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Regular Meeting

Held in the Board of Education Office January 17, 2008

The Clermont Northeastern Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 17, 2008 at the Board Office. The meeting was called to order by Board President Mrs. Spencer at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mrs. Mummert, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Hoerth, Mrs. Huxel.

Absent: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board adopt the agenda as presented, approve the prior month's minutes and this month's financial statements.

21.08 VOTE: All yeas.

All in attendance said the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None Tonight.

MOMENT OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Mr. Leist stated that tonight's Moment of Excellence is a group of High School Band Members who, on their own, went to the Senior Citizens Home-Sem Villa Laurels in Milford and entertained the residents during Christmas Break. Superintendent Mr. Leist asked High School Principal Mr. Chapin to introduce the students in attendance tonight. Mr. Chapin stated that student Shannon Hill organized the band members who did the entertaining. Mr. Chapin introduced each student: Shannon Hill, Leah Humphries, Ivan Glasgo, Ben Imbus, Andy Shaw, Victor Glasgo, Alex Gray, and Caitlin Neeley. The Board thanked each student, presented them with a certificate of appreciation, and Community Journal press reporter Katy Cossee took their picture for an upcoming story.

OLD BUSINESS

Todd Thackery and Herb Gardner from the architect firm, Steed, Hammond and Paul were in attendance and presented a 20 minute video presentation on where the facilities committee was to date. Committee Members also in attendance were: Faye Miller, Danny Ilhardt, and Don Biermann. The review consisted of all the various options the group considered, a recap of the discussion, and how the group has narrowed its focus to a new High School building, to be built on the main campus, the Owensville building being closed for student instruction, and the various grade levels being reassigned to the remaining buildings. The Board engaged in general conversation about a building project, what would be paid for by the State and what would have to be paid for locally. Board Member Mr. Freeman stated he would like to preserve the youth fields and build the new school on the football field. Board President Mrs. Spencer stated she too would like to save the youth fields and wanted to look at relocating the parking areas. General discussion followed over locations. Board Member Mr. Hoerth stated that we need to do what is right for District and not shoe horn in a building. He stated some community fields may need to be sacrificed. The Board thanked Mr. Thackery and Mr. Gardner for attending the meeting and stated they expected an update at each meeting henceforth. The Board reviewed the list. Board Member Mr. Freeman made contact with the County Planning Department who will have their representative contact the Treasurer with a sign proto type. Board Member Mrs. Huxel moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Treasurer pursue with the County, however, if nothing is eminent, include the sign project on the District's summer work list.

22.08 VOTE: All yeas.

Superintendent Mr. Leist stated he has a meeting scheduled with Duke Energy at 2:00 p.m. Thursday January 24 for an energy consumption study. Board Member Mrs. Huxel stated she would like to attend that meeting.

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Superintendent Mr. Leist stated he had been in touch with Stonelick Access TV. They were shut down during the township move but will be back on in February. He stated a camera on a tripod would be set up in the back of the Board Room. We would need to record our own meeting and submit to Paul Duchemin who is now running the program for Stonelick Township.

Superintendent Mr. Leist stated that Band Director Mr. Moore would be preparing a District Calendar as a fund raising project. Board Member Mrs. Huxel asked if he was going to use the company located here in our District? Mr. Leist did not know. Mr. Leist stated that everything to be included in the calendar has to be finalized by July 1, 2008. Mr. Leist stated that ECEC Dean of Students Mrs. Greene would be assisting Mr. Moore on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Mrs. Huxel asked when the Concert by the Lake/Block Party was scheduled for this year? Mr. Leist stated May 13. Superintendent Mr. Leist stated that a Mr. Arnest has petitioned the State Board of Education to transfer property that he owns off of Overlook Drive from the Clermont Northeastern District to the Milford District. Board Member Mr. Hoerth stated he found the pictures that were taken while out looking at various buildings and would be sending them to everyone.

Board Member Mr. Hoerth stated that the Recognition Dinner held tonight for the Past Board Members and retired Administrators went very well and he wished to donate his Board salary to cover the expenses of the dinner. Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded.

23.08 VOTE: All yeas

Board Member Mr. Freeman stated that at the Lions Club Meeting Monday evening, the Lions Club voted to reimburse the District the \$500 membership fee for the eye glasses and coats that were donated. Board President Mrs. Spencer stated a letter of appreciation had been published in the Community Journal from the Lions Club.

Board Member Mrs. Huxel stated that as we discussed last year, she would like to see the Board Members attend as many local township, governmental, and group meetings as possible. She feels this benefits the District. She said she could cover the Stonelick Township Meetings and the Access TV. Mrs. Huxel stated the alumni basketball game is scheduled for January 26.

Board President Mrs. Spencer stated that all the Board Members would be heavily involved in committees and meetings leading up to the bond issue. She stated Treasurer Mr. Switzer is representing us at the Rotary, Superintendent Mr. Leist is representing us at the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Leist and Mr. Freeman both are involved with the Lions Club, Mrs. Huxel is involved with Miami Township, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Boosters, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hoerth are very active in the CNEAA community league. Mrs. Spencer stated she would like to become more active and expressed interest in the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Spencer said we can all share important items from the various clubs and organizations we are involved with under New Business. Board Member Mrs. Huxel stated the CIP states we, as a Board, need to discuss our responsibilities as a Board. She stated we should consider Board Work Sessions. Treasurer Mr. Switzer stated that if the Board wanted to look at Board work sessions, they might look at the way West Clermont handles theirs. A work session is held early in the month, and the actual business meeting is held later in the month. Board Member Mrs. Mummert stated as long as we have an agenda and know what we are here to talk about, she did not mind the work sessions, but she did not want to meet just for the sake of meeting. Board Member Mrs. Huxel stated the building project will have a detailed agenda. Board Member Mr. Freeman stated as long as it is not a shot gun approach that we have some structure and order, he did not mind meeting, he doesn't want to talk for no reason at all. Board President Mrs. Spencer stated she missed the CIP meeting, but will look through the CIP and come up with an agenda and look at a future workshop. Board Member Mrs. Huxel stated a CIP update is due in February.

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Board Member Mrs. Mummert said we had an incident this weekend at the Boys Basketball Game in Felicity. Superintendent Mr. Leist stated he had met with Felicity Superintendent Mr. Shephard for two hours on Monday and another hour this afternoon. The two of them sat and reviewed the tape of the incident identifying the individuals involved. Felicity has taken full responsibility for the fight. They are sending us a letter of apology and the five students involved will be punished. Board President Mrs. Spencer said she was concerned with the Middle School boys traveling to Felicity this week, whether any harsh feelings would travel over to their game. She said the High School girls play Felicity here next week. Mr. Leist stated that Felicity has pledged to have extra administrators at the game for supervision and crowd control. Mr. Leist stated an additional CNE administrator would also be present. Board Member Mr. Freeman stated you can't control the parents. He feels this incident should be pursued criminally with the Sheriff for those parents who came out of the stand and punched people. Board Member Mrs. Mummert said she doesn't know how her hand was hurt. She stated Freshman Coach Jim Jones was punched in the nose by a fan who came out of the stands. She is concerned about taking the Felicity Administration on the honor system. She stated this is the 3rd incident they have had this year. She doesn't feel additional administrators will be enough. She stated the same parents and fans from the high school game will be at the middle school game. Board Member Mrs. Huxel asked if police officers would be there? Superintendent Mr. Leist stated that police officers were not mentioned but he could request they be in attendance. Board Member Mrs. Huxel asked if we could have a change in venue? Board President Mrs. Spencer said Athletic Director Mr. Tackett can go to the league to take corrective action. Superintendent Mr. Leist stated the league is already aware of the situation. Board Member Mr. Freeman stated they had an incident with East Clinton, now with CNE, a coach was assaulted, a parent was arrested, over zealous fans came from the stands and started the fight against East Clinton. We have a video and they can't deny it. Board Member Mrs. Huxel said to have law enforcement at the game. Board President Mrs. Spencer wants to know what the league will do about it? Superintendent Leist stated the league will request discipline against the students involved and Felicity has already said they will do that. Board Member Mrs. Mummert said since it is all secret we will have no proof any punishment actually took place. Superintendent Leist stated the parent from the East Clinton incident has been banned for one year. The parent from this situation has denied hitting Mr. Jones. Felicity Superintendent Mr. Shephard, conveyed to Mr. Leist that Coach Jones should go ahead and press charges. Board Member Mrs. Mummert stated the Felicity Police would not take a report that evening, we had to wait for the County Sheriff to respond to file a report. Board President Mrs. Spencer asked what the Board's stance will be? Board Member Mrs. Mummert said to have adequate security. Board President Mrs. Spencer said we should have an officer here when they to play on our court. Board Member Mrs. Mummert said if Coach Jones does not file charges, can we? Board Member Mr. Freeman stated no. Board Member Mrs. Mummert stated we will pursue any medical expenses. Coach Jones had to submit a report to the County Sheriff on the incident. The Felicity Police would not take a report. Superintendent Leist stated he would make a call to Superintendent Shephard. He will express his concerns about safety and ask for a County Deputy to be present at the game. He stated we have a fear that an escalation of the violence will occur and a child could get hurt. Audience Members and Basketball Coaches Donnie Donohoo and Jim Jones stated that another incident took place between Felicity and White Oak.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Treasurer's Recommendations tonight.

24.08 VOTE: All yeas.

25.08 The Board established Fund 024 as the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Reserve Fund.
Approved by consent.

The Board approved the following operational transfers:

From:		To:	
001-General Fund	\$66,500	011-Pre-School	\$66,500

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001-General Fund	\$ 55,000	432-EMIS	\$ 55,000
001-General Fund	\$ 50,000	024-Self Insurance Fund	\$ 50,000
001-General Fund	\$150,000	035-Termination Benefit Fund	\$150,000

26.08 Approved by consent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS-PERSONNEL

Board Member Mr. Freeman moved and Board Member Mrs. Mummert seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent's Recommendations-Personnel tonight.

27.08 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tim Stanford for purposes of retirement effective May 31, 2008.

28.08 Approved by consent.

The Board re-employed Tim Stanford as Behavior Specialist/Work Study Coordinator on a one-year limited contract, Masters +15, Step 8, at a salary of \$48,305.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

29.08 Approved by consent.

The Board employed Cynthia McGee as a substitute food service worker for the 2007-2008 school year to be used on an as needed basis. A successful background check has been completed.

30.08 Approved by consent.

The Board approved Zach Ison as a volunteer coach to assist with Middle School wrestling.

31.08 Approved by consent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS-OTHER

Board Member Mrs. Mummert moved and Board Member Mr. Hoerth seconded that the Board bundle and approve the Superintendent's Recommendations-Other tonight.

32.08 VOTE: All yeas.

The Board accepted a donation of several bags of books valued at approximately \$225.00 from Susan Putnam in December for use by the high school.

33.08 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a donation of \$400.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bauer for use by the high school.

34.08 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted the following donations for use by the middle school:

CNE K-8 PTO	\$915.00
Abitibi Consolidated	\$ 15.43
Verizon	\$ 35.43

35.08 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted the following donations for use by the elementary school:

Abitibi Consolidated	\$ 20.70
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Lifetouch	\$793.00
Boxtops for Education	\$590.50

36.08 Approved by consent.

The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$500 from CVS to be used for reading and technology at the elementary school.

37.08 Approved by consent.

