

REGULAR MEETING

The East Liverpool Board of Education met in Regular session on January 26, 2015, at the Westgate Administrative Center, 810 West Eighth Street, East Liverpool, Ohio, at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Brian Allen
Scott Dieringer
Robert Estell, Jr.
Janice Martin
Larry Walton

Also Present: Melissa Watson, Superintendent
Todd Puster, Treasurer/CFO

Early Departure: Mr. Walton left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Ms. Martin led the Moment of Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES

15-01-022 Approval of Organizational Meeting Minutes

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Estell seconded to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2015, Organizational Meeting.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-023 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Watson observed that January is designated by the Ohio School Boards Association as Board Member recognition month. She gave each Board member a certificate of appreciation.

Thanked District bus drivers and custodians for their extra efforts to get students safely to school and in and out of buildings during difficult winter weather conditions.

Informed Board members that an article highlighting the excellence of the Career-Tech program on the State report card was published Sunday in the "Morning Journal" and reprinted today in the "Review." This demonstrates that positive things are happening in the schools, she noted.

Notified Board members that a rollout of the new Strategic Plan will occur at the February 9 Board meeting and a detailed presentation to the teaching staff will occur on February 13.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

15-01-524 Brooks Project TIF Agreement

Mr. Estell moved; Mr. Allen seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXEMPTIONS FOR IN AN AMOUNT REQUIRING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 5709.41

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, *et al.* allows a City to exempt from taxation the increased value of certain property for up to 30 years, with payments in lieu of taxes that would otherwise have been paid to be used for improvements benefiting the exempted property and for other purposes, an arrangement known as Tax Increment Financing ("TIF"); and

WHEREAS, the above statute requires that a City Ordinance approving a TIF not exempt more than 75% of the increased property value from taxation and not exempt this increased value from taxation for more than 10 year, without either

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the approval of the Board of Education of the school district in which such the property is located or the making of payments in lieu of taxes to the school district equal to the taxes the district would have received in the absence of the TIF; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2015, the East Liverpool City School District received a written notice from the Mayor of the City of East Liverpool (a copy of which is Attachment A to this resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference), asking the Board of Education to approve a TIF exemption for a total of 18 years, exempting 90% of the increased value for the first 17 years and 65% for the 18th and final year, without any payments in lieu of taxes to the East Liverpool School District; and

WHEREAS, the East Liverpool City Board of Education wishes to support the development of the; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the development of the subject property, this Board also wishes to waive the statutory 45 business day notice requirement to allow an Ordinance authorizing a TIF exemption on the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EAST LIVERPOOL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION that the Board hereby approves, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41(C) (2), the granting a TIF exemption for the property described in Attachment A hereto for a period of up to 18 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby waives the statutory 45 day notice requirement, so that the proposed Ordinance authorizing the TIF exemption described herein may be adopted by City Council prior to the expiration of the notice period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the East Liverpool City Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call Ayes	Mr. Allen Mr. Dieringer Mr. Estell Ms. Martin Mr. Walton
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Motion carried	5-0
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TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

15-01-525 Financial Reports & Appropriations Resolution

Mr. Estell moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following:

- a. Approve Financial Reports, Vouchers Issued Report and Investment and Interim Deposit Reports for December 2014.
- b. Approve Appropriation Modifications, Increases and Decreases for December 2014.
- c. Approve Donations for December 2014.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-526 Quote from CDW-G

Mr. Walton moved; Mr. Allen seconded to approve a quotation from CDW-G, Vernon Hills, Ill., for the purchase of 150 Chromebooks and related items in the attached quotation for a total price of \$41,850.00 in accordance with Policy DJC (6) and Section 3313.37(B)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-527 Quote from Borden Office

Mr. Walton moved; Mr. Allen seconded to approve a quotation from Borden Office Equipment, Steubenville, Ohio, for the purchase of 10 black and white and 5 color printers in the amount of \$17,580.00 in accordance with Policy DJC (3).

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin

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Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS

15-01-528 Personnel –Resignation

Mr. Walton moved; Mr. Allen seconded to approve the following resignation:

Beth Chupa, as a Fourth Grade teacher at North Elementary, effective April 1, 2015. Ms. Chupa is resigning for retirement purposes and has been employed with East Liverpool City Schools for 31 years. We wish her well and thank her for her service.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
Mr. Dieringer
Mr. Estell
Ms. Martin
Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-529 Personnel –Resignation

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Estell seconded to approve the following resignation:

Lori Adkins, as Assistant Varsity Girls Track Coach at East Liverpool High School, effective January 21, 2015.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
Mr. Dieringer
Mr. Estell
Ms. Martin
Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-530 Personnel-Appointments

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following appointments for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Gwen Croxall, from a bus aide to a Bus Driver for East Liverpool City Schools, effective January 27, 2015. Ms. Croxall will be placed on Step 4 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$14.35 per hour.

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2. Patty Milhoan, as a Bus Driver for East Liverpool City Schools, effective January 27, 2015. Ms. Milhoan will be placed on Step 2 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$14.09 per hour.
3. Chris Hornbeck, 709 Oakland Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio as a Crossing Guard (front) at North Elementary, effective January 27, 2015. Mr. Hornbeck will be placed on Step 1 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$10.85 per hour.
4. Stephanie Orlo, 16720 Artistic Drive, East Liverpool, Ohio as a Teacher's Aide (classroom) at Westgate, effective January 27, 2015. Ms. Orlo will be placed on Step 0 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$10.83 per hour.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-531 **Personnel-Leave of Absence**

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following leave of absence:

1. Rachael Midcap, a teacher at North Elementary, requests a leave of absence from March 27, 2015 through May 27, 2015. Ms. Midcap plans to use her sick leave and personal leave and then use an unpaid Family and Medical Leave.
2. Karen Mitchell, a Bus Driver and Cafeteria Aide for East Liverpool Schools, is requesting a one year leave of absence, per Article XXI of the negotiated agreement, beginning January 14, 2015 through January 13, 2016.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

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15-01-532 Personnel-Substitute Teacher/Homebound Instruction Tutor

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following individual as a substitute teacher/homebound instruction tutor for the 2014-2015 school year.

Susan Estell, 1410 Etruria Street, East Liverpool, Ohio

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Abstained Mr. Estell

Motion carried 4-0-1

15-01-533 Personnel-Substitute Teachers/Homebound Instruction Tutors

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers/homebound instruction tutors for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Abigail Harris, 1210 Parshall Drive, Wellsville, Ohio
2. Molly Bangor, 1003 Main Street, Wellsville, Ohio
3. Dylan Stickler, 647 Spring Grove Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-534 Personnel-Substitute Teacher's Aide

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following individual as a substitute teacher's aide for the 2014-2015 school year.

Amy Manbeck, 46294 Kelly Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer

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Mr. Estell
Ms. Martin
Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-535 **Personnel-Substitute Cafeteria Workers/Cafeteria Aides**

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following individuals as substitute cafeteria workers/cafeteria aides for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Alana Campbell, 46774 McDonald Street, East Liverpool, Ohio
2. Lucy Harris, 1925 St. Clair Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio
3. Tabitha Miller, 979 May Road, East Liverpool, Ohio

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
Mr. Dieringer
Mr. Estell
Ms. Martin
Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-536 **Contract with Columbiana County ESC**

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Dieringer seconded to table until the February 9 regular meeting.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
Mr. Dieringer
Mr. Estell
Ms. Martin
Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-537 **Personnel-Appointment**

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following appointments for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Cheryl Shaw, from a cafeteria worker at East Liverpool High School to a Cafeteria Cashier at East Liverpool High School, effective January 27, 2015. Ms. Shaw will be placed on Step 1 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$11.12 per hour.

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2. Donald Goodwin, 825 Northside Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio as a Crossing Guard (front) at Westgate, effective January 27, 2015. Mr. Goodwin will be placed on Step 1 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$10.85 per hour.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

15-01-538 Personnel-Lateral Transfer

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Walton seconded to approve the following lateral transfer.

Diane Hiemstra, from Custodian at East Liverpool High School to Custodian (Field house afternoon shift) at East Liverpool High School, effective January 27, 2015. Ms. Hiemstra's classification will remain on C-9 of the approved salary schedule, which is \$31,030.65.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dieringer announced the following Committee appointments for 2015:

Athletic-Chairperson Brian Allen, Member Scott Dieringer

Audit/Finance/Legal/Policy-Chairperson Robert Estell, Member Brian Allen

O.S.F.C. Project Liaison/Buildings And
Grounds/Transportation- Chairperson Scott Dieringer, Member Larry Walton

Personnel- Chairperson Janice Martin, Member Robert Estell

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Curriculum & Technology-Chairperson Brian Allen, Member Larry Walton

Midland/East Liverpool Oversight Committee- Chairperson Randy Taylor, Member Janice Martin, Member Todd Puster, Member Melissa Watson, Member Jennifer Enochs

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS

Athletic-*Mr. Allen reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and asked that notice of a meeting be posted for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23.

Audit/Finance/Legal/Policy-*Mr. Estell requested that the Committee be scheduled to meet when OSBA is ready to begin work on the Policy Manual update.

O.S.F.C. Project Liaison/Buildings And Grounds/Transportation-*Mr. Dieringer asked that a meeting be scheduled when the architect for the Westgate HVAC improvements is ready to meet.

Personnel- *No Report

Curriculum & Technology-*No Report

Midland/East Liverpool Oversight Committee- *No Report

STANDING APPOINTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dieringer announced the following Standing appointments for 2015:

Fawcett Foundation- Designee Scott Dieringer, Alternate Larry Walton

East Liverpool High School Alumni Association City Schools Education and Scholarship Fund- Designee Larry Walton, Alternate Brian Allen

Legislative Liaison/OSBA Delegate- Designee Larry Walton, Alternate Robert Estell

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Fawcett Foundation- *No Report

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East Liverpool High School Alumni Association City Schools Education and Scholarship Fund- *No Report

Legislative Liaison/OSBA Delegate- *Mr. Walton expressed concern that legislative mandates directing topics of instruction may be well intended but often intrude in a very limited classroom instructional day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

BOARD TABLE COMMENTS

Mr. Walton-*None

Ms. Martin-*None

Mr. Allen-*None

Mr. Estell-*None

Mr. Dieringer-*Recognized wrestler Alex Potts for earning accolades as the Most Valuable Player of the OVAC wrestling tournament.

*Thanked District support staff members for their efforts to keep schools open and safe during difficult weather conditions.

Ms. Watson-*None

Mr. Puster-*None

Announcements

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, at the Westgate Administrative Center.

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Executive Session

Mr. Estell moved; Allen seconded to enter executive session at 6:39 p.m. to prepare and review collective bargaining negotiations; and to consider the appointment and employment of school district personnel.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin

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Mr. Walton

Motion carried 5-0

Regular session was reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Executive Session Action

None

15-01-540 Adjournment

Mr. Allen moved; Mr. Estell seconded to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

Roll call Ayes Mr. Allen
 Mr. Dieringer
 Mr. Estell
 Ms. Martin

Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Walton left the meeting prior to adjournment at 9:25 p.m.

The foregoing is a true and correct record. These minutes approved by the Board of Education at the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2015.

President

Treasurer

Date