

CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
February 16, 2023
High School Media Center
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 7:31 PM by Board President, Mrs. Lori McKee.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Carl Gonzalez, Mrs. Koti Epperson, Mr. Rick Kvochick, Mr. Ryan Knuckles, and Mrs. Lori McKee.

Employees and Guests in Attendance:

Janice Wyckoff/Superintendent		
Jon Mason/Treasurer	Scott Wood	Nichole Rinehart
Tom Stortz	Eric Beck	Brittany Bechtel
Jeff Swank	Kelly Potoczy	Amy Frazier
Ellen Walker	Stephanie Papst	Linzi Rigsby
Jessica Brokaw	Michael Robison	Jeff Rigsby
Sarah McDermott	Wes Dingus	Kyle Beveridge
Sara Robinette	Benji Bethea	

INVOCATION and PLEDGE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MOTIONS

Upon Motion by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Kvochick the Board:

2023-053 Approves the Resolution to Re-Employ Superintendent Janice Wyckoff on a 1 year contract for the 2023-2024 school year provided she can resign without consequences at any time during the term of her employment.

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Yes
	Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
	Mr. Kvochick	Yes		

Before the Clear Fork Valley Education Association Presentation to the board a statement was given by President Lori McKee in regards to Ms. Wyckoff's contract and asks the community to come together for the children of the Valley.

PRESENTATIONS

Cheryll Harris a field coordinator from OFT, spoke on behalf of the Clear Fork Valley Education Association. She spoke in regards to a field survey completed by 80 percent of districtwide teachers. The survey was pertaining to Superintendent Wyckoff's performance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE

Tom Stortz of 5907 Wilson Rd, Butler, OH 44822 addressed the Board, stating mistakes have been made. It's time to come together as a community to get back on the right track.

Jeff Swank of 718 Ross Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, stating he wants to see progress. He thanked the Board and wants the best for the school district moving forward.

Nichole Rhinehart of 423 Alexander Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, as a teacher. She expressed her concern of losing good teaching staff due to low morale and curriculum problems.

Benji Bethea of 4572 Bellville North Rd., Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, about what the district should be seeking in a leader.

Ellen Walker of State Route 97 East, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, regarding responsibility.

Wes Dingus of Elm St, 142 Butler, OH 44822 addressed the Board, stating his appreciation for what Ms. Wyckoff has done for the district.

Jessica Brokaw of 83 W. Elm St, Butler, OH 44822 addressed the Board, to discuss Resolution 7.5 regarding the turf management.

Kyle Beveridge of 4310 Andrews Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, calling for Ms. Wyckoff's resignation, speaking on the contract, and expressing his concerns with the cleaning methods during COVID years.

Brittany Bechtel of 961 Poorman Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, expressing her concerns with the cleaning methods during COVID years.

Jeff Rigsby of 82 Hamilton Dr, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, thanking the teaching staff and community for getting involved and expressing how they feel.

Amy Frazier of 4805 Bott Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board on behalf of her son. She described her concerns of how her son was handled.

Sara Robinette of 129 Main St, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, encouraging the district to stay together.

Linzi Rigsby of 82 Hamilton Dr, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, asking how the district will be lead in the 2023-2024 school year and how will morale improve.

Sarah McDermott of 6255 Renie Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, as a parent. She talked about the lack of compassion from administration and was concerned about the mental health of the children.

Scott Wood of 1693 Renie Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, asking for help finding School Bus drivers.

Eric Beck of 5518 Renie Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the board, in regards to Special Education concerns.

Kelly Potoczny of 268 E Kochheiser Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board, in regards to concerns of COVID cleaning methods and the state of the district.

Stephanie Papst of 1480 Mock Rd, Lexington, OH 44904 addressed the Board, in regards to Special Education concerns.

Michael Robison of 887 Rhinehart Rd, Bellville, OH 44813 addressed the Board as a parent. He stated Clear Fork has the best staff members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2023-054 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Kvochick, the Board approved the minutes of the January 4, 2023 Organizational and Regular Meeting as written and the January 25, 2023 Special Meeting as written.

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Yes
	Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
	Mr. Kvochick	Yes		

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

2023-055 Approves the January 2023 Financial Report.

2023-056 Accepts the following donations:

Anonymous donations in the amount of \$744.75 from 6 individuals to be used for delinquent lunch accounts

9 cheer mats from the Clear Fork Athletic Boosters valued at \$8,000.00

The American Legion 535 donation of \$500 to the Clear Fork Band, to purchase base guitar

2023-057 Approves State Connectivity Grant, establish fund 451-9023 and amend appropriations in the amount of \$7,200.

2023-058 Approves ARP Homeless Targeted Support Grant, establish fund 507-9123 and amend appropriations in the amount of \$16,500.

2023-059 Amends Resolution 2022-118 – May 12, 2022, to include the required time limit of 10 years that the money is allowed to accumulate in the fund.

[Approved a transfer to fund 070-9022 for the purpose of turf management and replacement in the amount of \$60,000. Of this amount \$35,000 will come from General Fund 001, \$20,000 from Permanent Improvement 003, and \$5,000 from Athletics 300-9500. This Fund transfer replaces the Special Cost Center that was already established for turf replacement, 003-2020 by creating a new special cost center in a different fund 070-9022.]

The Board further directs the Treasurer to request a transfer of a similar amount each year hereafter for the total amount of \$30,000 to come from General Fund 001 in the amount of \$15,000. Permanent Improvement Fund 003 in the amount of \$10,000 and Athletics 300-9500 in the amount of \$5,000]

In addition, the 070-9022 replacement fund shall be funded over a maximum period of ten (10) years. If no monies are expended from this fund after a period of ten (10) years, such monies shall be returned from which they originated. (by May 2032).

2023-060 Modifies FY23 Appropriations to include the following:

ESSER II		from	to
Wages	507-1100-100-9922	29,813.17	0.00
Fringe	507-1100-200-9922	22,201.65	0.00
Purch Svcs	507-1100-400-9922	103,995.56	180,137.78
Supplies	507-1100-500-9922	44,127.40	120,000.00
Capital	507-1100-600-9922	150,000.00	50,000.00
ARP ESSER III			
Wages	507-1000-100-9933	90,000.00	0.00
Fringe	507-1200-200-9933	10,000.00	22.72
Purch Svcs	507-2100-400-9933	150,000.00	331,311.77
Supplies	507-1000-500-9933	20,000.00	160,000.00
Capital	507-2800-600-9933	200,000.00	210,000.00
Capital	507-5000-600-9933	1,031,334.49	800,000.00
ARP IDEA			
Wages	516-1200-100-9022	121.00	0.00
Fringe	516-1200-200-9022	165.00	0.00
Purch Svcs	516-1200-400-9022	78,328.35	78,614.39

2023-061 Approves the purchase of rubber flooring for the weight room using ESSER funding, to allow for better cleaning and sanitation, and improved classroom environment. Purchase to be made from Spec Athletic, approximate cost \$32,000.

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Yes
	Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
	Mr. Kvochick	Yes		

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Personnel

Upon Motion by Mr. Kvochick and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez the Board:

2023-062 Accepts the following resignations:

Daniel Craner, custodian, effective January 14, 2023
Barbara Hendrix, teacher, effective end of the 2022-2023 school year

- 2023-063** Approves the following certified personnel be employed on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2023-2024 school year per the adopted salary schedule.
- Aaron Brokaw High School Teacher
- 2023-064** Approves the following classified staff be employed on a one (1) year limited contract beginning the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule, pending completion of requirements:
- Josie Beckel Custodian – effective 2/21/2023
- 2023-065** Approves the following certified personnel are employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Brittany Bechtel Assistant Middle School Boys/Girls Track
Justen LaPlante High School Academic Challenge
- 2023-066** Accepts In accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirms 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 affirms that the position(s) had been advertised on the Clear Fork website on March 2, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 1, 2022, April 11, 2022, May 2, 2022 or May 11, 2022 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule:
- Garrett Bunnell Middle School Girls Track
Mark Lind Assistant Varsity Baseball
- 2023-067** Approves the following volunteer coaches for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Richard Thomas High School Wrestling
Dylan Jewell Baseball
Michael McCorkle Baseball
- 2023-068** Approves the following certified personnel are employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year:
- Joseph Staab 7th grade Football
- 2023-069** Accepts In accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirms 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 affirms that the position(s) had been advertised on the Clear Fork website on December 15, 2022 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year per the adopted salary schedule:
- Fawn Barnes Middle School Cheerleading Football/Basketball
Chris Laux JV/Freshman Girls Soccer

2023-070 Approves the following personnel to advance on the salary schedule effective February 21, 2023 in accordance with the Clear Fork Valley Education Association, AFT/OFT Agreement.

Jennifer Campbell Masters + 30
The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. Knuckles Yes
Mrs. Koti Epperson Yes Mrs. Lori McKee Yes
Mr. Kvochick Yes

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

2023-071 Approves the following certified personnel are employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Justen LaPlante Varsity Boys Tennis
The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. Knuckles Yes
Mrs. Koti Epperson Yes Mrs. Lori McKee Yes
Mr. Kvochick Yes

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

2023-072 Approves the following certified personnel are employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year:

Brittany Bechtel Varsity Girls Soccer
The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. Knuckles Yes
Mrs. Koti Epperson Yes Mrs. Lori McKee Yes
Mr. Kvochick Yes

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

2023-073 Approves the following certified personnel are employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year:

Justen LaPlante Varsity Girls Tennis
The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mr. Knuckles Yes
Mrs. Koti Epperson Yes Mrs. Lori McKee Yes
Mr. Kvochick Yes

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

2023-074 Accepts in accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirms 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 affirms that the position(s) had been advertised on the Clear Fork website on December 15, 2022 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Nathan Gailey Varsity Boys Soccer

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Yes
	Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
	Mr. Kvochick	Yes		

New/Old Business

Upon Motion by Mr. Kvochick and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez the Board:

2023-075 Approves entering into an agreement to receive services from Mid Ohio Educational Service Center for the business advisory council requirement under Ohio Revised Codes 3313.82, 3313.821 and all other applicable laws.

2023-076 Enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Mount Union to participate in College Credit Plus for the 2022-2023 school year.

2023-077 Adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Clear Fork Valley Local Schools, District IRN number: 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 to 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 requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum 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 the 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, and suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

2023-078 Approves the purchase of one 84 passenger Transit Bus from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc. at a cost of \$136,141.00 and one 30 passenger Handicap Bus from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc. at a cost of \$98,221.00.

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Yes
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Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
Mr. Kvochick	Yes		

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

The Board discussed (1st reading) of the following Board Policy:

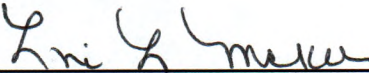
DJF-R	Purchasing Procedures
GBCB	Staff Conduct
JEFB	Released Time for Religious Instruction
JFE	Student Pregnancy and Related Conditions
KGB	Public Conduct on District Property
KKA	Recruiters in the Schools

ADJOURN


2023-079

Upon Motion by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Kvochick, the Board adjourned from Regular session at 9:16 PM.

The vote was:	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes	Mr. Knuckles	Absent
	Mrs. Koti Epperson	Yes	Mrs. Lori McKee	Yes
	Mr. Kvochick	Yes		



Lori McKee, Board President



Jon Mason, Treasurer