

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF EDUCATION CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

October 26, 2020
5:30 p.m.
CMS/CHS Auditorium

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 Senior Abby Fisk.

20-10-04 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to adopt the agenda with Addendum for the October 26, 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.

PRESENTATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

National Merit Scholarship Award

CHS Principal Matt Ballentine explained Senior Abby Fisk was being recognized for two awards this evening. He reviewed the defining requirements of the National Merit Scholarship Award and announced that Abby has been chosen as a finalist for that Award. It was noted that as far as they can tell from available records, Abby is one of the first students in CHS history to be chosen as eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Award. Secondly, they just found out this week that Abby has also been selected by the College Board to be the National Rural and Small Town Recipient for her outstanding performance on the PSAT and for the potential power of her curiosity and commitment to learning. This recognition makes her more easily connected to colleges around the country.

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 Oscar Mikus updated the Board and Administration on the STEM Program at Chillicothe Primary School. Through communications with STEM Teacher Heather Tarlton, he learned that all three grade levels have been working with their integrated fall units using the new interactive curriculum. Through these STEM unit activities they are developing their reading, math, engineering, writing and science skills. All grade levels at CPS have had interactive Muddy Boots expeditions to Buzzard's Roost which was combined with team learning lessons. These expeditions were also offered to our VLA students on Wednesday afternoons or evenings.

Based on student led curiosity and questions, the Kindergarten class studied plants and their cycle of life, a tree planted in a jar, and how a cider press works. First grade classes did mini beast mapping at Buzzard's Roost and collected data on ant behaviors. The Second grade classes studied the cyclical changes in the environment and with the help of the Historical Society, the linear changes of historical parts of Chillicothe.

Legislative Update

President Mullins reported another Workers's Comp refund has been approved and will be coming soon. Also, another CARES funding is being released in the near future. The Cupp - Patterson school funding bill is coming back up for K-12 Education which should bring schools more money.

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20-10-05 Board Action Authorizing the Sale of Real Property

It was moved by Mrs. Corzine and seconded by Mr. Bonner to approve the following Resolution as presented:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO O.R.C.3313.41

The Board of Education of the Chillicothe City School District authorizes conveyance of its real property located at 145 S. Bridge Street and S. Fifth Street (collectively the "Properties), to Tiffin Village Ventures, LLC, as described in this resolution.

Background:

1. The Board owns the property located at 145 S. Bridge Street, Parcel Number 305603007600, which is comprised of approximately 5.5 acres and is located in the City of Chillicothe, Scioto Township, Ross County.
2. The Board owns the property located at S. Fifth Street, Parcel Number 305612034600, which is comprised of approximately 4.76 acres and is located in the City of Chillicothe, Scioto Township, Ross County.
3. The Board agrees that the Properties are no longer needed by the District for school purposes.
4. No start-up community schools, STEM Schools, or college-preparatory boarding schools are located within the District territory, so the Board is not required to offer the Properties to the governing body of any of those entities as provided in ORC Section 3313.413(B).
5. The Board has conducted a public auction as required by the O.R.C. Section 3313.41(A), and the Properties were not sold.
6. Tiffin Village Ventures, LLC wishes to purchase the Properties, as permitted in O.R.C. Section 3313.41(B).
7. The Board recommends selling the Properties to Tiffin Village Ventures, LLC, by limited warranty deed, for the payment of \$250,000.00.

The Board resolves that:

1. The Properties are no longer needed by the District for school purposes.
2. The Board approves the sale of the Properties to Tiffin Village Ventures, LLC, by limited warranty deed, for the payment of \$250,000.00
3. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to work with legal counsel to prepare a Real Estate Purchase Contract and limited warranty deeds setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale of the Properties.
4. The Board authorizes the Board President and Treasurer, as appropriate, to sign the Real Estate Purchase Contract, limited warranty deeds for the Properties conveying ownership to Tiffin Village Ventures, LLD, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the sale of the Properties.

Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-10-06 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Mullins 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 September 28, 2020 regular meeting and the October 20, 2020 special meeting as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports for the month of September 2020 as presented.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS / DONATIONS

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To accept the following gifts and donations as listed.

\$ 1,428.58 From the Altrusa Club of Chillicothe for Books to give to underprivileged students in grades 1, 2, 3, & 4

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.

20-10-07 Superintendent's Recommendations

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

A. APPROVAL OF M.O.U. BETWEEN CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF CHILLICOTHE

To approve the M.O.U. between the Chillicothe City Schools and the City of Chillicothe to provide medical care for school age children attending school as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK MODIFICATION

To approve the modification to the 2020-2021 Athletic Handbook as presented.

C. 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. **Retirement – Certificated Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year**

Pamela Winks – Teacher – Chillicothe Primary School – effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Winks has 14 years of service with the Chillicothe City Schools.

2. **Retirement – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year**

Melody Knoles – Executive Secretary – District Office – effective January 1, 2021. Mrs. Knoles has over 30 years of service with the Chillicothe City Schools.

3. **Resignations – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year**

Samantha Lunsford – Aide – Mt. Logan Preschool – Effective October 14, 2020
Amanda Cheek – Secretary – CHS – effective October 22, 2020

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

Makinsey Griesheimer – Aide – Mr. Logan Preschool – Monday thru Friday, 3 hours/day - effective Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 0 exp, \$14.95/hour

5. **Step-Salary Increase for 2020-2021 School Year**

Sandina Tackett from MA+15 to MA+30 effective 2nd Semester

6. **Credit Flex Personnel for 2020-2021 School Year – 1st Semester**

Dawn Carter – CHS – AP Biology – 1st Semester
Dawn Carter – CHS – Botany – 1st Semester

7. **Externships / Internships / Student Teachers – 2020-2021 School Year**

Halie Throckmorton – CIS

8. **Employments – Substitute Personnel – (used on an as needed basis)**

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Lydia Price – Substitute Teacher
Heather Cline – Substitute Aide
Heather Cline – Substitute Secretary / Clerical
Heather Cline – Substitute Custodian

9. **Short-Term Leave Without Pay – 2020-2021 School Year**

Amanda Cheek – CHS – 10 days

10. **Supplemental Contracts for 2020-2021 School Year**

John Doughty – CHS – Assistant Football Coach – 0 exp – \$3,456
Austin Drewyor – CHS – Assistant Football Coach – 9 yrs exp – \$4,084
Michael Peck – CHS – Head Wrestling Coach – 14 yrs exp – \$5,498
Caleb Price – CHS – Assistant Wrestling Coach – 4 yrs exp – \$2,671
Eric Huffer – CHS – Head Boys Basketball Coach – 11 yrs exp – \$7,855
John “Alex” Grow – CHS – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – 0 exp – \$3,142
Lance Stoneking – CHS – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – 2 yrs exp – \$3,142
Austin Drewyor – CHS – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – 5 yrs exp – \$3,456
Jeremy Brown – CHS – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach – 0 exp – \$3,142
Rachel Butler – CHS – Assistant Birls Basketball Coach – 0 exp – \$3,142
Jennifer Hayburn – CHS – Head Swim Coach – 3 yrs exp – \$2,985
Lydia Price – CHS – Assistant Swim Coach – 1 yr exp – \$1,257
Scott Gilbert – CHS – Head Bowling Coach – 2 yrs exp – \$2,513
Nancy Arledge – CHS – Cheerleading Supervisor, Winter – 9 yrs exp – \$2,828
Bailey Brabson – CHS – Assistant Cheerleading Supervisor, Winter – 1 yr exp – \$1,100

Steve Bayless – CMS – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, 8th Grade – 3 yrs exp – \$2,985
Eddie Johnson – CMS – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, 7th Grade – 0 exp – \$2,828
Leah Jadwin – CMS – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, 8th Grade – 1 yr exp – \$2,828
Jacob Price – CMS – Assistant Wrestling Coach – 1 yr exp – \$1,571
Teagan McFadden – CMS – Assistant Wrestling Coach – 0 exp – \$1,571

Tara Nicely – CHS – Mathematics Department Coordinator – 4 yrs exp – \$1,414
Tim Kennard – CHS – Thespian Club Advisor – 5 yrs exp – \$566
Tim Kennard – CHS – Musical, Director of Drama – 5 yrs exp – \$2,513
Tim Kennard – CHS – Revue Director – 5 yrs exp – \$1,885
Travis Keirns – CHS – Freshman Class Advisor – 2 yrs exp – \$503
Thomas Watts – CHS – Musical, Director of Instrumental Music – 2 yrs exp – \$943
Thomas Watts – CHS – Director of Orchestra – 3 yrs exp – \$2,199

Thomas Watts – CMS – Director of Orchestra – 1 yr exp – \$1,571

Mala Kennard – CHS – Musical, Director of Vocal Music – 27 yrs exp – \$2,985
Mala Kennard – CHS – Tri-M Music Honor Society Advisor – 4 yrs exp – \$534
Mala Kennard – CHS – Director of Concert / Mixed Choir – 16 yrs exp – \$2,042
Mala Kennard – CHS – Director of Cavalites – 15 yrs exp – \$2,985
Michelle Carpenter – CHS – Pep Band Director – 4 yrs exp – \$1,100
Terri Arredondo – CHS – Senior Class Play Director – 7 yrs exp – \$2,671
Megan Clark – CHS – Beta Club Advisor – 9 yrs exp – \$628

Rachel Henry – CMS – Power of the Pen Advisor – 0 exp – \$628
Judson Burns – CMS – Band Director – 15 yrs exp – \$2,356
Lisa Clark – CMS – Student Council Advisor – 6 yrs exp – \$1,257
Kelly Frailly – CMS – Director of Choirs – 3 yrs exp – \$1,728
Nicolas Windland – CMS – Friday School Monitor – \$25 / hour

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Chelsea Herbert – CPS – Friday School Monitor / Detention – \$25 / hour
Emily Fox – CPS – Friday School Monitor / Detention – \$25 / hour
Bobbie Jones – CPS – Friday School Monitor / Detention – \$25 / hour

11. **Volunteers for 2020-2021 School Year**

Kelli Coffey – CHS – Assistant Supervisor of Cheerleading
Justin Fisk – CHS – Assistant Swim Coach

12. **Job Descriptions**

Director of District Services / Student Supports
Director of Business Operations
Director of Human Resources / Curriculum
Executive Secretary I – Special Education

13. **Items to be Sold / Notice of Disposal**

Old Baseball Uniforms, pants and jerseys; Age: 5-20 yrs old; Quantity 50; Value: \$1 - \$20

* Items not sold by the end of the 20-21 school year will be discarded

Notice of Disposal:

Old Computers, miscellaneous audio / visual equipment (salvage - no value) through Green Wave
Computer Recycling in November, 2020.

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.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Mullins noted the regular scheduled board meeting for November will be changed to a week earlier to accommodate member schedules. Also, he noted Mr. Bonner had asked for an update on what the District is currently doing to improve our scores on the state's report card. President Mullins requested a special board meeting be scheduled before the regular board meeting to discuss these concerns. Superintendent Swinehart suggested a good place to start is with a presentation from Curriculum Director Alissa Putnam on our Literacy Initiatives and how we have totally restructured the way we are teaching reading. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 9th or 10th. Notices of meeting dates and times will be properly announced.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Bonner said he had expressed concerns with school funding and how schools are reporting data. He met with Treasurer Lawwell and has a better understanding and looks forward to future discussions on what we are doing to improve our scores.

Mr. Bonner noted there were recent deaths of some former employees. Teacher and coach Napoleon Cross, coach and former Athletic Director Tom Cuppett passed away recently. Mr. Bonner said he had worked with both of these men who were great coaches. Mrs. Corzine added CHS Art teacher Nancy Grey had also passed away recently. Condolences were expressed to the families of the past employees as well as to Mr. Hartmus and family on the recent passing of his father-in-law.

Mr. Mullins commended all teachers and staff members for all we are doing as a school district that has kept our COVID numbers extremely low. Everyone seems to be doing the right things. He noted there have been some questions concerning the bank and music programs and indoor activities during the colder weather. Those are being considered but nothing is scheduled at this time.

As an update on the Homeland Credit Union Cavalier Athletic Center, Mr. Mullins noted he shared pictures of the remodeled inside areas on the school's Facebook page. Work is still on-going in the fitness center and other areas, however, they are hoping to open the indoor courts for some of our sports in November.

20-10-08 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner 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 5:55 p.m.