

Minutes, Regular Meeting, September 10, 2019, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

Roll Call: Cutler, Present
 Fuller, Present
 Jenkins, Present
 Smith, Present
 Wooldridge, Present

19-213 ADOPT AGENDA Mrs. Jenkins motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Public Concerns

Carrie Nichols addressed the Board regarding her son's desire to participate in swimming through Portsmouth West HS since Piketon does not have a swim team. Mr. Hairston hopes to be able to make this work for her son and will look into the matter.

Mrs. Spriggs asked the Board when the vacant bus driver position would be filled. Mr. Hairston responded that he has discussed it with Mr. Mantell and they will be conducting interviews very soon.

19-214 TREASURER ITEMS BY CONSENT Mr. Smith motioned to approve the following items by consent:

1. Minutes of August 6 and August 20, 2019 meetings
2. \$180 donation from Piketon Lions Club for PHS Good Citizen Program
3. \$250 donation from Atomic Credit Union to be used for football shirts
4. Financial reports for August
5. Payment of bills for August

Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

19-202 SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS BY CONSENT Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the following items by consent:

1. Employ – Heather Penwell – substitute school nurse
2. Additions to the classified substitute list
3. Additions to the substitute teacher list

Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Reports of Building Principals:

Mrs. Conley reported that curriculum mapping for the new reading series is complete. The staff are starting on RIMPs for students who are not reading on track. They have started benchmarking with Aims Web Plus. Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Brust will be working with the Early Childhood Alliance. Jasper will be participating in Handle With Care training for students that have had interactions with law enforcement. Mrs. Conley has spoken to each classroom about the High Five Program and its expectations. The student run credit union will open soon and the 5th grade students will be running it.

Mr. Reuter reported that the 6th grade is settling in to PHS very well. Noah Nichols is the newest member of the Top 30 ACT Club. He has conducted entry interviews with 44 teachers. PHS now has an Anime Club and a Gaming Club. The Welcoming Committee is doing a great job and interviewed Mr. Hairston recently.

Mr. Owens is having a wonderful start to the new year. He has received 59 positive referrals.

Mr. Roberts reported that the DLT had its focus group meeting and they discussed building needs. They want to work on providing more math instruction time for 4th and 5th grade and continue to improve our special education services. Mr. Hairston would like to bring in Dr. Cannaday to provide professional development to the staff.

19-216 QUARANTINE RESOLUTION Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF QUARANTINE – ZAHN’S CORNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, testing and monitoring conducted by independent sources have detected the presence of extraordinarily dangerous, cancer-causing toxins, including plutonium, neptunium, americium, and uranium, in and around Zahn’s Corner Middle School (Zahn’s Corner); and

WHEREAS, the presences of said toxins is likely attributable to the ongoing activities associated with the decommissioning and on-site disposal of radioactive materials conducted at the former Portsmouth Gas Diffusion Plant in close proximity to Zahn’s Corner, thus representing the risk of ongoing and further contamination therein; and

WHEREAS, there is no “safe” threshold for the presence of said toxins, which represent a grave threat to human health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has an affirmative obligation to provide for a safe classroom learning space for all students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its obligations to the students, faculty and staff of the SVLSD and the public at large, the Board has determined that the only safe and responsible course of action for dealing with the contamination of Zahn’s Corner is to quarantine the same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Education hereby quarantines the Zahn’s Corner educational facility and related site, prohibiting any unauthorized entry whatsoever until further notice.
2. Authorized entry shall be limited exclusively to local, state or federal emergency responders, called to the Zahn’s Corner scene due to an actual on-premises emergency and/or to subject matter experts performing radiological and related scientific testing.
3. No one may enter the Zahn’s Corner premises or the adjacent land without wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment.
4. The quarantine action applies not only to the physical Zahn’s Corner structure, but to all School District land, property and outbuildings adjacent thereto.
5. The Board of Education specifically finds that the quarantine restriction enacted herein is necessary to sustain school district operations.
6. This action is taken in compliance with the Ohio Open Meetings Act, enacted at a Regular Board meeting, and that all proper public notice meeting requirements have been met.

Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

19-217 PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the following resolution:

WAIVING THE STATUTORY SELECTION PROCESS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES FOR ZAHN'S CORNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Superintendent recommends that the Board waive the requirements of the statutory qualifications-based selection process for design professionals to procure the design services needed to address the nuclear contamination at the District's Zahn's Corner Middle School.

Rationale:

1. The Federal Department of Energy has reported the discovery of "trace amounts" of neptunium at the air monitoring station at the Middle School. Upon further inspection, enriched uranium was discovered to have contaminated the interior of the Middle School. It is believed that the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is the source of the contamination. As a result of the contamination, and with the safety of the District's students and staff as top priority, the District immediately closed the Middle School.
2. As a result of the contamination on the site, the Middle School remains unusable and may need demolished and new middle school facilities will need to be planned, designed, and constructed. In the meantime, the current Middle School students will be displaced from their school.
3. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 153.71(B) provides an exception to the statutory qualifications-based selection process for a design professional when there is an emergency requiring immediate action.
4. Based upon the need to take immediate action to address the contamination issues at the Middle School, the Superintendent recommends waiving the statutory process for selecting a design professional firm in order to begin services immediately, as permitted by ORC 153.71(B).
5. The Superintendent has solicited and received a proposal from TSHD Architects for preliminary design services in the amount of \$__12,000__.

The Scioto Valley Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The potential demolition of the Middle School planning, design, and construction of new middle school facilities as soon as possible in light of the displaced students, constitutes an emergency requiring immediate action under ORC Section 153.71(B).
2. In light of this emergency, the Board waives the selection process outlined in the ORC for the selection of a design professional to provide the necessary services based upon such emergency.
3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and other administrators, working with legal counsel, to prepare an agreement with TSHD Architects in an amount not to exceed \$__12,000__ for the preliminary design services, and to sign the agreement with TSHD Architects and any related documents on behalf of the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

19-218 CANCEL MEETINGS Mrs. Jenkins motioned to cancel board meetings scheduled for September 24, 2019 and November 5, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

19-219 EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Smith motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee. Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Upon return to open session:

19-220 OPEN SESSION Mr. Fuller motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Smith and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

19-221 ADJOURN Mr. Cutler moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.