

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WILMINGTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 29, 2021
WILMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The Wilmington City School Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting on March 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Wilmington Middle School, 275 Thorne Ave., Wilmington, OH. Social distancing was observed. The meeting was called to order by Marty Beaugard, Sr., President. The Treasurer was asked to call the roll:

Members Present: Marty Beaugard, Sr., President
Michael Flanigan, Vice President
Larry Roberts II, Member
Kevin N. Snarr, Member

Member Absent: Carrie Zeigler, Member

Also present were Mindy McCarty-Stewart, Superintendent; and Kimberly DeWeese, Treasurer; and other staff and members of the community.

073-021 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Flanigan, seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Flanigan, Roberts, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

Building Principals gave updates on their respective buildings.

Mrs. DeWeese gave financial update and talked about the proposed Fair School Funding Plan.

074-021 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Snarr seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 22, 2021. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

075-021 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Roberts to approve the Treasurer's financial report which provided an update on the District's current financial status. Included in the report were Cash Reconciliation, February 2021 Bill List, Financial Report by Fund, Appropriation Report, and Cash Flow Report.

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>ENDING CASH BALANCE</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND | 12,906,775.34 |
| BOND RETIREMENT | 111,992.82 |
| PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT | 22,662.39 |
| LUNCH ROOM | (141,987.97) |

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| PRINCIPALS' FUNDS | 100,081.15 |
| LOCAL GRANTS | 75,319.73 |
| TOURNAMENT FUND | 318.00 |
| CLASSROOM FACILITIES (.5 MILL) | 445,142.69 |
| STUDENT ACTIVITIES | 87,318.75 |
| ATHLETICS | 23,596.02 |
| ATHLETICS FUNDRAISERS | 28,520.97 |
| STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS | 1,385,607.37 |
| <u>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</u> | <u>15,045,347.26</u> |

Voting aye on the roll call: Roberts, Snarr, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

076-021 APPROVAL OF GRANT FUND & APPROPRIATION

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Roberts to approve the Ohio Safety Training Grant (Fund 499-9221) and its appropriation of \$13,079.37. This will be used to install safety cameras at Denver Elementary. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

077-021 APPROVAL OF DONATIONS

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Roberts to approve the following donations.

1. Donation of gravel by Lowe's to the WHS Baseball Program to put in the dugouts.

Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

078-021 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION / GRADE 3 PAPER TESTS

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to approve a resolution that allows Wilmington City Schools to utilize the paper testing option for grade 3 students for the English Language Arts test. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

079-021 ADOPT NEW BOARD POLICY / 7440.01

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to adopt new Board Policy 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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080-021 APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY, 1st READING / 1422, 1623, 1662, 2260, 2260.01, 2266, 3122, 3123, 3362, 4122, 4123, 4362, 5517, 6144, 6220, 6600, 7450, 7455, 8450.01, 8500, 8510

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to approve revisions to the policies listed to remain compliant with current law. This is the first reading. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

081-021 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION / FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS CONTAINED IN HOUSE BILL 1, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 134TH 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

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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 1; 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 Wilmington City School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in House Bill 1 of the 134th General Assembly 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.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Shane Wilkin and Senator Bob Peterson; and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion by Flanigan, seconded by Roberts to approve resolution in support of the Fair School Funding Plan. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

082-021 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT / MICHAEL MARSHALL / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to approve the employment of *Michael Marshall* as the PE Teacher at Holmes Elementary for the 2021-22 school year. Salary and benefits as per the WEA Negotiated Agreement pending completion of all requirements of employment. Voting aye on the roll call: Roberts, Flanigan, Snarr, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

083-021 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT / SUBSTITUTE TEACHER / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to approve the employment of *Annabelle Meddock* as a substitute teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Flanigan, Roberts, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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084-021 ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to accept the following resignations.

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| <i>Donald Trusty</i> | <i>8th Grade Math</i> | <i>Effective March 1, 2021</i> |
| <i>Allyson Bucher</i> | <i>Speech-Language Pathologist</i> | <i>Effective June 1, 2021</i> |

Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Flanigan, Roberts, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

085-021 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT / LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to approve the following as long-term substitutes for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

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| <i>Jaevin Cumberland</i> | <i>8th Grade Math</i> | <i>Effective March 15, 2021</i> |
| <i>Cory Hogsett</i> | <i>WHS Science</i> | <i>Effective February 22, 2021</i> |

Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Flanigan, Roberts, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

086-021 APPROVAL OF UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE / RAINS / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to approve unpaid medical leave for *Taylor Rains* effective March 11, 2021 through May 27, 2021. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

087-021 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT / A. GOMEZ / 2020-21

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Snarr to approve the employment of *Alyssa Gomez* to tutor students at Holmes Elementary from March 19, 2021 through April 23, 2021. This will be paid at the daily substitute teacher rate. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

088-021 APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT / SUB AIDE / 2020-21

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to approve the employment of *Quinton Lewis* as a sub aide effective February 22, 2021 pending completion of all requirements of employment. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

089-021 APPROVAL OF UNPAID LEAVE / AIDE / 2020-21

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to approve one-half (.5) day of unpaid leave for *Dawnita Pegan*, WMS Aide on March 30, 2021. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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090-021 APPROVAL OF UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVES / 2020-21

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to approve unpaid medical leave for the following staff members.

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| <i>Mary Wilson</i> | <i>Bus Driver</i> | <i>February 22 through March 29, 2021</i> |
| <i>Anne Constant</i> | <i>Cook</i> | <i>February 1 through March 11, 2021</i> |

Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

091-021 APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION / JV SOFTBALL COACH / 2020-21

Motion by Snarr, seconded by Flanigan to accept the resignation of *James Cramton*, as JV Girls Softball Coach. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Roberts, Flanigan, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Flanigan, seconded by Snarr to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Flanigan, Roberts, and Beaugard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST

Treasurer

Board President