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BOARD OF EDUCATION CHILLCOTHE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

January 27, 2020
CHS/CMS Commons Area
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Corzine, Mr. Hartmus, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Shoemaker

Staff Present: Ms. Swinehart, Mrs. Lawwell

Call to Order

Mr. Mullins called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lawwell called the roll. Mr. Mullins announced the meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CHS Sophomore Oscar Mikus. Mr. Mikus will be replacing Ms. Fulkerson as the new Board of Education Student Liaison.

20-02-01 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Bonner and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to adopt the agenda for the January 27, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month. On behalf of the Staff, Students, and community, Superintendent Swinehart thanked Board members for all the countless hours of work they have given to provide the nice facilities and the excellent educational programs for our students. Each board member was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

Master Teacher Recognition

Superintendent Swinehart noted there are two Master Teachers to be recognized this month. Certificates of Recognition were presented to Rebecca Seidel as a new Master Teacher this school year and also to Lori Dana who completed the renewal of her Master Teacher certification this year.

Curriculum Update

Curriculum Director Alissa Putnam gave an update to the Board on work they have been doing to focus on a K-3 Literacy Collaborative Program and an idea to incorporate the Literacy Learning Standard needs with the STEM program work. Teachers are excited with ideas of what projects they can do within their classrooms. As they develop the program to be included in next year's curriculum, they will keep the Board updated and seek their final approval.

Recess

The meeting recessed for 10 minutes to congratulate those being recognized.

Public Participation

Mr. Mullins welcomed all visitors to the meeting and opened the floor for public participation. There was none.

Student Liaison Report

Student Liaison Sophia Fulkerson asked the next Student Liaison to introduce himself to the everyone. CHS Junior Oscar Mikus gave a short biography of his academic achievements, sports interests and personal achievements as he completes his Eagle Scout project. Sophie and Oscar worked together to update the Board on current events in our schools.

At the Primary School, they are working with the STEM program to incorporate focus on writing instruction as part of literature based activities. Also, they are incorporating technology oriented activities with podcasts and groups. They recently held their First Innovators' Breakfast with awards being presented to 40 students for outstanding STEM work. A Behaviour Team has been

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created and the PAX program is being used to improve student behaviour. The 100th day of school is coming up next week and the students are busy working on their “100th Day” projects. Principal Strawser offered a couple “Positive Teacher” reflections. Mrs. Robertson has been using social and emotional learning standards in her 2nd Grade class to help students understand their reactions and behaviors. Mrs. Halm sets and enforces expectations to be met in her art classes by all students to insure all students are on the same page. Using kinetics and sensory rooms to calm students is helping to eliminate behaviour issues. Mrs. Strawser feels that the Behavior is headed in a completely positive direction and showing growth through out the school year.

The Intermediate School has developed STEM Partnerships with the Ross County Historical Society, Kenworth and Battelle. These partnerships are helping the STEM programs to grow by leaps and bounds. Both the teachers and students are in a feeling good groove. Outdoor furniture is being ordered for outside learning during the warmer weather. The Art classes at C.I.S. now have a kiln and are learning about work with ceramics. There was posting on Facebook recently that received a lot of positive comments about 3rd Grade Teacher Mrs. Pollchik and how important it is for her to give her students hugs. On the day the student liaisons visited the Intermediate School, they witnessed a student running across the school yard to Mr. Maybriar the Art teacher just to give him a hug and receive one in return.

Many things are also happening at the HS/MS Campus. During the first semester, students that were able to maintain a good attendance record and have no discipline problems, were offered a positive behaviour reward of a field trip to Mad River Mountain for snow tubing. Although only 450 students were able to go on the trip, at the High School, 650 students were eligible and at the Middle School, 270 students were eligible to participate. A group of high school students worked with the Intervention Team and held a Mental Health Day led by the students.

In High School Sports, the Swim Team is having a successful season. The Boys Basketball team is currently 13 and 3 and leading the FAC. The Bowling team is ranked 3rd in the FAC and has been competing well in some tough tournaments. The big news in the community is the donation made by Homeland Credit Union to help update the Cavalier Athletic Center. The CAC is being used a lot by student athletes. The High School track team has been holding practices there during the cold weather to be prepared for the spring track season. In the Music Department, the Choirs, Band and Orchestra have all been competing in Solo and Ensemble Competitions. They are please to report that 22 of our students received the top rating of 1 in their competitions.

In closing, Sophie Fulkerson read a Thank You Letter she had written to the Board of Education for the opportunity of fullfilling her 6th grade dream of serving as the Student Liaison to the Board of Education.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mullins reported the State Legislature realizes a fix is needed on the Ed Choice Voucher Program. The deadline is approaching for the application for Ed Choice Vouchers, so they will be working on how best to address the needs of the schools across the state as well as student needs for their education.

BOARD ACTION

20-02-02 Appointments to Parks and Recreation Committee

It was moved by Mr. Bonner and seconded by Mr. Hartmus to appoint Knute Bonner and Steve Mullins to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - abstain, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-02-03 Treasurer’s Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Mullins and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the Board of Education minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting, the December 23, 2019 special board meeting, the January 6, 2020 organizational meeting and the January 6, 2020 special board meeting as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports for the month of December 2019 as presented.

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C. APPROVAL OF MVECA INTERNET CONTRACT

To approve the MVECA Internet Contract from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$39,636 as presented. The E-Rate reimbursement will be \$35,672.40.

D. APPROVAL OF OSBA MEMBERSHIP DUES

To approve the OSBA Membership dues in the amount of \$7,217 as presented.

E. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS / DONATIONS

To accept the following gifts and donations as listed.

- \$ 250,000.00 from the Homeland Credit Union to the Cavalier Athletic Center
- \$ 1,373.89 from AO Price Real Estate & Auction Service to support District Activities as needed
- \$ 938.00 from the Altrusa Club of Chillicothe for books & supplies for underprivileged K-4 Students
- \$ 100.00 from the First Christian Church for Food & Clothing for Needy Children in the District

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motions carried.

20-02-04 Superintendent’s Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION FOR 2019 - 2020

To approve early acceleration for graduation for the following students who must meet all of their graduation curriculum requirements and proficiency / graduation requirements by December 20, 2019.

**Chillicothe High School
2019 - 2020 Early Graduates
6 - Semester Graduates
January 2020**

-- Hannah Wiseman

B. BOARD POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION – REVIEW ONLY

These policies are presented for review prior to recommendation at the February 2020 Board of Education regular meeting. These policies reflect the changes to bring District Policies into compliance with the current laws and are recommended by the Ohio School Board Association.

Revised

- BDDB AGENDA FORMAT
- BDDC AGENDA PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CARD AUTHORIZING CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2020 - 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

To approve the Resolution Card authorizing continued membership in the OHSAA for the 2020 - 2021 school year as presented.

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D. APPROVAL OF THE FIRST SEMESTER BULLYING REPORT

To approve the First Semester Bullying Report for the 2019 - 2020 School Year as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

To approve the following personnel recommendations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the new employee's individual contract and his / her job description. Said employment will be contingent upon (1) receipt of a satisfactory criminal record check, (2) receipt of licensure / certification from ODE (3) verification of experience and training, and (4) negative results on the drug testing.

1. Resignation of Personnel – 2019 - 2020 School Year

Tony Hatem – CMS – Math Teacher – effective January 27, 2020

2. Employment – Certificated Personnel – 2019 - 2020 School Year

Aleshya Murray – CMS – Long Term Substitute – 0 exp – Bachelors – effective January 28, 2020

3. Employment – Classified Personnel – 2019 - 2020 School Year

April Leach – CPS – Paraprofessional Aide – 4 hours / day – 0 exp – \$14.51 / hour effective January 27, 2020

4. Approval of Credit Flex Instructor – CHS – 2019 - 2020 School Year

Deanna Blanton – CHS – Honors ELA II

5. Master Teacher Designation – 2019 - 2020 School Year

Lori Dana — Renewal 2019 - 2020

Rebecca Seidel – New 2019 - 2020

6. Employment – SHARP Tutor (\$25.00/hour) 2019 - 2020 School Year

Amanda Oyer

7. Approval of Leave of Absence Without Pay

Sarah Hawthorne – January 7 - January 9, 2020

Guyanna Black – April 14 – May 28, 2020

8. Assignment Transfers – Classified Personnel – 2019 - 2020 School Year

Cheryl Newton – Paraprofessional Aide – CIS to Paraprofessional Aide – CPS – effective January 24, 2020

9. Employments – Substitute Personnel (as needed)

Allie Murray – Substitute Teacher – \$100 / day

John Jude – Substitute Teacher – \$100 / day

Jessica Thompson – \$100 / day

Napoleon Cross – \$100 / day

Lyle Seward – Substitute Custodian – \$10 / hour

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Steven Grieser – Substitute Custodian – \$10 / hour
Joy Barnes – Substitute Custodian – \$10 / hour
Rebecca Zickafoose – Substitute Custodian – \$10 / hour

Julie Colburn – Substitute Aide – \$10 / hour
Diane Augg – Substitute Aide – \$10 / hour
Hannah Page – Substitute Aide – \$10 / hour
Belva May – Substitute Aide – \$10 / hour

Amy Myers – Substitute Bus Aide – \$10 / hour
Lyle Seward – Substitute Bus Aide – \$10 / hour

Joy Barnes – Substitute Lunchroom Worker – \$10 / hour
Amy Myers – Substitute Lunchroom Worker – \$10 / hour
Rebecca Zickafoose – Substitute Lunchroom Worker – \$10 / hour
Pamela Behmer – Substitute Lunchroom Worker – \$10 / hour

Julie Colburn – Substitute Fiscal / Clerical – \$10 / hour
Hannah Page – Substitute Fiscal / Clerical – \$10 / hour
Belva May – Substitute Fiscal / Clerical – \$10 / hour

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motions carried.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Mullins noted the signing with Homeland Credit Union for their \$250,000 donation allows the District to move forward with the plans to remodel and update the Cavalier Athletic Center. Once the plans are completed, the information will be presented for the Board's approval. The District is also working other groups about potential donations to support the needed repairs and updates as much as possible.

He also noted the PAX Good Behavior Program that was mentioned in the Student Liaison report was paid for by a Grant from Judge Jeff Benson and the Juvenile Court. Thanks were offered to them for their support. Ms. Swinehart noted they are also working to include the Intermediate School in next year's grant.

Mrs. Corzine requested the Board revisit the District's Cell Phone Policy and the wearing of ear buds and being covered up with hoodies. She expressed concerns with students being distracted in class and the quality of learning they may not be getting due to the distraction. There are also concerns with their mental health and the potential for depression. Mrs. Corzine suggested the District remain cell phone in school. If her fellow Board members share her concerns, she suggested we conduct a survey of teachers and students regarding their feelings of distraction. It may be good to form a committee of stakeholders, students, teachers, and parents to help develop a new policy. Mr. Mullins noted she had expressed her concerns to him a few weeks ago and his inquiries indicate more schools are going back to taking away cell phones. A consensus of the members agreed. Mrs. Swinehart will work on a survey to be completed.

Mr. Mullins noted a recent article in the Chillicothe Gazette reported on our Partnership with Big Brothers / Big Sisters and the high school students that are working with middle school students through the partnership. He thanked the Gazette for the fine article and hoped the program could be expanded into our elementaries.

Mr. Hartmus thanked Sophie Fulkerson for her work with Board and encouraged her to pass her projects on to Oscar Mikus to be continued. He also noted he recently visited and did a walk-through at the Primary School. He was very pleased and excited with what he observed. "Our teachers are the best."

Mr. Bonner asked about a report from Zach Breth on his work at the Athletic Center. Superintendent Swinehart will schedule that for the next board meeting.

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20-02-05 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mrs. Shoemaker to adjourn. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.