

REGULAR MEETING MILLCREEK-WEST UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 24, 2022

Library

President Heather Jones called the regular meeting of the Millcreek-West Unity Local Board of Education to order at 7:00 a.m. in the Library, with the following board members present for roll call: Sarah Carothers, Brian Wieland, Randy Mahlman, David Chester and Heather Jones.

Mr. Wyse gave the Board an update on plans for replacing several buses using a state bus grant to offset some of the cost. Purchases will be made this fiscal year and next.

#26-22 Mr. Mahlman made the motion to approve the following consent agenda supported by Mr. Chester:

1. Approve the Minutes, Financial Statements, and Investments from the January 2022 Board of Education meetings. Attachment 1 in board notes
2. Approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Attachment 2 in board notes
3. Approval to purchase 84-Passenger Blue Bird All American School Bus from Cardinal Bus through META Cooperative. The cost will be partially offset by Transportation Grant Funding through the State of Ohio.
4. Approval to make payment to EMS LINQ Inc., for Website Hosting and ADA Compliance. \$3,190.
5. Authorize 2022-2023 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
6. Approve the following revenue increases and appropriation modifications.

Fund	Increase (Decrease) Appropriations	Increase (Decrease) Revenues
516 9022 IDEA	4,941.84	4,941.84
590 9022 Title IIA	111.71	111.71
572 9022 Title IA	-2,227.12	-2,227.12
572 9922 Expand Opportunities	-81.81	-81.81
507 9022 ESSER II	1,591.77	1,591.77

507 9922 ARP ESSER	3,577.41	3,577.41
516 9922 ARP IDEA-B	1,531.15	1,531.15
587 9922 ARP IDEA Early Child	112.40	112.40

7. Approve the following donation:

- West Unity Lions Club donated \$500 to the Millcreek-West Unity FFA.
- Half Price Books donated two boxes of books to the school.

8. Approve the following graduate study requests:

- Jordan Rode - LIT5343 - Implementing Literacy in Context and LIT5363 - Literacy for Exceptional Learners - American College of Education - Winter 2021/2022 - six semester hours.
- Wendy Hogrefe - RDG505 Psychology of Reading; RDG540 Fluency and Comprehension; RDG530 Phonics; RDG538 Diagnosis and Remediation - Mount Saint Joseph University - 12 semester hours - Summer/Fall 2022.

9. Approve the following supplemental employments:

- Janice Bruner, Kim Goosman, Cristin Hagans, Amanda Nofziger, Vicki Rhodes, Michelle Steffes, Jen Yoh, -High Quality Student Data (Formerly SLO Committee)

10. Approve School Van Driver Job Description. Attachment 3 in board notes

Vote: Mrs. Jones, yes; Mrs. Carothers, yes; Mr. Mahlman, yes; Mr. Wieland, yes; and Mr. Chester, yes. Motion carried.

#27-22 Mr. Wieland made the motion to approve the following supplemental employments pending completion of all the requirements to obtain a Pupil Activity Permit.

- Desiree Arps - Assistant Track Coach
- Corey Eisel - Assistant Track Coach
- Shawn Blaisdell - Junior High Track Coach
- Justin Wiyrick - Junior High Track Coach
- Nate Meuschke - JV Baseball Coach
- Kaiden Clendenin - Assistant Baseball Coach
- Randy Mahlman - Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- Chase Whitman - Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- Natalee Schaffner - JV Softball Coach
- Aubrey Wyse - Assistant Softball Coach
- Kim Maneval - Volunteer Softball Coach

Mrs. Carothers seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Jones, yes; Mrs. Carothers, yes; Mr. Mahlman, abstain; Mr. Wieland, yes; and Mr. Chester, yes. Motion carried.

#28-22 Mr. Wieland made the motion to approve the rejection of all bids submitted for the Gymnasium Addition Building Project, as they exceeded the legal bid threshold. Mr. Mahlman seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Jones, yes; Mrs. Carothers, yes; Mr. Mahlman, yes; Mr. Wieland, yes; and Mr. Chester, yes. Motion carried.

Before voting, the Board discussed the next item on the agenda, "The Resolution of Urgent Necessity" related to the gymnasium addition project. Because the lowest responsible bidder came in at just over 12%, the bids had to be rejected. However, due to the current economic climate, supply chain shortages, and the lack of available qualified work force, all as a result of the pandemic, it was reasoned that rebidding the project would not result in lower bids, but would in fact drive bids higher and cause even longer lead times for construction materials. In addition, rebidding the project, would push out the start date, which would also increase the costs as builders would charge more for accommodations that would have to be made when working in winter conditions. Due to increased costs that would surely face district taxpayers, the Board and its legal counsel considered that acceptable rationale for accepting the resolution to move forward with the project despite the higher bid.

#29-22 Mrs. Carothers made the motion to approve the resolution declaring urgent necessity related to the Gymnasium Addition Project; authorizing the execution of a contract for construction of the project; authorizing the President and Treasurer to execute the contract only upon the Contractor's execution of the same and the satisfaction by the Contractor of any conditions precedent to execution. Mr. Chester seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Carothers, yes; Mr. Chester, yes; Mr. Mahlman, yes; Mrs. Jones, yes; and Mr. Wieland, yes. Motion carried.

#30-21 With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mahlman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wieland seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 a.m.

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Board President

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Treasurer