

JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Special Meeting
March 30, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

West Jefferson, Ohio, the Jefferson Local Board of Education met in special session at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Shepherd, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Keel, Mr. Doran, Mr. Harper, Superintendent, Mr. Mullett, and Treasurer, Mrs. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Harper led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

Set Date for Summer Work Session

Tentatively set a work session June 29, 2015 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Assignment of Board Committees

Curriculum/Technology – Dr. Hiss and Mr. Shepherd would like to participate on the curriculum & technology committees.

Facilities – Mr. Keel would like to participate on the facilities committee.

Finance – Mr. Doran and Mr. Harper would like to participate on the finance committee. Mr. Mullett will put minutes of various committee meetings in his weekly updates.

Levy Language - Mr. Mullett spoke on the topic of keeping the 9.5 mill levy to a renewal without an increase for seven years. This provides us with spreading out the time period. Mr. Mullett would also anticipate going for a Permanent Improvement levy. The Board members are all on board with putting the emergency levy on without an increase. The April 2015 Board Agenda will have the first resolution for the levy issue.

Administrative/Principal Budgets – Mr. Harper spoke about the meeting held with Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Mullett and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Doran wanted to make sure discussions are taking place with staffing needs. He also wants to make sure they can move monies from one line item to another line item. Mr. Shepherd would like to use history from prior year and build from that. Dr. Hiss feels a training plan needs to be put in place and an allotment of money can potentially be distributed. Mr. Harper agrees a professional development plan needs to be in place prior to a school year. Dr. Hiss also feels the principals should only budget for the tangible items and not the salary and benefits. Mr. Doran agreed but also making sure the principals submit the needs for personnel. Mr. Harper agreed the principals shouldn't manage a budget with existing personnel and benefits. Mr. Harper feels we need to have a process in place with bringing back or hiring new personnel. Mr. Mullett also brought up the potential of hiring a technology integration teacher. All board members are in agreement with hiring a technology integration teacher.

Request for End of Year Last Day – Mr. Mullett spoke on the topic of calamity make up days. Mr. Kitchen and WJEA have requested the month of May to use as additional make up days and forego June 2, 2015 as a day to attend. The question is whether the board waive a day, make up a day or leave it as is. Waiving a day will not be an option. The board members would like to think about and will get back with Mr. Mullett by Friday, April 3, 2015. Mr. Kitchen wanted to have the board members to deliberate in an open session. All board members with the exception of Dr. Hiss wanted to stick with the calendar. Dr. Hiss was willing to let them make up their time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (#2015-54)

Moved by Mr. Keel and seconded by Mr. Shepherd that the Board enter into executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. The vote: Yeas – Mr. Harper, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Doran, Mr. Keel, and Mr. Shepherd. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Keel and seconded by Mr. Shepherd that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The vote: Yeas - Mr. Doran, Mr. Harper, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. Keel. Meeting Adjourned.

President

Treasurer