

JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Special Meeting
April 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

West Jefferson, Ohio, the Jefferson Local Board of Education met in special session at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Garman, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Keel, Mr. Doran, Mr. Harper, Superintendent, Mr. Mullett, and Treasurer, Mrs. Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Hiss led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET DISCUSSION/REQUESTS

- **High School: Special Education Teacher/Supplementals**

Mr. Metz has an intervention request in which we probably can't get around without violating student/teacher ratio. A priority he would like to bring back are the Art Show advisors, another high priority is a HS Asst. Track Coach. Quick Recall Advsiior is also part of his top three supplementals to bring back.

- **Middle School: Math Teacher/Professional Development/Jumpstart**

Mrs. Omen would like to see her Math Coach become a full time teaching position and this is her number one priority. The job embedded professional development monies can be used from Title I to defray general fund costs. The jump start is a continuation of the budget we had from FY16.

- **Norwood: Social Worker/Curriculum Requests/Bridge Class**

Mrs. Barte's priority is to hire Bridge Class and Care Coordinator. There is a \$15,000.00 increase in budget due to loss of Title I Sub A funds. Her request for professional development monies is to come from Title I. Dr. Hiss asked if we have compared our Care Coordinator costs with Mental Health services. Mrs. Barte would need to know soon with hiring a Care Coordinator. Dr. Hiss wants to make sure the person who is being recommended has the qualifications to fulfill the student and adult counselling.

- **Secondary Curriculum: Digital Textbooks/Books**

Mrs. Scofield is requesting HS and MS English/Language Arts resources. This will support the books needed in the classrooms. These are hard copy book requests along with the \$1500.00 MS/HS replacement books. Dr. Hiss asked if we know if there is any data to support academic growth from the programs we are using and are requesting to continue to use. Mr. Garman asked if we could do some kind of enrichment gifted program.

- **Technology: In-service for Teachers on Chromebooks**

Mr. Dennis was able to defray \$12,000.00 in core switches due to e-rate reimbursement. The dollar figure for chrome books may change due to model and cost. Mrs. Kearns is willing to do professional development for teachers in the summer and is asking to pay teachers a stipend.

- **Cafeteria: Material Items for Next Year**

Mrs. Elkins would like to purchase tubs to put in freezer and then share some of those tubs with Latchkey. The can racks are needed because the plastic racks are breaking. This year \$1,500.00 was spent to repair the hot holding carts. She would like to start replacing one each year.

- **Facilities & Transportation: Norwood Roof; HS/MS Door & Window Repairs; New Lift; Grounds Equipment; Norwood Flooring Repairs; Norwood Restrooms; HS Gym Painting; HS/MS Hand Dryers**

Mr. Hiss presented four repair scenarios to repair the NW roof leak. This cost is \$30,000.00 and will be paid from the 034 fund. For the major costs of four projects is approximately \$66,000.00. Mr. Hiss will get an estimate for painting interior walls at high elevations. Total transportation cost requests are approximately \$10,000.00.

Mr. Mullett and Mrs. Smith will make budget recommendations to the Board by Friday, April 22, 2016. Mr. Harper does not want to dictate to administration on what is priority. He wants to make sure the Board focuses on policy making. Mr. Mullett summarized we obviously need the HS Intervention Teachers and go with the NW roof leak to be paid from the 034 fund.

- **Other**

1. Potential Administrative Compensation

Mr. Doran is asking what percentage do we want to budget for Administrators for the FY17 budget. They agreed to have 3% as the maximum and a pot for stipends up to \$15,000.00.

2. Health Insurance Premium Holiday

The concern of the board is whether the Treasurer or the Board votes on the district taking a premium holiday. It was decided the Treasurer would make those decisions.

3. Gifted

Mr. Harper wants to have a plan to identify those that are gifted. Mrs. Scofield should work on a plan to put this together in order to spend the \$60,000.00 allotted. The Board would like to revisit this issue no later than June 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Keel and seconded by Dr. Hiss that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The vote: Yeas - Mr. Doran, Mr. Harper, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Garman, and Mr. Keel. Meeting Adjourned.

President

Treasurer