

JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

West Jefferson, Ohio High School, the Jefferson Local Board of Education met in Regular session at 6:59 pm with the following members present: Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn, Superintendent, Mr. Mullett, and Treasurer, Mr. Ingles.

Ms. Newman was absent from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Preschoolers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Update from Jessica Thompson and Joseph Ortiz on social work at Norwood. Mr. Ortiz is an intern from Ohio State University earning his master's degree in social work.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (#2023-61)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mr. Quinn that the Board adopt the agenda with the following changes:

1. Remove item L.8

The ayes: Mrs. Duemmel, Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Quinn. Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (#2023-62)

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Quinn that the Board approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 13, 2023 as presented.

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel. Approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS (#2023-63)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mrs. Roberts that the Board approve the Monthly Financial Reports as presented.

The ayes: Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Roberts. Approved.

CONSENT ITEMS (#2023-64)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mrs. Roberts that the Board approve consent items H.2-H.4:

H.2: AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

Recommendation to approve amending the certificate of estimated resources as follows:

Ohio Attorney General FY23 School Safety Grant: + \$5,503.43

H.3: AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Recommendation to approve the following amended appropriations:

Ohio Attorney General FY23 School Safety Grant: + \$5,503.43
Community Scholarship (007-9006): + \$1,000.00
Class of 2023 (200-4670): + \$2,300.00

H.4: THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDERS

Recommendation to approve the following Then and Now Purchase Orders:

- a) Madison-Champaign ESC: P.O. 231230, Invoice Dated 3/16/2023, P.O. Dated 3/28/2023.
- b) Central Ohio Youth Center: P.O. 231161/\$7,100; Invoice Dated 3/2/2023; P.O. Dated 3/16/2023.

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel. Approved.

Public Participation

Israel Ochoa spoke to the Board regarding Lifewise, a religious release time program. He would like the Board to consider supportive court decisions and the Ohio Revised Code allowing such a program. He also noted that the student policy adopted in 2007 and revised in 2017 permits the program and Lifewise follows the policy. He stated that the community is in support of the program.

Ray Martin spoke in support of Lifewise. He believes such a program can help with mental health in the schools. He believes religious/Bible education can help support Social and Emotional Learning and coping skills. He also believes such a program can benefit the community as a whole. He asks that the Board allow the program at Jefferson LSD.

Pastor Bob Steinbrecher spoke in favor of Lifewise. He stated that 25-30 community members support the program with over 200 signing an online petition in support. He has taught in schools and understands mental health issues. He noted that parents must sign up for their children to participate in Lifewise and that all liability is borne by the program. He believes the children can benefit from the lessons offered by Lifewise and that the Christian values presented are non-denominational. He wants the Board to consider supporting the program.

Faron Tabor is a pastor who has lived in the community for over 23 years. He stated that he saw improvement in another school after a program like Lifewise was implemented. He believes the religious community can be a great partner for the schools.

Items of Interest or General Information

Professional Meetings
Professional Meeting Reactions

BOARD REPORT

Tolles Report – Ms. Newman

A written report was provided to the Board via email and in its board packet.

OSBA/Legislative Liaison Report – Mrs. Duemmel

The Ohio Senate is on spring break until April 17. OSBA is advocating for the continued implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan. SB87 would make the date of the General Election a paid holiday.

Committee Reports

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR 2022-2023 (#2023-65)

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board approve the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year:

Amy Chessler
Taylor Riegel
Arlene Hughes
Kathryn Higgins
Joseph Ortiz
Ken Sigler

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Duemmel, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts. Approved.

CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR 2022-2023 (#2023-66)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mr. Quinn that the Board approve the following classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year:

Canyon Schneider (custodian)
Dallas Standall (custodian)

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel. Approved.

DONATIONS (#2023-67)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Roberts that the Board accept the following donations:

- a) School supplies, youth pants, youth socks and games/activities (valued at \$937.00) to Norwood Elementary from Amazon.
- b) One (1) game field baseball mound (valued at \$3,000) and one (1) practice bullpen baseball mound (valued at \$1,000) to the Athletic Department from West Jefferson Golden Gloves.
- c) \$500 to the Athletic Department for the purchase of a new fence drag from the West Jefferson Golden Gloves.

The ayes: Mrs. Duemmel, Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Quinn. Approved.

RESIGNATION - (WATERCUTTER) (#2023-68)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board accept the resignation of Jacob Watercutter as High School Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year effective immediately.

The ayes: Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Quinn, Mrs. Duemmel, Dr. Hiss. Approved.

EMPLOYMENT

SUMMER CLEANING CUSTODIANS (#2023-69)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board approve the employment of the following for summer cleaning custodial work, as needed, at the rate of \$16.00 per hour:

Canyon Schneider
Tyler Buescher
Mason Cordetti

The ayes: Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Duemmel, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Quinn. Approved.

WANDA MORGAN - ELEMENTARY TEACHER (#2023-70)

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board approve the employment of Wanda Morgan on a one-year contract as an Elementary Teacher (4th grade) for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 16, 2023, step BS/3.*

*pending completion of required license endorsement

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Duemmel, Mrs. Roberts. Approved.

KATHRYN SHARP - M.S. GUIDANCE COUNSELOR (#2023-71)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mr. Quinn that the Board approve the employment of Kathrine Sharp on a one-year contract as Middle School Guidance Counselor for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 16, 2023, step BS/8.*

*pending verification of experience, licensure, transcripts and background checks

The ayes: Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss. Approved.

EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACTS FOR 2022-2023 (#2023-72)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Roberts that the Board approve the following one-year extracurricular contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Zoie Fisher – Volunteer H.S. Assistant Track Coach
Cassandra Phipps – Volunteer M.S. Track Monitor
Dennis Boyd – H.S. Assist. Baseball Coach, step 6 (3643.92)
Kirklen Shedlock – M.S. Head Baseball Coach (8th gr.), step 1 (2429.28)
Peyton Rife – M.S. Assist. Baseball Coach (7th gr.), step 1 (1619.52)

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel. Approved.

EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACT FOR 2022-2023 – L. ROBERTS (#2023-73)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Roberts that the Board approve the following one-year extracurricular contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Loriena Roberts – Volunteer M.S. Track Monitor

The ayes: Mrs. Duemmel, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Quinn.

Abstain: Mrs. Roberts

Approved.

TEACHER CONTRACT RENEWALS (#2023-74)

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board approve the teacher contract renewals as presented.

The ayes: Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn. Approved.

ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION (#2023-75)

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board adopt a Resolution of a two-day unpaid suspension for custodian Elaine Winstead as presented.

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Duemmel. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

The ayes: Mrs. Duemmel, Mrs. Roberts, Dr. Hiss, Mr. Quinn.

Meeting adjourned.

President

Treasurer