

JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOLS
Special Meeting
March 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

West Jefferson, Ohio the Jefferson Local Board of Education met in special session at 6:02 pm with the following members present: Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Ms. Newman, Mr. Harper, Superintendent, Mr. Mullett, and Treasurer, Mr. Ingles.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Hiss led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

META SOLUTIONS CONTRACT FOR E-RATE – INTERNET SERVICE (#2022-46)

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Ms. Newman that the Board approve the META Solutions Contract E-Rate bid for internet services for a period of 7/1/22 through 6/30/27 at a cost of \$43,440.00 per year of which 70% (30,408) is covered by E-Rate.

The ayes: Dr. Hiss, Mr. Harper, Ms. Newman, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn. Approved.

LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, LTD – CONTRACT FOR TRASH COLLECTION (#2022-47)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Duemmel that the Board approve Local Waste Services, LTD Contract for trash and cardboard recycling services for a three (3) year contract effective March 1, 2022 at a cost of \$14,871.00 the first year and increase of 6% per year for years two and three.

The ayes: Mr. Harper, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Quinn, Dr. Hiss, Ms. Newman. Approved.

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT GOALS UPDATE/PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Mullett and Mr. Ingles discussed the shared superintendent/treasurer goal of creating and distributing a District newsletter. The Board brought up the possibility of distributing via Final Forms. Mr. Ingles and Mr. Mullett will follow up with Mr. Dennis about that possibility.

Mr. Mullett discussed his goal analyzing District operations. He has held meetings with all the staff at Norwood. A need for an additional special education teacher was identified and will be posted. The need for an additional aide was also discussed. ESSER funds will be used to provide additional social-emotional support at all the buildings. The building capacities was discussed. At this time there is no need for additional space as all the buildings are currently below the industry benchmark for utilization. The proposed residential growth will not occur for several years and even then the buildings can absorb the additional students. The five-year facility maintenance plan is in the process of being updated. The need for a permanent improvement levy was also discussed.

Mr. Ingles discussed his goal of implementing technology in the treasurer's office. That goal is complete. Mr. Ingles discussed the benefits of the new system and how it was implemented. Ms. Newman asked about scanning the items in the vault. Mr. Ingles noted that it would have to be outsourced due to the size of the volumes needed to be scanned.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board discussed the committee make up and consolidated committees. Mr. Mullett explained the history behind the District Leadership Committee. That committee was eliminated. The Retiring Employee committee was also eliminated. The Procedure/Policy/Investment/Audit committee was also eliminated with some aspects consolidated with the Budget/Finance Committee.

The following committees will be in place for 2022.

Certified Labor Negotiations

Classified Labor Negotiations

School Year Calendar

Facilities/Operations

- Safety/Security Committee consolidated to this committee

Curriculum and Technology

- Includes Building Leadership Team

District Growth and Development

Health Insurance

Assignments to committees will follow.

SUBSTITUTE LEVY DISCUSSION

Mr. Ingles discussed the specifics of a substitute levy and how it differs from a renewal. While it will function as a renewal on existing tax payers, as the District experiences growth and as abated properties lose their abatements the District will collect additional millage on those properties. There will need to be two resolutions approved by the Board by August in order for it to be on the November 2022 ballot. The current emergency levy expires at the end 2023 and brings it approximately 11% of the District's revenue, so it's important for it to be renewed in some fashion.

Mrs. Duemmel suggested creating short videos and having community sessions explaining the levy.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Mr. Mullett passed out draft versions of the school calendar for 2022-2023 for the Board to discuss. It will be on the March 2022 regular meeting agenda for approval. Graduation is proposed to be held on a Friday in 2023. The Board had a discussion about the pros and cons of making such a move. It was stressed that the Board needs to be involved in any such decisions.

Mrs. Duemmel noted that there is one less student day in 2022-2023 in order to give teachers an additional workday. Even with the loss of the school day the District is still meeting its legal obligations for instructional hours.

ROUGH RIDER OPTIMIZATION CENTER DONATION

The Roughrider Optimization Center (ROC) building is now complete and an occupancy permit has been issued. The Boosters will donate the building to the District at its March 2022 regular meeting. A formal ceremony will follow. Mr. Mullett and Mr. Harper will work on making arrangements for the ceremony.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Harper noted that Mrs. Breckenridge, the superintendent's secretary, will be reaching 50 years of service to the school district. Mr. Harper asked Mr. Mullett if anything is planned to recognize her service. Mr. Mullett said no but he will discuss with Mrs. Breckenridge how she would like to be recognized.

Mr. Bute invited the Board to see Renaissance Group projects at 6:30 pm before the regular Board meeting.

Tom Kitchen asked if there is a possibility to give Dick Dickerson a permanent pass to all athletic events. Mr. Dickerson provided the majority of the funding to the ROC. Mr. Mullett will discuss with athletics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (#2022-48)

Moved by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Ms. Newman that the Board enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) for the following purpose:

To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

The ayes: Mr. Quinn, Ms. Newman, Mrs. Duemmel, Mr. Harper, Dr. Hiss. Approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Duemmel and seconded by Mr. Quinn that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

President

Treasurer