

Minutes, Regular Meeting, October 11, 2016, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

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

**16-211 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-212 APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**Personnel Concerns**

Kim Shaw addressed the Board on behalf of the PSEA. She stated that that all buildings needed more intervention specialists and that Jasper needed an assistant principal, art teacher, reading intervention, kindergarten intervention, smartboards, new playground, in-school suspension teacher, chairs, copiers and leaks in the ceiling repaired. Mrs. Jenkins asked if Ms. Shaw was asking for a new playground or for the playground to be moved. Ms. Shaw stated that they are requesting a new playground in a different location due to traffic concerns at Jasper. Mrs. Jenkins asked Ms. Shaw to repeat some of the items on her list. Mrs. Jenkins stated that the Board had given direction to purchase smartboards. Mrs. Williams stated that Mr. Amato was in the process of obtaining pricing for 8 smartboards that would be distributed 4 to Jasper and 2 each to Zahns and PHS. The principals will be deciding who receives the smartboards based on written proposals submitted by the teachers. Mr. Mantell stated that he is not requesting additional intervention specialists for Zahns at this time.

Vicki Spriggs addressed the Board regarding a bus driver vacancy that should have been filled at the October meeting according to contract. Mrs. Williams stated that none of the current subs for the district were interested in the position but two new drivers were finishing their certifications soon. Also, Dr. Burkitt's surgery had affected the timeline. Mrs. Williams expects the vacancy to be addressed at the November meeting. Mrs. Spriggs also requested that the Board meet with an employee privately to discuss concerns related to a student. Mrs. Williams asked if that would be appropriate since a grievance has been filed. Mrs. Spriggs stated that the grievance is unrelated to the student concerns. Mrs. Jenkins informed Mrs. Spriggs that the Board would consider the request during executive session and let her know if they decide to meet with the employee.

**16-213 ADOPT AGENDA** Mr. Stockham motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-214 RESIGNATION** Mr. Stockham motioned to accept the resignation of Angie Taylor as 6<sup>th</sup> grade quiz bowl coach. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-215 EMPLOY COACHES** Mr. Smith motioned to employ the following coaches:

Tom Kelley – assistant boys’ varsity basketball

Tyler Williams – boys’ JV basketball

Gary Veach – boys’ freshman basketball

Matt Hannah – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball

Joel Shepherd – 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball

Scott Legg, Ben Thompson, Trevor McDowell and Mike Little – volunteer boys’ basketball

LeAnna Kleinke – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ basketball

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

**16-216 CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE** Mr. Cutler motioned to employ Patricia Smith as a substitute classified employee. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-217 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve a student transportation contract. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-218 WAIVER DAYS** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve 2 waiver days for staff professional development as outlined in a request from Mr. Roberts. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-219 ELECTRICITY RESOLUTION** Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve a resolution authorizing participation in the META/MEC RFP for electricity purchasing. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-220 RESOLUTION** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the following:

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE OF PIKETON’S REQUEST FOR A THIRD PARTY ASSESSMENT OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S DECISION TO CONSTRUCT A LOW-LEVEL NUCLEAR AND HAZARDOUS WASTE LANDFILL ON THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PORTSMOUTH SITE IN PIKETON, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, the US DOE owns a 3,777-acre federal reservation in Piketon, Ohio, on which the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) is located, and that is within the Scioto Valley Local School District;

WHEREAS, the Scioto Valley Local School District and the Village of Piketon have served as the host community and supported the construction and operation of uranium enrichment facilities, owned by the federal government, that have resulted in the contamination of the environment in the form of radiological and chemical releases into the air, surface water, and ground water, without being offered equivalent economic benefits or financial compensation that the federal government has provided to other host communities;

WHEREAS, the PORTS gaseous diffusion process enriched uranium for DOE and predecessor agencies, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, and commercial customers from 1954 until May 2001, at which time the production facilities were placed into a cold-standby mode. During cold standby, the process buildings were maintained with a restart capability as a strategic hedge against a disruption in the nation’s supply of enriched uranium. DOE terminated the cold-standby program in September 2005 and replaced it with a cold-shutdown program, which no longer maintained the gaseous diffusion restart capability. The process buildings, support facilities, and auxiliary facilities are being maintained in a safe and secure condition until they can be safely demolished;

WHEREAS, the three process buildings, as well as most of the remaining buildings/structures and infrastructure, are situated within the approximately 1,000-acre industrialized area that lies within Perimeter Road. The portion of the DOE property outside of Perimeter Road, consisting of more than 2,500 acres, is used for a variety of purposes, including a water treatment plant, sediment ponds, sanitary and inert landfills, cylinder storage yards, open fields, and forested buffer areas. Closed existing landfills and burial grounds account for approximately 101 acres; WHEREAS, the US DOE and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) have issued a Record of Decision to decontaminate and decommission the process buildings and complex facilities at PORTS;

WHEREAS, the US DOE and the Ohio EPA have issued a Record of Decision to construct a landfill to dispose of low level nuclear and hazardous waste generated by the demolition of the gaseous diffusion plant, which consists of approximately 415 buildings, structures, utility systems, or infrastructure units with three main process buildings known as X-333, X-330, and X-326, which house the gaseous diffusion equipment;

WHEREAS, the Proposed Plan for the Waste Disposition Project at PORTS in Piketon, Ohio, was made available to the public on October 29, 2014, and while DOE engaged members of the PORTS Site Specific Advisory Board and the County Commissioners from Pike, Scioto, Ross, and Jackson counties, DOE did not engage the Scioto Valley Local School District;

WHEREAS, the selected waste disposition remedy to construct a low level nuclear and hazardous waste landfill results in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining on Site at the point of generation above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure and these hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants will remain perpetually within the Scioto Valley Local School District;

WHEREAS, the association with long term nuclear activities and radioactive waste has had challenging economic impacts and public image effects on the community, and continued association with permanent storage of radioactive and hazardous waste impacts current and future property values and continued economic growth in Piketon, Ohio, which could negatively impact the value of the current and future real estate tax base that is a primary funding source for the Scioto Valley Local School District;

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the low-level nuclear and hazardous waste landfill is located in the north east portion of the US DOE property approximately 1.7 miles from the Zahns Corner Middle School;

WHEREAS, the socioeconomic impacts of this decision on the Scioto Valley Local School District have not been adequately assessed and are not known or understood by the Scioto Valley Local School District Board of Education whose responsibility it is to advocate for the educational welfare of its students and on behalf of the families and children of the Scioto Valley Local School District;

WHEREAS, the US DOE has made discretionary payments to certain communities and school districts to make up for the loss of tax revenues and to compensate for the burdens placed upon communities hosting nuclear facilities. Burdens acknowledged by the US DOE through the approval and funding of financial assistance applications from other host communities include:

- The effects of a negative stigma on residential housing development near a nuclear facility, resulting in a majority of the workforce living outside of the host community;
- The challenges of economic development within a host community carrying a negative environmental image associated with storing nuclear waste in perpetuity and bad press related to past releases of contamination into the environment; and
- Unfair demands on the host community's resident tax payers to provide for community services and infrastructure to support the facility, such as roadways and mutual aid for fire and emergency services;

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, this federally-owned property has been exempt from paying taxes that would have funded the Scioto Valley Local School District, and the Scioto Valley Local School District has received \$0 from the US Department of Energy or any of its contractors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCIOTO VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

**Section 1:** The Scioto Valley Local School District supports the Village of Piketon's request for a third party assessment of the underlying geology/hydrology of the proposed location and the socioeconomic impacts, public image impacts, and future growth and development impacts to the Village of Piketon, including areas identified for future growth opportunities, that will result from the construction of a low level nuclear and hazardous waste landfill and the perpetual storage of radioactive and hazardous waste.

**Section 2:** The Scioto Valley Local School District requests the third party assessment include the socioeconomic impacts to the Scioto Valley Local School District, past and present, including negative impacts to property values and subsequent real estate taxes that fund the Scioto Valley Local School District.

**Section 3:** The Scioto Valley Local School District shares the concerns stated by the Village of Piketon, and requests these concerns be adequately addressed in the third party assessment, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The proximity of the nuclear and hazardous waste landfill to the Zahns Corner Middle School.
2. The risks associated with any off-site chemical and radiological releases to the environment, such as air emissions or discharges to surface water.
3. How a nuclear and hazardous waste landfill will negatively impact the property values and the ability to grow our community.
4. Whether or not our families and children, present and future, are at risk.
5. Confirmation that the bedrock is not fractured or jointed, as stated in the Proposed Plan, and that constructing a nuclear and hazardous waste landfill at the edge of the property boundary and in bedrock is protective.
6. The contamination limits for radiological and chemical wastes that will be disposed in the onsite nuclear and hazardous waste landfill and how the waste will be characterized prior to disposal.
7. How does the location comply with the Ohio EPA's siting criteria.

**Section 4:** The Scioto Valley Local School District supports the establishment of a Public Information Center to inform and educate the community about the safety controls and potential hazards associated with the low-level nuclear and hazardous waste landfill and site operations that also celebrates the rich and varied history of the US DOE PORTS site and host community, to include information on the site's natural, Native American, settlement and farming, uranium enrichment operations, and environmental cleanup eras, as well as the ecological restoration through a series of exhibits and programs that allow public tours and meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scioto Valley Local School District Board of Education Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate legal instruments to accomplish the same.

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

**16-221 ESTABLISH FUND 070** Mr. Cutler motioned to approve the establishment of Fund 070 to hold funds that are raised for the proposed athletic building. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham NO, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA. Mr. Stockham would prefer to replace programs at Jasper Elementary before beginning a building.

Ms. Shaw asked what will happen if the fundraising goal is not met. Ms. Shaw stated that there are more important educational needs. Mrs. Williams stated that the Board has not committed any general fund money to the construction of the building and that a decision would have to be made at a later date about the fundraising goal. Mrs. Jenkins stated that there are no guarantees that the building will be constructed. If fundraising fall short, the plan for the building can be changed to fit the new budget. Mrs. Jenkins encouraged the union to communicate their needs to the administration. Mr. Smith stated that the Board has helped academic activities as well as athletics.

**16-222 DONATION** Mr. Smith motioned to accept a \$100 donation from William and Alice Ward in memory of Vera Keiser to be used by the girls' basketball team. Seconded by Mr. Stockham, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-223 FIVE YEAR FORECAST** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve a five-year financial forecast as presented by Mrs. Williams. Seconded by Mr. Cutler, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-224 BILLS** Mr. Stockham motioned to approve payment of the bills for September. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Mr. Wooldridge stated that the proposed athletic building will take time. It will take time to raise the money needed. The goal is not to use general funds. The old HS is a hazard and we want the kids to be safe.

**16-225 EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mr. Smith motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Upon return to open session:

**16-226 OPEN SESSION** Mr. Stockham motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Stockham YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**16-227 ADJOURN** Mr. Cutler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and on a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mrs. Jenkins YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, Mr. Wooldridge YEA, and Mr. Stockham YEA.