

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Bright Local Board of Education Meetings
Held on February 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

President Wright called the meeting to order and Mr. Drewyor called roll. Present for roll call were Mr. Ames, Mr. Hern, and Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Hauke arrived at 6:10 pm and Mr. Cox arrived at 6:21 pm.

#024-2017 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hern and seconded by Mr. Ames to adopt the agenda for the February 15, 2017 Board of Education Special Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Hern – yes, Mrs. Wright – yes, Mr. Ames – yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Bond Counsel – Mr. Bradley Ruwe, Attorney with Peck, Shaffer & Williams presented options for the raising and use of permanent improvement funds. Included in the discussion were ballot options and the use of inside millage. Mr. Ruwe reviewed the process to move inside millage to a permanent improvement fund.

#025-2017 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Ames and seconded by Mrs. Hauke to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Ames – yes; Mrs. Hauke –yes; Mr. Cox – yes; Mr. Hern – yes; Mrs. Wright – yes. Motion carried. President declared meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Mr. Drewyor called roll. Present for roll call were Mr. Ames, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Hauke, Mr. Hern and Mrs. Wright.

#026-2017 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Ames to adopt the agenda for the February 15, 2017 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Cox, Mr. Hern – yes, Mrs. Hauke, Mrs. Wright – yes, Mr. Ames – yes. Motion carried.

Recognitions

None

Public Participation

There was none

PRESENTATIONS

Southern Hills Career & Technical Center Report

Steve Cox, Guy Hopkins, and Julie Evans provided an update. February is Career Tech Month and the career center is reaching out to all member districts. Thirty-seven Whiteoak students attend Southern Hills. The culinary program is doing very well with two Whiteoak seniors participating in that program. All of the culinary students go through the “Safe Serve” Managers program to get certificated. In addition to the café, the students are doing some catering.

Bright Elementary Report

Mike Bick updated the Board on happenings around the school, including a list of important dates and events. As an extra intervention time the large computer lab has been opened to K-3 students before regular classes. This program is referred to as the “Morning Computer Breakfast.” Student attendance is running at 94%. The school is working to get attendance at or above 95%. Testing begins on March 20th and will run through April.

Whiteoak JH/HS Report

Brian Ruckel updated the Board on the use of formative assessments to be sure the student has mastered the subject material prior to summative assessment. Attendance at Whiteoak is running at 96% for students and 97% for staff.

Food Service

Debbie Robertson updated the board on activities for March which is Nutrition Month. Plans are in place for providing free breakfasts at the elementary school on March 1st and at the jr/sr high school on March 10th. Breakfast purchases continue to be low but efforts are continuing to increase the utilization numbers. At the elementary students are being involved in keeping the cafeteria cleaned up.

Baseball/Softball Hitting Facility

Chris Veidt, Head Baseball Coach, presented plans to build an 80’x40’ building to be used by baseball and softball as a hitting facility. Much of the labor is going to be donated. The athletic boosters will raise the funds for the building but are requesting the district pay for materials up front and allow the boosters to reimburse the district over four years.

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Transportation Report

Randy Drewyor and Lynn Decker presented the board with a report outlining the trends in transportation costs. The overall trend shows a significant increase in repair costs and that the replacement of one bus every three years will be inadequate. The report recommends the district search for three used busses to be purchased for FY18 rather than purchasing one new bus. Additionally, transportation costs will be closely scrutinized to search for savings opportunities.

Whiteoak Roof Evaluation Report

Randy Drewyor presented the board a report of the options and costs to restore or replace the roof on 48,000 sq ft of the Whiteoak facility. A new membrane roof appears to be the most cost effective alternative.

#027-2017 Baseball/Softball Hitting Facility

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hern to authorize the construction of a baseball/softball hitting facility at a cost not to exceed \$24,000 with the actual cost of the project being reimbursed to the school district by the Whiteoak Athletic Boosters in five (5) payments over a four (4) year period with the exception the district will match the initial contribution. The first reimbursement payment is due by June 1, 2017. This agreement is contingent on the Whiteoak Athletic Boosters, passing a resolution and providing documentation of such resolution, agreeing to the stated terms.

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Cox – yes, Mr. Ames – yes, Mr. Hern – yes, Mrs. Hauke – yes, Mrs. Wright – yes. Motion carried

#028-2017 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hern to approve the following resolutions/recommendations as a group:

A. MINUTES

Approval of the Board of Education minutes of the January 11, 2017 organizational and regular meeting.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of financial reports for the month of January 2017 as presented.

C. AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS

Approve the FY17 amended certificate and appropriation modifications as presented.

D. AUTHORIZATION TO PICKUP SUPERINTENDENT'S STRS CONTRIBUTION

Be it resolved, effective March 1, 2017, the Bright Local School District Board of Education agrees to pick up the total amount of employee contributions required by Section 3307.26, ORC, to be contributed by the Superintendent to STRS Ohio. Bright Local School District Board of Education is permitted to pick up employee contributions pursuant to Section 3307.27, ORC, and Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Those picked-up contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the Bright Local School District Board of Education in lieu of employee contributions and shall be paid by the board as a fringe benefit in addition to the contract salary otherwise payable to the employee. These contributions shall be treated as additional compensation and included in salary for retirement purposes.

The Superintendent may not opt out of the picked-up contributions or elect to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them picked up by the Bright Local School District Board of Education and paid to STRS Ohio.

E. AUTHORIZATION TO PICKUP TREASURER'S SERS CONTRIBUTION

Be it resolved, effective March 1, 2017, the Bright Local School District Board of Education agrees to pick up the total amount of employee contributions required by Section 3307.26, ORC, to be contributed by the Treasurer to SERS Ohio. Bright Local School District Board of Education is permitted to pick up employee contributions pursuant to Section 3307.27, ORC, and Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Those picked-up contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the Bright Local School District Board of Education in lieu of employee contributions and shall be paid by the board as a fringe benefit in addition to the contract salary otherwise payable to the employee. These contributions shall be treated as additional compensation and included in salary for retirement purposes.

The Treasurer may not opt out of the picked-up contributions or elect to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having them picked up by the Bright Local School District Board of Education and paid to SERS Ohio.

F. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TIPS

Whereas, the Bright Local School District Board of Education, pursuant to the authority granted by ORC desires to participate in the TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) Purchasing Cooperative, and in the opinion that participating in this program will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers through the anticipated savings realized.

Therefore, be it resolved that Bright Local School District requests a stated need for participation in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) whereby the Treasurer is authorized and directed to sign and deliver any and all necessary requests and documents in connection therewith for and on behalf of Bright Local School District.

G. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO REPLACE FIVE SECTIONS OF WHITEOAK JR/SR HIGH ROOF

Authorize the Treasurer to issue a contract, not to exceed, \$265,000, to Duro-Last, through TIPS, using Cotterman & Company Inc. to replace the wet sections of roof and then install a new roof on approximately 48,000 sq ft of the Whiteoak Jr/Sr High building per the presented scope.

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Cox – yes, Mr. Ames – yes, Mr. Hern – yes, Mrs. Hauke – yes, Mrs. Wright – yes. Motion carried

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#029-2017 Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the following resolutions/recommendations as a group:

A. AUTHORIZE FIELD TRIPS

Approve Kindergarten field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo.
Approve First Grade field trip to Cincinnati Museum.
Approve Second Grade to the Newport Aquarium.
Approve Junior Class to hold Prom at Embassy Suites in Covington, Ky.

B. FACILITIES USE AUTHORIZATION

Approve Kelley Raines use of the Bright Elementary Gym for February 13, 2017 through April 21, 2017 from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm for Baseball/Softball practices and waive all fees.

Approve Angela Aber use of the Bright Elementary Gym and Cafeteria for March 4, 2017 from 12:00pm-6:00pm for birthday party and waive custodial fees.

Approve Jack Richey use of the Whiteoak High School Gym and Student Center for May 27, 2017 from 2:00pm-10:00pm for Alumni Dinner and waive all fees.

C. NON-RENEW SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Approve the non-renewal of all supplemental contracts at the end of the school year.

D. PERSONNEL ITEMS

Approval of the following personnel recommendations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the new employee's individual contract and his/her job description. Said employment will be contingent upon (1) receipt of a satisfactory criminal record check, (2) receipt of licensure/certification from ODE (3) verification of experience and training, and (4) negative results on drug testing (as applicable).

1. Transfers FY18 School Year
Wayne Devillbliss -1st Shift
2. Pre-School Aide FY18 School Year
Kathryn Brunck at step 12
3. Classified Substitutes
Angie Shelton
Carole Wilson
Kelsey Oliver
Angie Burnett
4. FMLA
Janie Fetters- 12 weeks
Sandra Setty-4 weeks
Jena Harless- 12 weeks as needed
5. Unpaid Leave
Becky Lucas- 4 days
6. Retirement
Janie Fetters- March 1, 2017
Teresa Luman- March 1, 2017
Dorothy Countryman- May 31, 2017
7. Certified Hire FY18 School Year
April Flowers – high school integrated English, Masters at step 9

Roll call on the above group of resolutions: Mr. Cox –yes, Mr. Ames –yes, Mrs. Hauke – yes, Mrs. Wright – yes, Mr. Hern – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Early Graduation

Mr. Downing updated the board that an early graduate may be the valedictorian.

Staff Picnic

The start of the year staff picnic is being scheduled for August 7, 2017.

Energy Conservation Projects

Mr. Downing communicated that the gym lighting was rewired and it appears to be working. Final HVAC repairs have started at Bright and Whiteoak. The entire project should be completed by the end of the month.

District Financial Documents and Audit

Mr. Drewyor distributed the district's audited financial statements.

5 Yr Forecast

Mr. Drewyor updated the board on the 5 Yr Forecast. Many things are in flux but at this point there are no material changes.

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#030-2017 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Hauke to go into executive session to discuss the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee and to prepare for negotiations.. Mr. Downing, Mr. Ruckel and Mr. Drewyor were invited into the session.

Roll Call: Mr. Ames – yes, Mrs. Hauke –yes, Mr. Cox - yes, Mr. Hern – yes, Mrs. Wright – yes. Motion carried.

Time in: 8:36 pm
Time out: 9:44 pm

#31-2017 Superintendent’s Contract

It was moved by Mrs. Hauke and seconded by Mr. Ames to renew the Superintendent’s contract for 3 years beginning August 1, 2017. The new contract will reflect a 240 day work year with the board picking up the Superintendent’s share of Medicare.

#023-2017 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Hauke and seconded by Mr. Ames to adjourn. Roll Call: Mr. Cox –yes, Mr. Ames – yes, Mr. Hern –yes, Mrs. Hauke –yes, Mrs. Wright –yes. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

President _____

Attest _____

Next Meeting of the Bright Local School District’s Board of Education will be Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Whiteoak Jr/Sr High School.