

Board Meeting (Monday, November 30, 2020)

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President Piechowiak convened the regular board meeting of the Maumee City Board of Education at 5:30 pm on November 30, 2020.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent.

20-11-09 Approval and Signing of the Board of Education Minutes

It was moved by Mrs Campos and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board approves the minutes.

November 9, 2020 Board of Education Work Session Minutes

November 18, 2020 Board of Education Retreat Minutes

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-10 Financial Statements, Cash Reconciliation

It was moved by Mrs Wolff and second by Mrs Campos that the Board approve the following financial reports:

The Treasurer requests the Board approve the Financial Statements, Cash Reconciliation as presented.

Each month the Board is presented with the following financial reports:

1] Financial Statement

2] Cash Reconciliation

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-11 5-Year Forecast

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board adopt the presented Five-Year Forecast as required by law.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-12 Fair School Funding Resolution

It was moved by Mrs Campos and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board approve the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE COMPANION BILL TO SUBSTITUTE H.B. 305, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in **DeRolph v. State of Ohio** (1997) that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in **DeRolph**, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the **DeRolph** decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio's constitutional standard of securing "... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court's order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of "funding fixes" legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's previous biennial budget crafted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with "capped" districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the "guarantee"; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either "capped" in their funding, or on the "guarantee," which is a testament that Ohio's funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current biennial budget crafted by the 133rd General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on "the guarantee"), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the "Cupp-Patterson Workgroup"), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a "thorough and efficient system of common schools" that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the "Base Cost"); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio's children and Ohio's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Maumee City School District, that:

- It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in S.B. 376 of the 133rd General Assembly (the Senate companion bill to Substitute H.B. 305), to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century.
- This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-13 Request for Advancement of Taxes Collected Resolution

It was moved by Mrs Wolff and second by Mrs Piechowiak that the Board approve the attached resolution to request the advance of taxes collected by the Auditor of Lucas County.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-14 Establish Administrative Target for 2020-2021

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Campos that the administrative compensation target be set at 2.5 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-15 Resolution - Complimentary Passes

It was moved by Mrs Wolff and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board adopt the Complimentary Passes Resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the Board of Education offers certain benefits to our employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education offers certain benefits to community residents and other individuals; and

WHEREAS, the District and community benefit through the presence of District faculty, staff, and others identified in this resolution at school sponsored athletic and cultural events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Maumee City School District Board of Education as follows:

The Board of Education provides complimentary passes and waives payment of any entry fee to the events listed below for all full time and part time employees and Golden Panther card holders, current Board of Education members, teaching staff and operational staff (including other individuals by designation e.g., Golden Buckeye citizens, current/former Board of Education members, District retirees, current municipal officials, current fire/police/safety officials, etc.) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Complimentary passes/payment waiver applies to the following District events:

1. Athletic Contests
2. Performing and Visual Arts Events

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-16 Gifts and Donations

It was moved by Mrs Balcerzak and second by Mrs Campos that the Board accept with gratitude the following gifts and donations.

1. Douglas and Patricia Brainard donated \$100 to the Janice Brainard Scholarship Fund in memory of Jerry R. Jones.
2. Staff members at William Vaughan Company donated \$755 dollars in gift cards to support Maumee City Schools families for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-17 Personnel

A. Resignations/Retirements

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Campos that the Board approve the following resignations / retirements.

1. MEA Supplemental
Krista Sweeney Environmental Club at Wayne Trail Elementary School
Effective at the end of the day, December 11, 2020

Krista Sweeney Safety Club (50%) at Wayne Trail Elementary School
Effective at the end of the day, December 11, 2020

2. Intervention Agent
Kelly Long Intervention Agent at Wayne Trail Elementary School
Effective at the end of the day, November 23, 2020

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

B. Employment Nominations 2020-2021

It was moved by Mrs Campos and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board approve the following nomination, pending a successful criminal record check where it applies, for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board reserves the right to treat any offer of employment as withdrawn if the contract is not signed and returned within ten (10) business days of mailing.

1. Operational Hire
Pam Ankenbrandt Recess Monitor at Wayne Trail Elementary School
9 months/year, 2 hours/day, \$14.03/hour
Effective November 10, 2020
(This is in addition to her Bus Driver position)
2. MEA Supplemental
James Magoun Environmental Club at Wayne Trail Elementary School \$972.93
Effective December 12, 2020

James Magoun Safety Patrol Club (50%) at Wayne Trail Elementary School \$485.90
Effective December 12, 2020

3. Long-Term Substitute

Kelly Long

Professional Elementary (1-8) License, Reading (PreK-12)
Wayne Trail Grade 4 ELA
Effective November 30, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Board adopted school calendar.

4. Certificated Substitutes

Kayla Dennis

Early Childhood (P-3) Temporary License

David McMurray

High School 7-12, Comprehensive Science, Principal 7-12 Professional License, effective 11/17/2020

Audrey Pirtle

K-12 Comprehensive Music Temporary License, pending

Lindsey Shaffer

Multi-Age PK-3 General Sub License

5. Operational Substitutes

Buildings & Grounds

Audrey Pirtle

Classroom Assistant

Michelle Mackey

Audrey Pirtle

Lindsey Shaffer

Carla Whiteman

Clerical

Audrey Pirtle

Lindsey Shaffer

Clerk Librarian

Audrey Pirtle

Food Service

Audrey Pirtle

Playground Monitor

Jaquese Lewis

effective 11/17/2020

Audrey Pirtle

Transportation

Stephanie Heisinger

6. Student Teachers /

Interns

Eastern Michigan

University

Miranda Camp

Speech and Language Pathology internship following Erin DiLorenzo
Spring 2021

BGSU

Alexis Deffenbaugh

Instrumental Music at GMS and MHS Spring 2021

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-18 2020-2021 School Year Calendar Adjustment

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board adjust the following amended 2020-2021 school year calendar as it pertains to the ending dates of the first trimester at Maumee High School.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-19 Resolution of Appreciation

It was moved by Mrs Campos and second by Mrs Piechowiak that the Board president, Mrs. Stephanie Piechowiak, will share a resolution of appreciation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts that its employees have made to address the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has posed and appreciates the positive approach and willingness of staff to perform their responsibilities for the benefit of our students and the education community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, as follows:

1. The Board of Education of the Maumee City School District does hereby authorize and direct the Board Treasurer to issue a one-time payment to employees as follows:

- a. Each person who, as of December 10, 2020, is a regular full-time employee of the Board shall receive a payment in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
- b. Each person who, as of December 10, 2020, is a regular part-time employee of the Board who is otherwise eligible for health insurance benefits through the District shall receive a payment in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
- c. The Board Treasurer shall issue the payments described in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) on or before December 31, 2020.

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Campos that the Board amend to add "not" in section b.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the efforts that its employees have made to address the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has posed and appreciates the positive approach and willingness of staff to perform their responsibilities for the benefit of our students and the education community.

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- b. Each person who, as of December 10, 2020, is a regular part-time employee of the Board who is otherwise not eligible for health insurance benefits through the District shall receive a payment in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
- c. The Board Treasurer shall issue the payments described in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) on or before December 31, 2020.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Abstain; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-20 Addendum

It was moved by Mrs Wolff and second by Mrs Campos that the Board adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, the current COVID-19 emergency has affected all aspects of the operations of the school district; and

Whereas, various circumstances may demand immediate action during the pendency of the COVID-19 emergency;

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Superintendent is authorized to take all actions he deems necessary or prudent with respect to the employees of the district for which the law does not specifically require prior approval by the Board of Education; said authorization to include but not be limited to directing administrators, teaching and non-teaching personnel to perform job duties inside school buildings or remotely from another location.
2. The Superintendent is authorized to take all actions he deems necessary or prudent with respect to the students enrolled in the schools of the district.
 - The authority provided in paragraph 2 of this Resolution includes, but is not limited to the authority to determine the modality of instruction to be provided, i.e., whether instruction will be provided to students virtually or in-school in-person or in some hybrid combination of modalities as the Superintendent determines to be appropriate.
 - The authority provided in paragraphs 2 and 2a of this Resolution includes the authority to determine differing modalities of instruction for different grade levels and/or different school buildings or other groupings of students as the Superintendent determines to be appropriate from time to time.
3. Without prior notice to the Board of Education, the Board's Treasurer is authorized to make any purchases and pay employees and vendors for services rendered or goods delivered that the Superintendent has directed be purchased or performed under the authority granted by this Resolution, or any purchase or payment the Treasurer deems necessary or prudent for the continued operation of the district for which any individual purchase order or invoice does not exceed \$50,000 Thousand Dollars. For an expenditures or purchase order that is in excess of said amount, the Treasurer will provide advance notice to the Board President.
4. The Treasurer is authorized to direct employees under his supervision to perform any duties he deems necessary to implement the authority granted to him under this Resolution.
5. The Superintendent and Treasurer will each provide the Board members with a weekly summary of actions taken by him under the authority granted by this Resolution.

6. The Board will ratify any action taken by the Superintendent or Treasurer pursuant to the authority conferred by this Resolution at the next meeting which the Board of Education convenes following such action.
7. The authority granted to the Superintendent and Treasurer under this Resolution will remain in effect until July 1, 2021, or the Board of Education takes action to revise or terminate the authority granted under this Resolution, whichever first occurs.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-21 Addendum

It was moved by Mrs Piechowiak and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus continues throughout Ohio; and

Whereas, on March 25, 2020, pursuant to Section 12 of House Bill 197, the 133rd Ohio General Assembly temporarily amended the requirements that would otherwise apply under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 until December 1, 2020; and

Whereas, the 133rd General Assembly's HB 404 modified HB 197, and was declared to be emergency legislation that has taken immediate effect as the Governor has signed it; and

Whereas, Section 2 of HB 404 modified Section 12 of HB 197 by extending its provisions regarding ORC Section 121.22 through the end of the current school year..

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, as follows:

1. The Board of Education of the Maumee City School District does hereby suspend compliance with its existing policy concerning the conduct of meetings this Board, its committees, and any other entity under its jurisdiction that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.
2. The Board hereby incorporates by reference the text of Section 12 of House Bill 197 (133rd General Assembly), as modified by HB 404, and directs that the procedures authorized under said legislation be adopted and used by this Board that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.2
3. The Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to promptly inform the Board of the procedures by which the Board, its committees and any other entity that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, may most efficiently conduct its hearings or meetings by means of video or telephonic conference or similar means given the Board's available technology resources.
4. The Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to promptly inform the Board of the procedures by which the Board, its committees and any other entity that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, may provide public access to the public sessions of meetings or hearings.
5. The Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to promptly inform the Board of the means by which the Board, its committees and any other entity that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, may exclude public access to hearings or the portions of meetings which occur in executive session when such meetings or hearings are otherwise conducted by means of video or telephonic conference or similar means given the Board's available technology resources.
6. The Board's Treasurer is hereby directed to provide notifications of meetings and hearings to the public and to the media that have requested such notification, and to parties required to be given notice of hearings.
7. The procedures used by the Board, its committees and any other entity under its jurisdiction that is a "public body" as that term is defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 shall remain in effect until July 1, 2021.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

20-11-22 Executive Session

It was moved by Mrs Balcerzak and second by Mrs Campos that the Board enter executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee or official at 6:38 pm.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.

Return to regular session at 6:57 pm.

20-11-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs Campos and second by Mrs Balcerzak that the Board adjourn the November 30, 2020 regular board meeting at 6:58 pm.

Roll Call: Balcerzak, Aye; Campos, Aye; Piechowiak, Aye; Wolff, Aye; Wiley, Absent; The president then declared the motion carried.