

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WILMINGTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 25, 2022
CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM

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The Wilmington City School Board of Education met for a Special Meeting on February 25, 2022, at 7:15 AM at the Central Office Board Room, 314 S. Nelson Ave., Wilmington, OH. The meeting was called to order by Michael Flanigan, President. The Treasurer was asked to call the roll:

Members Present: Michael Flanigan, President
Carrie Zeigler, Vice-President
Kevin N. Snarr, Member
Brian Shidaker, Member
Marty Beaugard, Sr., Member

Also in attendance were Mindy McCarty-Stewart, Superintendent; Curt Bone, Director of Business; Natalie Harmeling, Pupil Services Director; Nicole Quallen, Curriculum Director; and Kimberly DeWeese, Treasurer.

058-022 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

BEGIN WORK SESSION

Mrs. McCarty-Stewart reviewed the enrollment trends of the district since 2005 which showed that total enrollment has decreased from 3,264 students in 2005 to 2,430 students in 2021. This is a state-wide issue due to the increase in community schools, charter schools, and virtual schools.

Currently, East End Elementary houses only preschool students so there was discussion on moving preschool to Holmes Elementary in 2022-23 and the potential challenges and benefits of closing or selling the East End property. In addition, Mrs. McCarty-Stewart reviewed the last four years of staffing reductions made through attrition due to the decline in our student enrollment. She discussed our fiscal responsibility to continually examine our enrollment, staffing, facility maintenance, needs, and operations.

The Board requested that an appraisal of East End Elementary be conducted. Mrs. Zeigler voiced her concern on over-crowding of Holmes if preschool was moved to Holmes. She also wants to make sure that the Income Tax Operating Levy is renewed before making any facility changes. Mr. Shidaker agreed that the Income Tax Renewal should be our first concern but also wanted additional information on the districts long term facility plan. The Board plans to meet again in a BOE work session in March as well as conduct ongoing work sessions focused on the financial and facility needs of our district.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Beaugard, seconded by Zeigler to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 AM. Voting aye on the roll call: Snarr, Zeigler, Beaugard, Shidaker, and Flanigan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST

Treasurer

Board President