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BOARD OF EDUCATION CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2021
5:00 p.m.
CHS/CMS Auditorium

Members Present: Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Corzine, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus, Mr. Porter

Staff Present: Ms. Swinehart, Mrs. Lawwell

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Corzine.

21-02-01 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to adopt the amended agenda for the February 22, 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Porter - yes. The motion carried.

Student Liaison Report

Student Liaison Emma Barnes updated the Board and Administration on current events at the two elementary schools.

At Chillicothe Primary School teachers have started voice groups for each grade level for STEM. These groups are based on individual interests on specific topics and allows students to focus on learning about their specific topic of interest. CPS teachers are also working to complete their BAS assessments on the progress and needs of their students in reading and literacy. They are seeing improvements since their Fall assessments. CPS teachers are continuing with their PAX Leadership Journey. PAX is a set of strategies to help students learn to use self-management skills to make their classroom a peaceful and productive learning environment. Again, they are seeing major improvements in student behavior in the classroom and on the buses. Lastly, their Kindergarten registration is scheduled to start the week of March 22nd through the 26th.

The Chillicothe Intermediate School staff have released monthly Ice Modules for STEM for all grade levels. The intent is to enable students to focus on a STEM Career that interests them. Author Steven Graves has donated 25 copies of his book "Freddy Shortpants and the Dreadful Dirigible Disaster: A Tale of Old Chillicothe". The students will learn about direct links to our history and it takes place in our own back yard. Teachers at CIS have completed their first PAX training and are working on blending PAX strategies with Leader in Me and other PBIS initiatives. Along with school and classroom mission statements, The Leader in Me Action team have challenged CIS families to make their own mission statements. Those will be shared throughout the school month. Finally, the 6th Grade students have started their D.A.R.E. classes with Officer Tim Boltenhouse.

Recognitions and Presentations

Spectrum Care

Superintendent Swinehart introduced Lee Ann Joyce, owner and founder of Spectrum Care which is based out of Portsmouth, Ohio. They were established in 2014 with an interest in working with schools and students with special needs. Services they offer are Behavior Support for autism using AVA Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. They have worked with the Pioneer School in the past and are looking to set up in Ross County and the Chillicothe Community. Spectrum Care is interested in leasing space at the Mt. Logan Learning Center.

CHS Graduation Update

CHS Principal Matt Ballentine updated the Board with the 2021 Graduations plans. The plan is to offer the students a traditional

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graduation ceremony while meeting COVID requirements. This will involve moving Graduation up to Friday, May 21st and holding the ceremony at the Obadiah Harris Athletic Complex. Graduation week schedule will be as follows:

The last day for Seniors would be Friday, May 14th. On Sunday, May 16th they will start a continuing tradition of a Graduation Parade like they did last year. May 17th or 18th will be graduation practice depending on AP Testing dates. On Friday, May 21st the Graduation Ceremony will be divided into two separate ceremonies. Ceremony A will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Ceremony B will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. The rain date for the Graduation Ceremony will be Sunday, May 23rd at the same times. Students will choose which ceremony time they is best for their family. Currently, each student will be allotted four graduation tickets based on the current COVID guidelines and available seating. Should the guidelines change between now and then, it is possible there will be more tickets available. Student seating will be established at graduation practice and they will be in the same seats for the actual ceremony. Parents will be seated on the side of the stadium closest to their student. In closing, Mr. Ballentine noted they are closely monitoring all seniors on Virtual Learning to make sure they have completed all of their coursework and are eligible to participate in graduation.

Public Participation

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

Legislative Update

Mrs. Corzine reported House Bill 436 was signed by Governor DeWine on January 9, 2021. This legislation establishes new requirements regarding screening and intervention regarding children with dyslexia. The new requirements will be phased in over the next three years and she reviewed the requirements of the bill. The Ohio Dyslexia Committee is comprised of many education professionals and they are developing a guide book for all school districts that should be available in April 2021. Superintendent Swinehart explained this is a general education initiative not a special education initiative. A child with dyslexia would not necessarily qualify for special education under IDEA guidelines. The Superintendent explained some of the hurdles to be addressed and noted that she and Curriculum Director Alissa Putnam will be participating in seminars and watching for updated information to be released. They will update the Board on this again in April.

21-02-02 Treasurer’s Report and Recommendations

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the Board of Education minutes of the January 25, 2021 Special Meeting and the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the Financial Reports for the month of January 2021 as presented.

C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MCS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

To approve the contract with MCS & Associates, Inc. from February 22, 2021 - February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$98,850 as presented.

D. APPROVAL OF FY21 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

To approve the updated 2020-2021 Permanent Appropriations as listed.

GOV / GENERAL	001 General Fund	\$	32,503,351.00
GOV / DEBT	002 Bond Retirement	\$	3,741,812.61
GOV / CAPITAL	003 Permanent Improvement	\$	1,916,516.92
GOV	004 Building OFCC	\$	35,755.41
PRO / ENTERPRISE	006 Food Service	\$	1,630,380.00
ENDOWMENT	008 Blosser Fund	\$	1,000.00
CLASSROOM FACILITIES	010 Construction OFCC	\$	1,404,883.49

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GOV / SPECIAL	013 Athletic Center	\$	57,971.79
GOV / SPECIAL	018 Public School Support	\$	96,300.00
GOV / SPECIAL	019 Other Grants	\$	56,250.00
INTERNAL SERVICE	022 Unclaimed Fund Acct	\$	18,254.46
CLASSROOM FAC/MAINT	034 Classroom Facilities Maint	\$	555,809.04
SPECIAL REVENUE	035 Termination Benefit Fund	\$	250,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE	070 Capital Improvement	\$	355,062.76
FID / AGENCY	200 Student Managed Activities	\$	82,245.29
GOV / SPECIAL	300 District Managed Activities	\$	210,000.00
GOV / SPECIAL	401 Auxiliary Bishop Flaget	\$	204,022.47
GOV / SPECIAL	439 Preschool Grant	\$	163,783.38
GOV / SPECIAL	451 Connectivity Fee	\$	9,000.00
GOV / SPECIAL	467 Student Wellness & Success	\$	970,012.99
GOV / SPECIAL	499 Parent Mentor	\$	133,374.95
GOV / SPECIAL	507 ESSER	\$	1,195,957.45
GOV / SPECIAL	510 Broadband	\$	358,520.44
GOV / SPECIAL	516 Title VI-B	\$	814,056.08
GOV / SPECIAL	536 Title I Sub A	\$	77,130.72
GOV / SPECIAL	572 Title I	\$	1,599,815.68
GOV / SPECIAL	587 IDEA Preschool	\$	14,874.44
GOV / SPECIAL	590 Title II A	\$	210,783.30
GOV / SPECIAL	599 Rural & Low Income	\$	185,404.36
		\$	48,852,329.03

E. APPROVAL OF AMENDED CERTIFICATE #2 FOR FY21

To approve the Amended Certificate #2 for FY21 as presented.

F. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – RETAIL ELECTRIC – META SOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC
SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED FOR THE
BILLING PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE JULY 2022 BILLING CYCLE AND
TERMINATING NO LATER THAN THE JUNE 2027 BILLING CYCLE.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of [META Solutions f/k/a Metropolitan Educational Council] (the “Council”), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services; and

WHEREAS, the Council is joining with other major school districts and educational purchasing councils to conduct a Request for proposal for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations (the “RFP”);

WHEREAS, the RFP will seek a single, fixed-price for all energy charges, excluding capacity charges which shall be passed-through directly to the School District and also will seek alternative pricing for the pass-through of fees associated with the supplier’s cost of compliance with Ohio’s renewable portfolio standards (“RPS”);

WHEREAS, the RFP calls for an administrative fee of \$0.0003 per kilowatt-hour of electricity used which such fee shall be payable to the School District’s Council and shall be reflected in the CRES purchase price;

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WHEREAS, the Council will send or has sent notices to bid on the School District's electric load to all competitive retail electric service providers licensed to sell power in the state of Ohio and registered with the applicable electric distribution utility;

WHEREAS, the Council will select the lowest responsible bid submitted in response to the RFP, contemplated to be on or before May 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, this School District may review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term and elect anytime up to the period as set forth in the RFP, unless extended to a later date as may be allowed under the RFP, to accept the lowest responsible bid with no obligation prior to that time or thereafter if the School District does not sign a Master Supply Agreement with the selected bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest responsible bid and corresponding term when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the lowest responsible bid provides for competitive retail electric service for all of the school District's electric load that is the result of a public and competitive RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROSS, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of education of this School District does hereby consent, as a member of the Council, to the conducting of an RFP process by the Council for competitive retail electric service commencing with the July 2022 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the June 2027 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for various periods and durations on such terms and conditions as the Council deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of this School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement to be prepared by the Council between the School District and the lowest responsible bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest responsible bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

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

Superintendent Recommendation

Superintendent Swinehart recommended the Board approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar Option #3 that was created by the Calendar Committee and voted on by the staff and faculty. Mr. Hartmus opened discussion on his concerns with the calendar and state testing dates. Mr. Bonner also expressed concerns with the calendar recommended. After further discussion, taking action on the calendar was postponed pending further review with the Calendar Committee to address their concerns.

21-02-03 Approval of Personnel Items

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Porter 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. Retirement – 2020-2021 School Year

Carol Secoy – Preschool Teacher – Mt. Logan – effective May 21, 2021. Ms. Secoy has been with the District for 28 years.

2. Resignation – 2020-2021 School Year

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Lisa Frye – CHS – Science Teacher – effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Employment – Certified Personnel – 2021-2022 School Year

Ethan Smith – CHS – Integrated Science Teacher – BA, 0 exp – \$40,193 effective 2021-2022 school year.

4. Employment – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

Mindy Dennewitz – Transportation – Bus Driver – 0 exp; \$18.04 / hour – effective January 27, 2021

5. Assignment Transfer of Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year

Brittany Ragland from part-time VLA Lunchroom Worker to 5 hour Lunchroom Worker at CPS – effective January 26, 2021.

6. Employment – Substitute Clerical Position – Grant Funded – 25 hours / month

Denise Ramsey – Substitute Clerical – Grant Funded – 25 hours / month – \$12.50 / hour

7. Employment – Substitute Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year (used on an as needed basis)

Sarah Smith – Substitute Teacher

Sarah Smith – Substitute Aide

Joyce Neff – Substitute Aide

Sarah Smith – Substitute Clerical / Fiscal

8. Employments – Supplemental Contracts – 2020-2021 School Year

Rob Strong – CHS – Head Track Coach – 13 yrs exp – \$4,556

Thomas Barr – CHS – Head Baseball Coach – 6 yrs exp – \$4,084

Patrick Bouillion – CHS – Head Softball Coach – 1 yr exp – \$3,770

Charles Halm – CHS – Head Boys Tennis Coach – 3 yrs exp – \$2,671

Allen Hawk – CHS – Head Girls Lacrosse Coach – 2 yrs exp – \$3,770

Heather Tarlton – CHS – Assistant Track Coach – 4 yrs exp – \$2,042

Jade Barnes – CHS – Assistant Track Coach – 0 exp – \$1,885

Ian Dennis – CHS – Assistant Baseball Coach – 3 yrs exp – \$2,042

Chris Constable – CHS – Assistant Baseball Coach – 3 yrs exp – \$2,042

Savannah Bonner – CHS – Assistant Track Coach – 4 yrs exp – \$2,042

Carolyn Sullivan – CHS – Assistant Softball Coach – 18 yrs exp – \$2,671

9. Volunteers – 2020-2021 School Year

Andrew Vitatoc – CHS – Head Boys Volleyball Coach

Michelle Schroeder – CHS – Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach

Kenzie Rhodes – CHS – Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach

Steve Bayless – CHS – Assistant Track Coach

Daniel Haller – CHS – Assistant Baseball Coach

Seth Wright – CHS – Assistant Baseball Coach

Alex Piampliano – CHS – Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach

Rylee Bouillion – CHS – Assistant Softball Coach

Kenny Bonner – CHS – Assistant Track Coach

10. Credit Flex Personnel for 2020-2021 School Year – 2nd Semester

Kristen Early – CHS – AP Language Arts – 2nd Semester

Kristen Early – CHS – Honors ELA III – 2nd Semester

Chris Baird – CHS – Honors ELA IV – Literature – 2nd Semester

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Chris Baird – CHS – Honors ELA IV – Composition – 2nd Semester
Jessica Orr – CHS – Honors ELA I – 2nd Semester
Jessica Orr – CHS – ELA I – 2nd Semester
Deanna Blanton – CHS – Honors ELA II – 2nd Semester
Barbara Coulter – CHS – World History through Film – 2nd Semester
Barbara Coulter – CHS – AP World History – 2nd Semester
Barbara Coulter – CHS – AP US History – 2nd Semester
Weston Davis – CHS – World Studies – 1st Semester
Weston Davis – CHS – World Studies – 2nd Semester
Weston Davis – CHS – AP World History – 2nd Semester
Brad Batson – CHS – AP Psychology – 2nd Semester
Forbes Hamman – CHS – AP Human Geography – 2nd Semester
Travis Kerins – CHS – AP Human Geography – 2nd Semester
Dawn Carter – CHS – AP Environmental Science – 2nd Semester
Dawn Carter – CHS – Botany – 2nd Semester
Dawn Carter – CHS – AP Biology – 2nd Semester
Lori Mathis – CHS – Organic Chemistry – 2nd Semester
Lori Mathis – CHS – Inorganic Chemistry – 2nd Semester
Chelsea Branham – CHS – Financial Algebra – 2nd Semester
Chelsea Branham – CHS – Honors Algebra II – 2nd Semester
Chris Constable – CHS – Honors Geometry – 2nd Semester
Tara Nicely – CHS – AP Calculus – AB – 2nd Semester
Megan Clark – CHS – AP Statistics – 2nd Semester

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

Board Member Comments

Mrs Corzine opened the floor for Board Member comments.

Mr. Hartmus challenged the District to explore the possibility of doing year round schooling with hopes of helping to improve test scores. He asked the Superintendent to put a Steering Committee together of interested parties to explore and discuss if this would be a worth while venture. He also asked the Steering Committee to consider and discuss the topic of school uniforms for the District. Mr. Bonner asked that the discussion be re-opened and revisit the possibility of a No Cell Phone in School Policy. Mrs. Corzine concurred with his request. Superintendent Swinehart will begin pulling a committee together to explore these concerns and will give the Board a status update at the April meeting.

Mr. Dennis noted that as a new Board Member he has things to learn about school processes and procedures. He offered to make himself available during the day or evenings for meetings that will help him do his best work as a Board Member.

Recognition

Superintendent Swinehart noted Oscar Mikus was now present and asked him to come forward for recognition. Mr. Mikus was the Board's Student Liaison last year. The Board thanked him for working with them and presented him with an Amazon Gift Card to help with his college needs.

In closing, Ms. Swinehart reported the Ross Counth Health Department has put in the time and effort to make the COVID vaccine available for school staff. This Thursday, January 25th, the Health Department will be set up at the Shoemaker Center to administer the vaccine for the employees of the Chillicothe City Schools and the Paint Valley Local School District. It has been a big undertaking and we thank them for making this possible.

21-02-04 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.