

**Cardinal Local School District
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2017**

The **Regular Meeting** of the Cardinal Board of Education held at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2017, was attended by Ken Klima, Wendy Anderson, Linda Smallwood and Katie Thomas. Greg McClain arrived late.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations:

Student Recognition – Mrs. Thomas congratulated the following students:

Mathletes: 15 Cardinal Middle School 5th and 6th graders gave up their free time on Saturday, February 18 to represent their school in the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition held at Garfield Schools in Garrettsville. Events included problem solving, mental math, and the construction of figures. Teams of four contestants practiced twice a week for a month leading up to the competition. "Students found that along with math knowledge and reasoning, teams needed dedication, communication and cooperation to do well," says Cardinal Gifted Coordinator Melody Barber. "We are proud of their efforts!" Competitors included 5th graders Allison Blasko, Emma Geesling, Jamie Marlowe, Logan Strever, Lillian Katz, Liliana Morris, Anna Layman, & Ryan Nelson. 6th graders were Tim Mast, Jenna Osborn, Nathan Lunger, Audrey Avalon, Owen Veon, Ava Gough, & Anastasia Fisher. Thank you Mathletes for representing us well! The 7th and 8th grade teams competed this past weekend. We will recognize them at the April meeting.

Rotary Speech Contest: Congratulations to CHS students Brendan White, Kailyn Foutty, and Victoria McClain on their efforts in the Rotary Club of Burton Middlefield 4-Way Speech Test competition February 22! The trio were three of six high school students to compete. Students had to speak about an ethical issue that they applied to the following four questions: 1) Is it the truth? 2.) Is it fair to all concerned? 3.) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4.) Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Victoria, who earned second place, spoke on the dangers of drinking and driving; Kailyn, who was awarded third place, spoke on the benefits of interracial and multicultural adoption; and Brendan spoke about the benefits of integrating students with multiple disabilities into the public school setting. Congratulations to all of the competitors!

Mr. Klima commended every one on a good job!

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

Human Resources/Personnel

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the following personnel matters:

Retirement

- Mary Jane Bookamire, JES Custodian, effective May 26, 2017.

FMLA

- Kaylee Wells, 1st grade teacher, effective April 26, 2017.

Supplemental Contract

- Alysha Makwoski, Flag Line Advisor for the 2017-18 school year, Step 0, .04.

Resignation

- Jaymee Wittlock, Technology Manager, effective March 17, 2017.

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Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye

Agreements

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mr. McClain seconded a motion to approve the following agreements:

- Aligned School District Service Agreement with the Geauga County Educational Service Center. (ATTACHMENT A)
- Purchase Service Agreement with Newbury Local School District to provide speech and language services to Newbury preschool students enrolled in the Geauga County ESC's preschool classroom located at Jordak Elementary; services billed at hourly rate of \$31.13, effective for the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Hunt stated they have been working for the last couple of years to improve the service agreements with the ESC. The new superintendent has been meeting with district superintendents and has come up with a basic agreement and ala carte services. This will lead to better costs based on our needs. Mrs. Thomas asked if we are expecting to save money. Dr. Hunt said we could, but it is based around special education needs which can change each year. Mr. McClain asked if the fees will be modified by the number of schools participating. Dr. Hunt replied the affiliated schools will see a different cost than the non-affiliated schools.

Roll call vote:

Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye

Donations

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the following donations:

- Carter Lumber
 - Lumber for musical sets, \$738.19 value
 - Double wall culvert for softball tarp storage, \$333.24 value
- Bentrionix, 4 cordless drill sets with chargers and accessories for set construction for the musical, \$320.00 value
- The Lanstrum Family, costume materials for musical, \$100.00 value
- Western Reserve, paint and 2x4s for the musical, \$410.00 value
- Cardinal Music Boosters, \$288.46 for pay-to-participate fees
- First United Methodist Church, \$162.00 for pay-to-participate fees for the musical; \$500.00 for athletic pay-to-participate fees
- Bridgette Wasil & Family, \$50.00 toward pay-to-participate fees
- Peggy Karg, \$10.00 toward pay-to-participate fees
- Lee Selby, \$125.00, toward pay-to-participate fees
- Track pay-to-participate fees
 - Lukas Family, \$5,000
 - Luke Kruse, \$80.00
 - Mercury Plastics, \$250.00
 - Lechene Trucking, \$500.00
- Softball pay-to-participate fees
 - Ben Garlich, \$1,000
 - Anonymous, \$50.00
 - Heckman Family, \$1,000

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- Siracki Realty, \$1,000
- Watson's 87 Furniture, \$1,000
- Karl's Jewelry, \$100.00
- McIntosh Insurance Agency, \$100.00
- Junction Auto, \$350.00
- First Quality Power Place, \$250.00
- MD Realty, \$250.00
- Bruce Leichtman Berkshire Hathaway, \$250.00
- Anonymous, \$20.00
- Dave and Donna List, \$200.00, baseball pay-to-participate fees
- Baseball GoFundMe fundraiser donations
 - PJF
 - Eric Szczepinski
 - Jason Smith
 - Rick & Deb Klepper
 - Jason Passek
 - Shelly Novotny
 - Roger Gingrich
 - Jason Driscoll
 - Kevin Pollari
 - Alex Stanton
 - Anissa Fehring
 - Jason Dulka
 - Mike Dolezal
 - Patrick Harper
 - Mike Dietrich

Mr. McClain thanked the entire community for stepping up and helping with the pay-to-participate fees.

Roll call vote:

Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye

Volunteers

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion to approve the parent volunteers for the 2017 Spring Musical:

Melanie Dubasik
Lisa Nelson
Barb Rayburn
Jennifer Silva

Gina Swayer
Todd Nelson
Elisabeth Robinson
Matt Smith

John Holt
Susan Polomsky
Patrick Robinson
Allyson Yoder

Roll call vote:

Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye

Handbook

Mrs. Smallwood moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion to approve the Cardinal Driver Handbook for the 2017-18 school year. (ATTACHMENT B)

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Mrs. Thomas asked if there was a handbook in previous years. Dr. Hunt stated there was but not a Board approved one. Diane Baumgartner added they had one but it had not been updated in quite a while.

Roll call vote:

Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye

Treasurer's Report:

Minutes

Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017, regular meeting and the February 22, 2017, special/work session meeting.

Mr. Klima asked if there were any changes. Ms. Knuckles stated the Board received the updated minutes for the February 22 meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye, Greg McClain, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Katie Thomas, aye

Bills

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,120,679.72 (includes payroll) paid during February, 2017, and those necessary for March, 2017.

Roll call vote:

Wendy Anderson, aye Greg McClain, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Katie Thomas, aye Ken Klima, aye

Financial Reports

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mr. McClain seconded a motion to approve the SM1, the Monthly Financial Reports and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending February 28, 2017, as submitted. Also approve the amendments to the Certified Revenues and Appropriations for the month of February, and those amendments necessary for March. General Fund Certified Revenues are \$14,199,984. All Other Fund Certified Revenues are \$3,458,314.62. General Fund Appropriations are \$14,090,503. All Other Fund Appropriations are \$3,343,601.78.

Roll call vote:

Greg McClain, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Katie Thomas, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye

Interest Income

The School District earned \$175.10 in interest income for the month of February; fiscal year-to-date total is \$2,735.69. Interest rates are: Middlefield Bank – 0.30%.

Resolution

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor.

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2017; and,

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WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Geauga County , Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Cardinal Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Schedule A

Summary of Amounts Required from General Property Tax approved by Budget Commission and County Auditor's Estimated Tax Rates:

Fund	Amount Outside 10 mill limitation	Amount Approved Inside 10 mill limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate	
			Inside	Outside
General Fund	6,399,763	1,061,347	3.50	47.60
Bond Retirement	676,230	-0-		2.23
Bond Retirement – Library	221,367	-0-		0.73
Permanent Improvement		303,242	1.00	
TOTAL	\$7,297,360	\$1,364,589	4.50	50.56

Schedule B

Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Exclusive of Debt Levies

	Max Authorized to be Levied	Estimated Yield
General Fund: Current Expenses		
1976 Continuing	20.2	1,704,777
1977 Continuing	5.7	481,051
1981 Continuing	7.5	751,377
1985 Continuing	4.5	597,291
2012 5 yr Limited	9.7	2,865,267
TOTAL GENERAL OUTSIDE	47.6	\$6,399,763

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Bond Retirement Fund - Levy authorized by voters on November 2, 1999 not to exceed 25 years
November 6, 2001 not to exceed 20 years

1999		2.23	\$676,230
2001	Library Bond Issue	.73	\$221,367

And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Roll call vote:

Linda Smallwood, aye Katie Thomas, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Greg McClain, aye

Ms. Knuckles was asked to briefly discuss the state budget spreadsheet for the Geauga County schools she provided to the Board. The spreadsheet shows FY 2017 information for the state funding – expected amount of \$2,543,896 and TPP replacement supplement – expecting \$1,643,690 for a total of \$4,187,586 in state funded support for FY 2017. It also shows the estimated amounts for FY 2018 and FY 2019. For FY 2018 the state funding – expected amount of \$2,414,463 (a loss of \$129,433) and TPP replacement supplement – expecting \$1,243,584 (a loss of \$400,106) for a total of \$3,658,047 in state funded support for FY 2018 – a loss of \$529,539 in state funding. For FY 2019 the state funding – expected amount of \$2,414,463 (same a FY 2018) and TPP replacement supplement – expecting \$1,053,202 (a loss of \$190,382) for a total of \$3,467,665 in state funded support for FY 2019 – a loss of \$190,382 in state funding. Cardinal is the only school in Geauga County still receiving TPP monies. The others had much lower amounts to phase out unlike us who received over \$4 million a year in TPP monies before the TPP was replaced with the CAT tax and the phase out period began. So basically we are expecting a \$500,000 loss in revenues for the start of FY 2018. This will need to be taken into consideration when discussing cuts for the next year.

Information:

- o March 14: MS/HS Spring Sports Pictures, 2:30 p.m.
- o March 15: Early Release Day
- o March 15: CMS PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- o March 17 & 18: Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m.
- o March 19: Spring Musical, 3:00 p.m.
- o March 22: Early Release Day
- o March 22: BOE Work Session, 6:00 p.m. m- *To be changed to a special meeting*
- o March 24: Hoops for Huskies, CMS, 7:00 p.m.
- o March 27-31: No School - Spring Break
- o April 5: Early Release Day
- o April 5: CIS Academic Rallies
- o April 7: 5th & 6th Grade Daddy/Daughter Dance, 6:00 p.m.
- o April 11: 3rd Grade Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- o April 11: 4th Grade Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- o April 12: BOE Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Legislative Update:

Mrs. Anderson reported they are still trying to figure out the budget. HB 610 is to repeal the education act of 1965. Many things will be affected by this bill including ESSA. We have a lame duck governor with two candidates for governor as of now.

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Auburn Career Center:

Mr. Klima reported due to illness he missed the meeting.

Executive Session:

Upon conclusion of these executive sessions, the Governing Board President will gavel the Governing Board back into open session at this location. All matters discussed in all executive sessions are designated to the public officials and employees as confidential pursuant to R.C. 102.03(B) because of the status of the proceedings and/or the circumstances under which the information will be received, and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government business.

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion for the Cardinal Local Schools Board of Education to recess into executive session for the purpose of employment and compensation of a public employee.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Greg McClain, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye

Motion approved: 6:30 P.M.
Time Retire: 6:45 P.M.
Time Return from Executive Session: 6:58 P.M.

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion for the Cardinal Local Schools Board of Education to recess into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment, dismissal, discipline, and/or demotion of a public employee.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Greg McClain, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye

Motion approved: 7:00 P.M.
Time Retire: 7:00 P.M.
Time Return from Executive Session: 8:10 P.M.

Adjournment:

Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Roll call vote: unanimous yes.