

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2010

The Firelands Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the board of education offices. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Present at roll call were Jane Battig, Dwayne Becker, Courtney Ortner and Daniel Pycraft. Ken Kudela arrived at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Dave Brand, Kathy Dzat, Dick Killen, Keith Brown, Rick Reighley, Josh Brunger, Laura Tawil, Judy Baumann, Kristian Novak, Shanna Finnegan and Ellen Gundersen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 10-31

Courtney Ortner moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the agenda and addendum for tonight's meeting be approved.

Roll Call: Becker - yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig – yes.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

Award of Excellence was presented to the following groups:

Firelands FFA Mechanical Skills Career Development Event Team as 2010 District Contest Champions

Firelands High Concert Band – OMEA District Band Contest; “Superior Rating”

High School Band Members – Solo & Ensemble; “Superior Ratings”

Laura Tawil as “Ohio Secondary Art Teacher of the Year”

Kristian Novak presented her Teen Talk Program

Judy Baumann gave an update on the Food Service Program

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 10-32

Recommendation to:

1. approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting as written.
2. approve March financial reports.
3. approve transfer of \$6,000 from general fund (001) to Firelands Express (018-9900).
4. authorize Treasurer to issue blanket purchase orders, as needed up to \$20,000.
5. approve tax rates as set by the Lorain County Budget Commission.

Ken Kudela moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

Roll Call: Kudela - yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Becker – yes.

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION 10-33

Courtney Ortner moved, seconded by Daniel Pycraft that the board call an executive to discuss employment of personnel.

Roll Call: Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Kudela - yes; Becker – yes.

Motion Carried

Present in executive session were all board members.

The board reconvened in regular session at 8:20 p.m.

The first reading of the following revised board policies was held:

File: IKF, Graduation Requirements (Ohio Core), as per Exhibit "A."

File: CBA, Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent as per Exhibit "B."

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS 10-34

Recommendation to approve:

1. the Multi-Agreement Contract with North Point Educational Service Center for 2010-2011 as per Exhibit "C."
2. the following trips:
 - a. FFA Camp Muskingum from July 5-9, 2010.
 - b. National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 20th through the 22nd.
 - c. Field trip to France from April 16 – 25, 2011 as per Exhibit "F."
3. the agreement with Project Lead The Way, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation having an address at 747 Pierce Road, Clifton Park, New York 12065, to teach their pre-engineering courses in conjunction with Lorain County JVS at FHS beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.
4. to accept the following donations:
 - a. \$200 from Cleveland Clinic as an award to Fine Arts at FHS for a recent Art Contest.
 - b. a drum set (valued at \$750) from Joe Menges to Firelands High Instrumental Program.
 - c. \$25 from Mari Ann Staley to Firelands Elementary magazine sale.
5. April 2, 2010 through April 9, 2010 as the time period for senior students to complete a 5.5 hour class assignment as a required day of attendance to make up for the sixth calamity day taken by the high school.
6. an interagency agreement with Lorain County Community Action Agency for the Head Start Program as per Exhibit "G."
7. to schedule a special meeting of Firelands Board of Education on May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Firelands Board Offices for future planning.
8. an overnight trip for the girls softball team to the Akron Racers Spring Showcase, April 17-18.

Ken Kudela moved, seconded by Courtney Ortner that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

Roll Call: Ortner - yes; Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Becker - yes; Kudela – yes.

Motion Carried

Personnel 10-35

Recommendation to:

1. suspend the contracts of the following classified staff, effective with the start of the 2010-2011 school year per Article XVII. Lay Off Procedure of the Negotiated Agreement with OAPSE Local 220:
 - 1) Beth Dendorfer – 4 hr. aide
 - 2) Diane Davis – 4 hr. aide
 - 3) Mary Beth Matus – 3.5 hr. aide
 - 4) Jennifer Sroka – 3.5 hr. aide
 - 5) Donna Wheaton – 4 hr. aide
 - 6) Mary Kaminski – 4 hr. aide
 - 7) Barb Allomong – 5 hr. aide
 - 8) Susan Arndt – 4 hr. aide
 - 9) Melanie Woodrum – 4.5 hr. aide
 - 10) Ann Selent – 4 hr. aide
2. suspend the contracts of Brianna Hartman (math teacher at FHS) and Anita Gangidine (.5 time Gifted Teacher at SAMS) effective with the start of the 2010-2011 school year per Article VIII, Section 8.01 – of the negotiated agreement.
3. approve professional development stipends in support of Highly Qualified Teacher staff training for:
 - a. Traci Johnson - \$100
 - b. Steve Lias - \$200
 - c. Jim Muth - \$100
4. issue the following supplemental contracts for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - a. Suzanne Ferio as LD/DH/MH/Speech (\$1,000)
 - b. Julene Woods as Vocal Music Director at FES (Step 4 - \$1,526)
 - c. Laura Tawil as Fine Arts Festival Coordinator (Step 4 - \$500)
5. adjust the contract of Mark Valenti as Assistant Varsity Track Coach for the 2009-2010 school year from full-time to half-time ($\$3391 \times .5 \text{ time} = \$1,696$).
6. employ certified personnel for the 2010-2011 school year as per Exhibit “H.”
7. issue the following activity contracts for the 2010-2011 school year pending completion of all requirements:
 - a. Mike Passerello as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 4 - \$4,151)
 - b. B.J. Solomon as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 4 - \$4,151)
 - c. William Roniger as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 4 - \$4,151)
 - d. Joseph Ives as Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 3 - \$3,805)
8. to employ Natalie Saylor as a Seasonal Worker @ \$8.85/hr. up to 500 hours, effective April 13, 2010.

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Ken Kudela that the foregoing recommendations be approved.

Roll Call: Pycraft - yes; Battig - yes; Becker - yes; Kudela - yes; Ortner – yes.

Motion Carried

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ADJOURNMENT 10-36

Daniel Pycraft moved, seconded by Ken Kudela that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Battig - yes; Becker - yes; Kudela - yes; Ortner - yes; Pycraft – yes.

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

Barbara S. Bechtel, Treasurer

Dwayne Becker, President