

Record of Proceedings
Minutes of the Williamsburg Local School Board Regular Meeting
Held at the Family and Consumer Sciences Room at the Middle/High School
On Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM

The Williamsburg Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Family and Consumer Science room of the Williamsburg Middle/High School with the following members present and answering roll call: Jeff Cummins, Brent Keeton, Shelley Nooe, Beth McManus, and Greg Wells. Jeffery Weir and Julie Kamphaus were in attendance.

Mrs. McManus led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Next month, members of the Williamsburg BOE will appoint two representatives to serve on the governing board of Grant Career Center (GCC) for 2011. That opportunity struck GCC Superintendent Mr. Morrison as an appropriate time to provide our board with a look at the past, present, and future of our JVS. As we know it today---routinely, and recently without exception, ranked in independent studies among the top 5 of the 49 joint vocational schools in Ohio (including ranked Number 1 in 2005), it's hard to imagine a time when Grant wasn't here to serve students from its four "feeder" districts (Williamsburg, Bethel, Felicity, and New Richmond). In fact, a quick history lesson will accentuate for us how lucky we are that GCC even exists and how remarkable it is that it has not only survived but thrived through the last three and half decades. In 1968, The Perkins Act mandated skilled career training opportunities for high school students. A year later it was determined that career/technical education should be provided for at least 40% of HS students. Ohio allocated huge dollars to create facilities for VEPD's (now called CTPD---career/technical planning districts). The building provisions called for consolidation by county for full implementation by 1974. Clermont was originally scheduled to be incorporated into the Hamilton County VEPD, from which the Oaks campus system was generated. Clermont Countians in our region, from the four districts served today, started a movement that eventually led to a levy vote, to create a separate VEPD for Clermont County with a separate facility to serve our students. The July, 1970 article from the Bethel Journal outlines the political upheaval and extreme uncertainty that surrounded the inception of a Clermont County vocational school. Still, the levy passed in 1973, and by 1974, district administration was selected and Ken Morrison was hired as the principal of the new Clermont County vocational school. By 1976, the building was built and operational. In 1980, Mr. Morrison took over as superintendent, and over the three decades that have followed, Grant Career Center has offered a valuable path for typically one-third to forty percent of our junior and senior students who want to develop workplace skills for application in the next phase of their lives. Recently, with the advent of "tech-prep" programs and the proliferation of articulation agreements with universities that facilitate "2+2" and "2+2+2" degrees, Grant has broadened its service base. It's no longer just hammer and nails, cosmo, or auto, but students can prepare for careers in engineering, nursing, and education. I completed my high school career in a vocational school, and during my career in education have been affiliated with 6 others including Grant. Grant Career Center is by far the most effective vocational school I've ever worked with. An even more powerful testimony to the greatness of Grant is provided by the 600 hundred or so students I've worked with over the last 12 years who have attended Grant. Less than a handful has had negative experiences! For those of you not already serving on Grant's board, I would encourage you to consider joining Mrs. McManus in 2011 and representing us at what I consider to be the finest career center in the state.

To start an update on our professional development endeavors, I'll ask BOE delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) to provide information from the recent statewide conference in Columbus.

In other more local undertakings, our elementary and middle school faculties experienced intensive trainings to prepare for implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, an initiative that was the top story in our daily national news update this morning through an article published in the Philadelphia Enquirer. Each building's faculty is responsible to develop its own rules that create accountability for staff and students and cultivate a climate of awareness and assertive intervention when it comes to bullying behaviors. Student surveys were administered in October, and staff reviewed those results to develop school wide program components. Kickoff for students in the elementary is scheduled

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for February 22, 2011. Middle school's date is not yet set but should be in January or February. November 2 involved Olweus for the elementary, but our middle/high teachers joined those from WB, Goshen, Bethel, and CNE to participate in the first annual Clermont/Brown Regional Network Team consortium day of professional development. Keynote speaker Mark Garrett set the tone with a stirring call to student-centered mindsets, and an abundance of worthwhile breakout sessions followed that the majority of our teachers are claiming as one of the most substantive PD days they've experienced. Mr. Daulton, Mr. Dunn, and our dearly departed Mr. Earley were among key individuals in the HSTW/MMGW cadre who were instrumental in the planning and execution of this successful day of professional growth experiences for faculty.

In other news, we will soon be convening an initial meeting of the district's Family & Civic Engagement Team, with Mr. Keeton as the primary BOE representative. I have compiled several activities consistent with the important purposes of this group, some of which we will be discussing later in the agenda. We will be keeping the full board apprised as this group activates and begins its earnest work. Earlier this month, PTA was salvaged at the 11th hour, thanks to the initiative of Tracy Ortman and the assistance of PTA state representative Rebecca Adams. Officers are in place and a "Back to Basics" approach is planned for the newest iteration of this vital support group. Although they will be laying low this year and working in a strategic, limited fashion, they will be present at our upcoming conference nights---this week, Tuesday and Thursday, at the elementary, and December 2 at the middle/high. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, at the middle/high cafeteria.

TREASURER REPORT

One month into our new forecast, we have received 38% of our revenues since July 1 and spent 34% of our budget. We are mostly right on target for revenues with the following exceptions:

- We are not yet seeing our increased open enrollment revenues as the state won't start funding on October student counts until December or January.
- We have received a small amount \$7900 in Tangible Personal Property taxes, mostly in delinquent taxes that was unexpected though welcome. Tangible personal property tax was phased out with revenues supposed to end last year.
- Our public utility tax revenue has been lower than expected at 35% received. As I find out more information regarding Duke's role, if any, in this lower than expected public utility revenue, I will let you know.

We are right on target to meet our real estate property tax revenue goals as we are at 45% received this year.

Of course our current and future state revenues are still unknown. At the capital conference last week, Knowledge Works, a non partisan think tank that is evaluating the state's revenue crisis, replied that they believe Governor Elect Kasich and his running mate Mary Taylor would declare the state in Fiscal Emergency once they take office early in January. At that time, they believe the Governor will announce funding cuts to all state supported entities to take effect during the current school year.

The rumors circling for next year's biennial budget have increased from the original 10% funding cuts to 15 or 20% cuts to public education. Unfortunately, we will just have to wait to see what happens for public education funding.

On the other side of the forecast, our expenditures are slightly favorable for the year. However, we are expecting an increase to special education costs of \$72,500 that was not included in the forecast. Expected special education student's placements have changed causing the increase in costs. Salaries and benefits are running very close to budgeted while supplies and equipment are mostly frozen after year start up purchases have been finalized.

We continue to be very conservative with our taxpayer's dollars while we try to maintain services to the students of Williamsburg.

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion by Wells second by Keeton to approve the Financial Statements for the month of October, 2010. Voting aye on the roll call: Wells, Keeton, Cummins, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Cummins and second by Keeton to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Monday, October 18, 2010 – Business Meeting
Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Keeton, Nooe, Wells, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

The Board, Mr. Weir, and Mrs. Kamphaus discussed a district timeline regarding the deficit avoidance decisions. The timeline shows what month each item will be highlighted as a discussion item during our regular business meetings. This deadline is subject to change as funding issues immerge.
We also discussed the Business Partners Appreciation Dinner and the upcoming District newsletter.

011-057 APPROVAL OF AMENDED CERTIFICATE FY11

Motion by Cummins second by Wells to approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources approved by the Clermont County Budget Commission on October 27, 2010 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried.

011-058 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND 412 CERTIFICATE

Motion by Cummins second by Wells to approve the FY11 Appropriation Resolution and related 412 Certificate as FY11 amended permanent appropriations. Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried

011-059 ESTABLISHMENT, APPROVAL, AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

Motion by Cummins second by Wells to establish, accept and appropriate funds for the following grant:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Schools Connectivity Grant	451-9211	\$4,000

Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried

011-060 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

Motion by Cummins, second by Wells to approve the agreement between the Board and Bilbarco Inc., DBA GASBOY to provide software services for our fuel storage tank. The term of the contract will be one year, December 22, 2010 to December 21, 2011 and services cost \$175 per year. Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried

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011-061 APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

Motion by Cummins, second by Wells to approve an overnight field trip for 5th grade students to the Cincinnati Zoo on March 3-4, 2011, to participate in the zoo's Nocturnal Adventures and Wolf Woods programs, which addresses life science benchmarks and grade level indicators. Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried

011-062 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion by Cummins, second by Wells to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Williamsburg Local School District and Child Focus, Inc., grantee for Clermont County Head Start programs, to continue its child development programs which promote social and cognitive development in young children. Voting aye on the roll call: Cummins, Wells, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Wells second by Cummins to enter into Executive Session at 6:43 pm to discuss the appointment and employment of a public employee (s). Voting aye on the roll call: Wells, Cummins, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board returned at 10:20 pm.

011-063 EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Wells second by Cummins to employ the following individuals for a period of one (1) year pending satisfactory BCII check and completion of all requirements for employment at the board adopted salary schedule for the supplemental positions as listed for the 2010-2011 school year. All contracts will expire on June 30, 2011.

INDIVIDUAL:

Chris McDowell
Candace Bainum
Lynnett Lonaker
Gary Tudor
Wayne (Everett) Whisman

POSITION:

Musical Director: High School
Basketball: Varsity/Reserve Cheerleading Coach
Basketball: Junior High Cheerleading Coach
Basketball: 7th Grade Boys' – volunteer assistant
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Voting aye on the roll call: Wells, Cummins, Keeton, Nooe, and McManus. Nays; None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wells, second by Keeton to adjourn at 10:22. Voting aye on the roll call: Wells, Keeton, Cummins, Nooe, and McManus. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Board President

Treasurer

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