

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting 09-17

WORK SESSION MEETING

Held

APRIL 13,

2017

The Work Session Meeting of the Warrensville Heights Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Warrensville Heights High School Cafeteria, 4270 Northfield Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked the Treasurer, Dr. Michael A. Rock, to call the roll. The roll call revealed the following members present: Mrs. Michele Elba, Mr. Ray A. Freeman, Mrs. Millicent Gaiter, Mrs. Traci Mitchell, Mrs. Barbara A. Mumin

Mr. Donald J. Jolly, II, Superintendent, also in attendance.

All other individuals used a sign-in log.

Pledge

President Freeman requested all stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda

1.4 Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Ms. Mitchell to accept the work session Agenda, dated April 13, 2017, with the following changes: delete item 4.1 Talent Management and add item 3.1H Policy Implementation Update from Superintendent Jolly.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Treasurer's Report and Financial Recommendations

Treasurer Dr. Rock presented an update to the Board on the Resolution Accepting Tax Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission by describing the steps of the process which include the Board approving the Tax Budget in January, the Budget Commission review with the Treasurer, the submittal of the resolution to the District with a 30 day window for the Board to approve, and the final Board approved resolution submitted to the Budget Commission. Dr. Rock described the importance of reviewing the tax rates for fixed dollar amount levies such as the Bond Levy and the Emergency Levy stating the changes depicted for 2017 which are increases to 7.80 mills for both levies. However, this does not translate to a tax increase since there were substantial assessed tax valuation property value decreases due to two hospitals becoming exempt through the State process.

2.1 Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mrs. Mumin to approve the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer: To have the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission the Board approved and submitted to the County Fiscal Officer.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Gaiter, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Board Policy Review

Discussion of Policies – Mrs. Gaiter initiated the discussion of the review of Board Policies citing WHCSD Bylaws & Policies Board Policy 0170 Duties Review of Policy by the Board. Mrs. Elba inquired as to who created the policy? Mrs. Gaiter stated that

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this is already Board Policy. Mrs. Elba stated that she is not in agreement with the Review of Policy as described in 0170.

The Board continued with the review of Bylaws 0171.1 and Board Policies as follows: 2110 Statement of Philosophy, 2105 Mission and Vision of the District, 2131 Educational Outcomes, 2132 Educational Process Goals, 2370 Educational Options, and 2460 Special Education. Superintendent Jolly provided further explanations and descriptions as needed in the review.

Item 3.1H: Superintendent Jolly provided an update to the Board on the Board Policy review process from the administrative perspective. He stated that the draft policies are received from NEOLA as a revision to an existing policy or a new policy. The proposed policies are then shared with the respective administrative departments for recommendations. The Superintendent and leadership team provide the final reviews with the final drafts submitted to the Board for review. The final copies after Board review are then maintained in the central office, buildings, and on the web page.

Strategic Plan

- 4.2 Communications: Superintendent Jolly provided an update to the Board in regards to the communications plan that included the communications director partnering with the ESC for media opportunities, the social media utilized on the website, the E News Letter, and various programs for community engagement such as lunch and learn and the principal for a day program.
- 4.3 Facilities: Superintendent Jolly provided an update on the buildings in the school district. His update included a summary on the past two years of interaction with the OFCC and recent communications with the OFCC where the District was told that funds would not be available for the District this year. He also provided a history of prior opportunities the District had to enter the OFCC Facility program in 2008, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Superintendent Jolly and Dr. Rock went to the OFCC with a plan for the District to finance one phase of the Master Plan with a Certificates of Participation (COPS) deal where a bond levy vote would not be required. The OFCC heard the dire need of the District for any new buildings and agreed to fund the phase one project of a PK-5 building. The OFCC reviewed the District's options again providing three options for facilities: one option where the District has to pay extra for excess space according to the OFCC formulas yielding a new high school, the old high school is renovated into a middle school, and a PK-5 building at \$73 requiring a \$41M bond, another option with a new PK-5 building and the old high school renovated to 6-12 requiring a \$19M bond, or a plan with a new PK-5 building and a new 6-12 building that preserves the science wing and rec center requiring a \$26M bond. The last option would provide new buildings for the entire school community and scholars. Superintendent Jolly stated that the District has engaged experts and community stakeholders, with the facility committee favoring the third option with new buildings for all scholars. All of the options noted above are base plans without elective added on projects such as football fields and auditoriums. Superintendent Jolly also discussed the success of other school districts with a consolidated campus with separate entrances and zones to properly program the 6-12 building. Superintendent Jolly concluded with an update on the Ohio Department of Education Academic Distress process stating that the District has a plan to avoid triggering an outside oversight committee from the State. He stated that the plan will not work without updated buildings to give our students the support they need to achieve. Superintendent Jolly stated that we must give the students the tools to learn that other students in our region have, and we must do it now. Superintendent Jolly asked the Board for authority to tell the OFCC that the District is all in with the revised approach for the Master plan. There were no objections to his request.

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- 4.4 Public Participation: A concerned citizen stated their concerns which included a statement that a board member is not an education expert and referred to a past board meeting where a parent stated that they did not respect Superintendent Jolly anymore. The citizen stated that the superintendent is working hard for the district and that fully engaged teachers are needed at the district in order to progress into the future. The citizen also reminded the audience that complaints should go through the proper chain of command to the teacher, then to the principal, and then to the Superintendent.

Announcements

- President Freeman thanked all in attendance and reminded the parents that we need to lead by example for our scholars.
- President Freeman stated that the OSBA Board Leadership Institute meeting is April 21-22, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio.
- President Freeman announced the class of 2017 will graduate on May 31, 2017 at Playhouse Square. Mrs. Elba reminded the Board that the Board needs to approve the location for the graduation and the after prom event since the Board pays for the graduation, stating that parents should not be charged for graduation.
- Mrs. Gaiter congratulated President Freeman on being elected to the NSBA CUBE Steering Committee, a national recognition for the District.
- Superintendent Jolly stated that a community meeting will be on May 4, 2017 to further discuss the future of the District.
- Mrs. Elba stated that she wanted to go into executive session after two emails she has sent to the Board in order to discuss employee discipline. Mrs. Elba motioned to move into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official (or regulated individuals (students)) or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual. There were no seconds to the motion. President Freeman declared that there were no seconds and the motion is denied. Mrs. Gaiter explained to the audience that the Board cannot go into executive session without the Board President knowing the proper reason for executive session and the proper reasons to the enter into executive session as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Ms. Mitchell that the board adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

6/2/17 DATE

President Signature PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Treasurer Signature TREASURER

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