

**Kirtland Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 23, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Kirtland Board of Education was held at the Middle School Cafeteria on November 23, 2015. Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. President Tom Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members answered the roll: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic and Mrs. Torok. Superintendent Steve Barrett and Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson were also in attendance.

At this time President Mr. Meyer opened the floor for any public comments regarding the agenda items. There were none.

Mr. Meyer noted that one item would be added to the consent agenda. J.P. Moran will be considered for a volunteer track coaching position over the winter months, as an extension of his coaching contract.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett reported that the district is moving to adopt the FEMA-endorsed Emergency Procedures Plan for the district. We have partnered with a company called NaviGate Prepared for digital images of our facilities, and their web-based program will allow our teachers and staff to access an app that has flip charts for quick reference. We will spend the February 12th waiver day training teachers and other staff on the system. Parents and first responders are also being made aware of the plan, and first responders will have full access to it. The administration has been involved in a dialogue with parents related to apps kids are using that could put them at risk, such as Snap Chat. Mr. Barrett wants to be sure parents know to contact the right people if this is an issue with their students.

He noted that he has been following the activities of Sandy Hook parents who have created a group called the Sandy Hook Promise, which encourages community involvement in identifying and reporting signals students give that indicate emotional issues.

There was a PTA survey distributed, and 140 parents responded. This is very positive, and the national PTA will review our district for recognition at a national level.

Over 200 people recently attended a meeting at Mentor in which the message was that, while what you know is important, even more important is what you do with that knowledge. Our teaching methods will focus not only on imparting knowledge, but on showing students how they can use the knowledge in real life.

On November 16th Ohio House Representative Ron Young and Senator John Eckland toured the Kirtland campus, along with Mentor Superintendent Matt Miller and Mike Lynch, who partnered with Kirtland in the Straight A Grant. The state officials were pleasantly surprised by the facelift given to the Kirtland campus by the Grant, which did not cost taxpayers any money. They were also shown some of the things our students are already doing with their new technology, such as creation of apps.

Marcia Kish from the Columbus area will be in Kirtland for a day of embedded professional development, working with teachers in their classrooms. We are putting together another Straight A grant application in conjunction with Lakeland and 6 other Innovative Lab Networks districts related to assessments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Solnosky reported that their most recent meeting included a presentation by Dan Wilson to recap financial results thus far in the fiscal year. Our food service fund deficit at present is about \$15,000

less than last year. Mr. Wilson explained the bond refinance process which will save taxpayers approximately \$235,000. They discussed a levy renewal for next spring in the amount of 1.1 mills, and there will be no increase to taxpayers. Mr. Wilson explained the Ohio Checkbook program and our involvement, which presents the district finances in the most transparent way possible. Facilities issues were discussed, including the sinkhole repair behind Kirtland Elementary School, and our legal options related to that emergency repair. There was a discussion of the Straight A Grant carryover and its use for professional development. There was also discussion of a parent support group and the use of school premises for activities. There was further discussion of the matters of facilities, health insurance developments, custodial plans and food service.

It was explained that J.P. Moran was being added to the agenda as a volunteer track coach for the winter months because there is interest among team members in participating in indoor training. A question was presented from the audience about other expenditures we might incur related to winter track, and Mr. Barrett indicated that there should not be any additional expense.

It was moved by Mrs. Torok and seconded by Mr. Stepanovic that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #59-2015

Recommendation to Approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of Prior Meetings
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B. Superintendent Recommendations:

Robert Falke	Sub Bus Driver	As Needed	Effect. 10/28/15	Per OAPSE Contract
Christine Fekter	Sub Bus Driver	As Needed	Effect. 10/28/15	Per OAPSE Contract
Lyda Shilling	Student Learning Objective. Committee	2015-2016	Effect. 8/19/15	\$825.00

C. Recommendation to Approve Anna Brown, educational aide for Catholic Montessori \$11,870.00 paid for through State Auxiliary Funds

D. Recommendation to Approve J.P. Moran as a Volunteer Track Coach for the winter months.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic, Mrs. Torok

RENEWAL OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY

Mr. Wilson explained that we've had 5 year terms for a number of terms of this same levy, which ends in tax year 2015. This pertains to a capital spending levy, and the resolution pertains to the need to request a renewal levy. A second resolution will be done later where The Board will authorize Mr. Wilson to request that the Board of Elections place the levy on the ballot. There will be no increase in taxes as a result if renewing this levy. The resolution was prepared by Eric Johnson of Walter Haverfield LLP. Mr. Meyer noted that the Board discussed the term of the levy and agreed that 5 years was a reasonable term to request.

It was moved by Mr. Stepanovic and seconded by Mr. Cosgrove that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #60-2015

1. Recommendation to Approve: **A RESOLUTION (1) DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 1.10 MILL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT TAX LEVY AND (2) REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic, Mrs. Torok

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Wilson explained that this is the final step in refinancing our bonds to lower interest costs. While there is no net financial effect on the District, the taxpayers will benefit. We have to book the sale and corresponding receipt separately.

It was moved by Mr. Cosgrove and seconded by Mr. Solnosky that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution #61-2015

1. Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Appropriations due to refinancing of 2006-2007 Bonds

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Solnosky, Mr. Stepanovic, Mrs. Torok

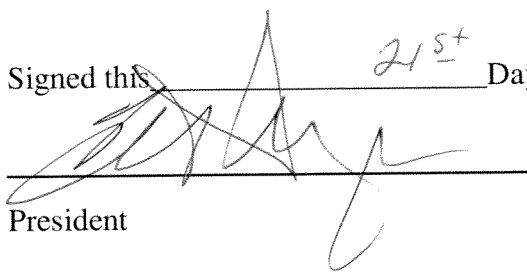
Mr. Meyer noted that the Board must set a special meeting in December to consider the resolution to submit the levy renewal to the Board of Elections. There was a discussion about the date for that meeting, and they settled on December 7th at 7 a.m.

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Stepanovic and seconded by Mrs. Torok that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

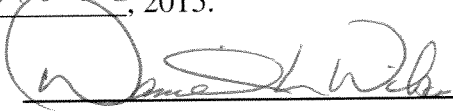
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We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact copy of the proceedings that were held on the above aforementioned date.

Signed this 21st Day of December, 2015.



President



Treasurer