Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer         |
| Chris Laux       | JV/Freshman Girls Soccer               |
- 2021-129** Approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Karla Brokaw                      7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball

**2021-130** Employed the following certified staff members on a one (1) year supplemental contract for extended service for the 2021-2022 school year:

Aaron Gates	10 days
Taylor Lutz	20 days
Samantha Kline	10 days
Kourtney Kucirek	5 days

**2021-131** Approved the following certified staff to provide Extended School Year Services as required by the student IEP's.

Robert Casey	Jefferson Proto
Angela Kasper	Kailea Sparks
Sonia Kelley	

**2021-132** Approved the following aides to provide Extended School Year Services as required by the student IEP's.

Erin Bunnell	Danielle Rasmus
Brandi Freitag	Amanda Stevens

**2021-133** Approved the following certified staff to teach summer school August 2-13, 2021 at a rate of \$500.00 per week or \$1,000.00 for the two weeks.

Susan Beans	Lisa Kvochick
Jared Beans	Mayme Legron
Susan Brown	Brittney Pipes
Robert Casey	Jefferson Proto
Danielle Daniels	Kelly Shinabarker
Theresa Dutch	Kailea Sparks
Brandis Hauger	Kelly Stephens
Katrina Jacobson	Kilee Stoner
Jennifer Kahl	Rhonda Studenmund
Angela Kasper	Lisa Thorne
Billie Jo Keen	Ashley Twedt
Cathy Kinney	Alicia Williams

**2021-134** Approved the following for extended year services for qualifying IEP students.

Kathryn Israel	Jefferson Proto
Angela Kasper	Kailea Sparks

**2021-135** 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.

Susan Beans	Cathy Kinney
Brittany Bechtel	Lisa Kvochick
Susan Brown	Mayme Legron
Kattie Chance	Cheryl Manges



Katie Carney	Brittany Pipes
Kathleen Cole	Katharine Quickle
Eric Cunningham	Nicole Rinehart
Danielle Daniels	Melinda Samsom
Joy Dials	Kelly Shinabarker
Laura Feldner	L Rachel Schag
Susan Phillips-Fitzgerald	Kelly Stephens
Katrina Jacobson	Lisa Thorne
Natalie Johnson	Rhonda Studenmund
Jennifer Kahl	Nicole Walker
Randy Kempton	Kelsey Winters

**2021-136** Approved the hiring of classified substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year from the attached list and any updated lists throughout the school year.

**2021-137** 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:

Rebecca Rinehart- Bellville Hourly Cafeteria / Cashier

**2021-138** Accepted the voluntary resignation of Jeff Gottfried from the position of District Activities Coordinator effective at the end of his 2020-2021 administrative contract.

**2021-139** Approved the transfer request of Jeffrey Gottfried to a High School mathematics teaching position for the 2021-2022 school year

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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

**2021-140** Approved the following fee schedule:

Grades Kindergarten – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
If paid in full prior to 9/30/2021	\$40.00
Grade Kindergarten – 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Technology Usage / Insurance Fee	\$15.00
Grades 6-8	\$55.00
If paid in full prior to 9/30/2021	\$45.00
Vo Ag	\$ 5.00
Grades 6-12	
Technology Usage /Insurance Fee	\$25.00
Grades 9-12	see attached

2021-141 Approved the following handbooks:

Bellville Elementary	Middle School
Butler Elementary	High School
Preschool	Transportation
Athletic	

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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

- 2021-142 Approved the list of students as recommended by Mr. Brian Brown to be awarded graduate status May 23, 2021 provided all local and state requirements have been met for graduation.
- 2021-143 Entered into a Day Treatment-Purchase Service Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year with River Education Services, Inc. Leap Program.
- 2021-144 Entered into a LAN Management Contract with Heartland COG / North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.
- 2021-145 Entered into a Service Level Agreement and Contract with North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative / Heartland COG beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- 2021-146 Entered into a College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Vernon Nazarene University beginning June 1, 2021 and shall continue until August 15, 2022.
- 2021-147 Awarded the 2021 High School Cafeteria dishwasher replacement equipment purchase to Skelton's Inc. in the amount of \$15,196.00. To be paid out of the Permanent Improvement Fund. Bid tabulation from three quotes is attached.
- 2021-148 Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Clear Fork Valley Local Schools, District IRN 049411 of 211 School Street, 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.

**2021-149** Awarded the 2021 addition to the FFA outbuilding to Dave Troyer in the amount of \$13,100.70. Bid tabulation from three quotes is attached.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**2021-150** **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 6:28 PM.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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Gary McCue, Board President

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Bradd Stevens, Treasurer