

**Cardinal Local School District  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2018**

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The **Regular Meeting** of the Cardinal Board of Education held at 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 2018, was attended by Ken Klima, Wendy Anderson, Barb Rayburn, Linda Smallwood and Katie Thomas.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentations:**

**State Auditor Award** – Jim Shaw, the Regional Liaison for the Auditor of State's Office, was in attendance to congratulate Merry Lou Knuckles, Treasurer for earning the Auditor of State Award for excellence in reporting. In the state of Ohio over 5,000 entities are subject to financial audits. Less than 10% receive the award for their financial report. You have a great treasurer here. It is hard to find and keep good treasurers with the uncertain funding and financial stress at school districts. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability. The requirements for this award are timely submission of financial audit, no Ethics referrals, no findings for recovery or material citations or findings, public records in good shape and no questioned costs. He was pleased to present this award to Ms. Knuckles.

**Jordak Elementary Choir** – Joel Kithkart presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who meet before school to participate in a school choir. They have performed at the Veteran's Day celebration and at Briar Hill Nursing Home. They have a concert on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and welcome everyone to attend. *The group performed for the Board and the audience.*

**Student Recognition:**

**WVIZ PBS Ideastream Newsdepth Opinions** - We are excited to share three more of our Huskie Pups have had their opinions featured on the WVIZ/PBS ideastream® program Newsdepth! 4th graders Brody Scott and Chase Day wrote about what law they would create if they could and their thoughts on banning loud cars at night was a hit! They said, "This law is important because nobody there will get woken up. This will make life more restful for everyone!" Leah Gingerich is our sixth student to have their thoughts shared on Newsdepth. Leah wrote an opinion on which Presidential power she thought was the most important. Of veto, pardon, and executive order, Leah said she thought pardon was the most important because, "a President is the only one who can get a criminal out of jail. First, the President has to think about what the criminal has done and decide if jail is the best place for the involved person. I think the President's most important power is the pardon because he or she must make a decision about somebody's life." All of the students were so excited to see their respective opinions featured on the program when they watched in Mrs. Torre's class. Great job pups!

**Future City** - Congratulations to the CMS 8th grade Future City team who placed 5th overall at the Future City Competition January 20th - the highest finish from any Cardinal team since Future City started in 2014! Led by 8th grade teacher Shaun Spence, Chloe Dubasik, Justine Bell, and Lauren Soltis represented the Huskies this year. They used SimCity software to design their city and address this year's engineering challenge of waste management. The trio had to write an essay explaining their response and then give a presentation to a panel of judges and answer questions about their design. The group also received an honorable mention for Most Environmentally Friendly. In addition to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Jackson Puruczky also assisted the group with their model and traveled to the competition. He was a vital part of the team's success this year.

**Rotary Speech Contest** - Congratulations to our CHS students who participated in the Rotary Club of Burton Middlefield 4-Way Test Speech Contest February 14th! Students who participated were junior Kailyn Foutty, senior Brendan White, and sophomore Abby Geesling. Rotary awards monetary prizes for the top three speeches. Brendan took third place for his speech on the "Me Too" movement. Kailyn delivered a speech on

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being too easily offended and took first place! She earned a \$500 monetary prize and will advance to the district level competition at Aurora High School on April 7th. Abby's speech was on the power of first impressions. Thank you to Dave Terrill and the other members of Rotary for offering this excellent opportunity for our students. Congratulations!

**Record Breakers** - It was a record breaking season for both the boys and girls varsity basketball teams this year! Not only did they both have fantastic regular seasons, but several players have broken and/or tied school records! Along with shattering her mom's single-season rebound record WITH 298, junior Camille Cummins also set the single-season block record with 65 this year. Fellow junior Ashley Gubanyar broke the school record for number of assists in a single game with 10 and then tied the school record for number of 3 pointers in a game with 5. On the boys side, senior Luke Timas makes history with a career free-throw percentage of 82% and junior Robbie Bruncak has tied the school record for three pointers in a single game four times in two seasons with 6. WOW!!! Congratulations to our outstanding athletes on career seasons!

**Discussion Item:**

Student Walkout – Dr. Hunt shared March 14<sup>th</sup> was National Student Walkout Day in support of the victims of Parkland. We have had discussions with our students and while we support their right to participate we did note they were best to not put themselves at risk. At the high school this morning about 50 students walked down to the gym where some sat in silence, some wrote letters to our congressmen and some just talked. Two students at the middle school went down to the gym. We did have police presence at both buildings. Keeping kids safe was our priority. Another walkout is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> and we will give the same advice about safety prior to that day.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Action Items:**

**Human Resources/Personnel**

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

- A. Retirements
  - Eva Bratnick, EMIS Coordinator/Registrar, effective July 31, 2018
  - Richard Reighard, driver, effective July 31, 2018
  
- B. FMLA
  - Tammy Clendenin, Driver, February 27, 2018 as needed
  - Debra Martell, CHS Head Cook, effective March 5, 2018 - May 25, 2018
  - Nancy Southern, CHS Paraprofessional, effective March 15 - April 2, 2018
  
- C. Summer Casual Labor
  - 30 hours/week
    - Brandon Collins, \$10.00/hour
    - Lori Dines, at current rate of pay
    - Ryan Frederick, \$10.00/hour
    - Max Retych, \$10.00/hour
  - 20 hours/week
    - Art Wade, at current rate of pay

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- D. Volunteers  
CHS AMP - Paul Ware, pending completion of paperwork.

Roll call vote:

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

**ESC Services**

Mr. Klima moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve the Aligned School District Service Agreement with the Geauga County ESC. (ATTACHMENT A)

*Dr. Hunt stated we entered into an agreement with the ESC for special education services.*

Roll call vote:

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

**New Club**

Mrs. Smallwood moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve the creation of the AMP (A Movement of Power) volunteer club at CHS.

*Mrs. Thomas asked what this club is.* Dr. Hunt replied a Christian-based club that meets after school on a voluntary basis, led by Paul Ware, who we just approved as a volunteer.

Roll call vote:

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

**Grounds Usage**

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mr. Klima seconded a motion to approve the use of Cardinal Middle School grounds on July 26 & 27, 2018 for the Kelly Miller Circus.

Roll call vote:

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

**Overnight Trip**

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve an overnight trip for the CHS Drama Club (eight students) to attend the State Thespian Conference March 23-25, 2018 in Clayton, Ohio; costs to be covered by grant money, Cardinal Music Boosters, and \$50.00/student payment; Josh Esenwine and Vanessa Pintabona to chaperone.

Roll call vote:

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

**School Trip**

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve a school trip to **Costa Rica** from June 21-30, 2020 coordinated by CHS teacher Ben Clutter; trip replaces one previously approved for 2019.

Roll call vote:

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

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**Resolution**

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion to adopt the following resolution in opposition to House Bill 512 - Restructure Education Agencies and Their Duties:

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a new state agency called the Department of Learning and Achievement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal transfers nearly all the duties and authority of the State Board of Education and the superintendent of public instruction to the new state agency; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was drafted without the input of students, parents, educators, administrators, schools, school districts, superintendents and board members, all of whom would be negatively affected by the bill; and

WHEREAS, this legislation creates an environment in which the unique needs of students, educators, parents and school districts will be lost within an expanded bureaucracy, and the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education would be undermined by stripping the board of nearly all its duties; and

WHEREAS, supporters of the bill cite a lack of communication among state education agencies as the key source of Ohio's education problems, but effective collaboration and cooperation is already occurring, and each school district strives to effectively prepare its students for college or a career; and

WHEREAS, important decisions on topics like school funding, graduation requirements, report cards and state assessments would be made by politically appointed, unelected staff with little to no accountability and under a process with almost no public input; and

WHEREAS, public education is at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no exception; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the **Cardinal Local Schools** Board of Education does express its opposition to this legislation, HB 512; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the board of education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

*Dr. Hunt stated this is our opposition to align the three state organizations into one under the governor's office.*

Roll call vote:

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

**Donations and Grants**

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

- Centerra Co-Op, \$241.52 in supplies for the Spring Musical
- Flambeau, Inc., 360 yo-yos to JES (estimated value: \$360)
- Jordak Elementary PTA, \$1,297.10 to purchase 218 books for One School, One Book program
- Tammi Cable, 36 AAA batteries for graphing calculators (estimated value: \$25.00)

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- Timmons Elementary School, 205 books for One School, One Book program (estimated value: \$1,230); assembly and school decorations for One School, One Book program (estimated value: \$1,000)

And approve the following grant:

- State Theater Board, approximately \$1,152 to cover registration (\$80/ student) and transportation (\$72/student) for State Thespian Conference.

Roll call vote:

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018, regular meetings and the February 28, 2018, special/work session meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye   Wendy Anderson, aye,   Barb Rayburn, aye   Linda Smallwood, aye   Katie Thomas, abstain

**Bills**

Mrs. Smallwood moved and Mrs. Rayburn seconded a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,371,245.61 (includes payroll) paid during February, 2018 and those necessary for March 2018.

Roll call vote:

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

**Financial Reports**

Mr. Klima moved and Mrs. Rayburn seconded a motion to approve the SM1, the Monthly Financial Reports and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending February 28, 2018, 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 \$13,909,359. All Other Fund Certified Revenues are \$3,113,784.36. General Fund Appropriations are \$13,970,877. All Other Fund Appropriations are \$3,154,080.06.

Roll call vote:

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

**Interest Income**

The School District earned \$373.78 in interest income for the month of February, fiscal year-to-date total is \$3,456.58. Interest rates are: Middlefield Bank – 0.30%.

**New Account**

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the new Account for the Drama Club, budget to be determined later.

Revenue 200-1620-908D-001  
Expenditure 200-4670-890-908D-001

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Roll call vote:

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

**Rate Resolution**

Mrs. Smallwood moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to approve the Resolution 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; and,

**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	8,152,280	1,065,488	3.50	53.10
Bond Retirement	691,045	-0-		2.27
Bond Retirement – Library	225,275	-0-		0.74
Permanent Improvement	<u>0</u>	<u>304,425</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>    </u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$9,068,600</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,369,913</u></b>	<b><u>4.50</u></b>	<b><u>56.11</u></b>

**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	1,727,813
1977 Continuing	5.7	487,551
1981 Continuing	7.5	761,930
1985 Continuing	4.5	605,713
2012 5 yr Limited	9.7	2,894,934
2017 Continuing	<u>5.5</u>	<u>1,674,339</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL OUTSIDE</b>	<b><u>53.1</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,152,280</u></b>

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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		2.27	\$691,045
2001	Library Bond Issue	.74	\$225,275

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.

*Ms. Knuckles stated these are the new rates for this fiscal year to include the new 5.5 mill operating levy.*

Roll call vote:

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

**Information:**

March 16-17: Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m. - CMS  
March 17: Seussical Luncheon, 11:30 am - CMS  
March 18: Spring Musical, 3:00 p.m. - CMS  
March 19: Music Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m - CHS  
March 20: Winter Sports Banquet, 6:00 p.m. - CHS  
March 21: Early Release Day  
March 21: CMS PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
March 26-30: No School - Spring Break  
April 2: No School - Teacher Comp Day  
April 3: Classes resume  
April 7: Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle, 5:30 p.m. - Mespo Expo  
April 9-13: 3rd & 4th grade ELA Testing  
April 10: 3rd grade Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m. - CMS  
April 10: 4th grade Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. - CMS  
April 11: Early Release Day  
April 11: JES Academic Rallies  
April 11: BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
April 13: Kiwanis Fish Fry, 4:30-7:00 p.m. - CMS

**Meetings:**

March 28 – Special Meeting/Work Session is CANCELLED.

**Legislative Update:**

Mrs. Anderson reported there are a couple of items out there. The resolution for HB 512 – which we passed tonight, and HB 87 passed 94 to 2 for the funds received after the community school audits to be passed back to the public schools.

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**Auburn Career Center:**

Mr. Klima reported the first sign-ups for next year classes was held and enrollment was 566; up more than 100 over availability of spots. Cosmetology has 111 signed up and only room for 40. They are ahead of last year. *Mrs. Anderson said she saw an article that Julie Ramos posted about how we are needing to go back to trades in our schools.*

**Information:**

Mr. Klima stated Mrs. Smallwood and Mrs. Rayburn approached him about a Safety Committee and they would like to be a part of that. They will then update the Board. *Dr. Hunt stated we would need to set up a committee with board members and staff.* Dave Noble asked if there was any news on the resource officer. *Dr. Hunt stated not yet, but he will share that information when it is available.*

**Executive Session:**

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 Employee Contracts. Upon conclusion of this executive session, 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.

Motion Approved at 6:35 P.M.

Time Retired: 6:40 P.M.

Time Returned from Executive Session 7:35 P.M.

Roll call vote:

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

**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Roll call vote: unanimous yes.

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Kenneth Klima, President

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Merry Lou Knuckles, Treasurer