The Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District in the County of Butler, Ohio held a Regular Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024 in the Catherine D. Milligan Community Room at Fairfield High School.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:31 pm.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Absent: Mr. Clark

Also present: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Dr. Rice, Mrs. Aug, Mr. Perry & Mr. Clemmons

Absent: Mrs. Hauer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Brian Begley

Moment of Silence - Brian Begley

Mr. Begley read a statement regarding the passing of Sandy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was an Educational Assistant in the district for thirty-nine years. A moment of silence was observed.

### **COMMUNICATION - None**

This is the portion of the meeting where you, the residents of the Fairfield City School District, are invited to share your thoughts with the Board. In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting. Please know that this time has been set aside for the Board to listen to you. Your comments are valued and will be taken into careful consideration. The Board will not engage in dialogue at this time. Presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

### 24-51 <u>RESIGNATIONS/EMPLOYMENT</u> – Dr. Rice

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Napier to approve the following:

### A. Personnel – Professional

### 1. Resignations

- a. Amanda Coots, Compass, 3rd grade ELA (effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; for personal reasons)
- b. Taylor Polto, Creekside, 8th grade ELA (effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; for personal reasons)
- c. Meredith Schroeder, District, Occupational Therapist (effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; for personal reasons)

### 2. Employment

- a. Casey Blanton, South, Intervention Specialist MD/SC unit (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- b. Jennifer Iker, East, Intervention Specialist MD/SC unit

(recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)

- c. Caitlin Koehne, East, 5th grade Math/Science (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- d. Lauren Kolas, North, 3rd grade ELA (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- e. Megan Neuhaus, Compass, Intervention Specialist MD/SC unit (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a new position)
- f. Emma Poli, South, 2nd grade (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- g. Ronald Shawn Pearce, Creekside, Intervention Specialist (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 6, 2024; for a replacement position)
- h. Abigail Roberts, South, Intervention Specialist ED unit (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- i Alaura Wallace, Creekside, 8th grade ELA (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective Augusts 6, 2024; for a replacement position)

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Berding-Miller

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier Nays: None Motion Carried: 4-0

### 24-52 RESIGNATIONS/UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE/EMPLOYMENT– Dr. Rice

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Napier to approve the following:

- B. Personnel Support
  - 1. Resignations
    - a. Jessica Bryant, North, Educational Assistant (effective the end of the day August 4, 2024; for personal reasons)
    - b. Megan Cruey, North, Educational Assistant (effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; for personal reasons)
    - Sandra Johnson, Creekside, Educational Assistant (effective the end of the day June 15, 2024; for retirement purposes – deceased)

- Wanda Johnson, Creekside, Clerk IV (effective the end of the day June 2, 2024; to accept another position within the District)
- e. Emily Mortimer, North, Educational Assistant (effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; due to personal reasons)
- f. Amy Seymour, North, Educational Support Assistant (effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year; due to personal reasons)
- g. Loretta Wheeler, Transportation, Bus Driver (effective the end of the day May 22, 2024; for personal reasons)

# 2. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- a. Gary Bashford, Freshman, Custodian (extension of unpaid leave of absence effective May 15, 2024 through November 18, 2024; for personal reasons)
- b. Charity Gialloreto, Creekside, Educational Assistant (extension of unpaid leave of absence effective June 12, 2024 through August 11, 2024; for personal reasons)
- c. Janet Gillen, Crossroads, Food Service Assistant (extension of unpaid leave of absence effective May 29, 2024 through June 18, 2024; for personal reasons)
- d. Barbara Vaughn, Crossroads, Educational Assistant (extension of unpaid leave of absence effective June 2, 2024 through July 5, 2024; for personal reasons)

## 3. Employment

- a. Wanda Johnson, Creekside, Secretary III (effective June 3, 2024; for a replacement position)
- b. Karla Kingsley-Weaver, District, Assistant Transportation Director (recommended for a new two-year administrative contract effective July 17, 2024 June 30, 2026, for 228 days, on the support administrative salary range 2 for a replacement position)
- c. Michael Pennington, Central, Temporary Custodian (effective July 1, 2024 through October 1, 2024; for a replacement position)
- d. Melissa Snow, West, Latchkey Assistant (effective August 5, 2024; for a replacement position)
- e. Amy Thompson, South, Secretary III (effective August 1, 2024; for a replacement position)
- f. Aaron Wilson, Maintenance, Temporary Custodian (effective July 1, 2024 through October 1, 2024; for a replacement position)

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

<u>SECOND</u> – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

24-53 APPROVAL OF MOU BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND FAIRFIELD CLASSROOM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION/APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BUTLER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES OF ONE ADDITIONAL SUCCESS PROGRAM LIAISON/APPROVAL TO AWARD THE 2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO NEYRA CONSTRUCTION/APPROVAL TO AWARD THE 2024 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT TO CINCY ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES – Mr. Smith

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Berding-Miller to approve the following:

### C. Other Items for Board Action

- 1. Recommend approval of MOU between the Board of Education and Fairfield Classroom Teachers' Association in regards to Additional Severance.
- 2. Recommend approval of the agreement between the Butler County Educational Service Center and Fairfield City School District for the services of one additional Success Program Liaison, effective August 1, 2024 July 31, 2025. (The agreement was previously provided to the Board.)
- 3. Recommend approval to award the 2024 Paving Improvement Project to Neyra Construction, 10750 Evendale Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45241. Neyra Construction was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications at an amount of one hundred ninety thousand seven hundred thirty-three dollars and zero cents (\$190,733.00) not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$200,000.00).
- 4. Recommend approval to award the 2024 Performing Arts Center Lighting Upgrade Project to Cincy Entertainment Services 5816 Ferdinand Drive West Chester, Ohio 45069. Cincy Entertainment Services was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications at an amount of four hundred and twenty-nine thousand, two hundred and eleven dollars and forty-three cents (\$429,211.43).

SECOND - Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

24-54 EMPLOYMENT – Dr. Rice

<u>MOTION</u> – Moved by Mr. Napier to approve the following:

## 1. Employment

- a. Kyle Smith, Freshman, Math (recommended for a new one-year limited teaching contract for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 6, 2024; for a replacement position)
- b. Extracurriculars 2024-2025

### **Senior High**

Kyle Smith, Athletic Director, Assistant

(All employment is contingent upon satisfactory submission of all required documents.)

<u>SECOND</u> – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL – Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

### TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2024 AND JUNE 6, 2024 BOARD 24-55 MEETINGS/APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024/APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 AMENDED **APPROPRIATIONS** THE RESOLUTION/APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 ANNUAL **APPROPRIATIONS** RESOLUTION/APPROVAL OF DONATIONS/APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS/APPROVAL OF FUND TO FUND ADVANCES/APPROVAL OF FUND TO FUND TRANSFERS/APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION – Mrs. Lane

<u>MOTION</u> – Moved by Mrs. Berding-Miller to approve the following:

A. Recommend approval of the minutes of the following meetings:

May 16, 2024 – Regular Meeting June 6, 2024 – Regular Work Session Meeting

- B. Recommend approval of the financial reports for the month of May 2024.
- C. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 Amended Appropriations Resolution.
- D. Recommend approval of the 2024-2025 Annual Appropriations Resolution.
- E. Recommend approval of the following donations:
  - 1. A donation in the amount of \$213.15 from Bryanne Lies to Fairfield East Elementary School to be used for lunch charges.
  - 2. A donation of \$1,000 from Engineers & Scientists Foundation of Cincinnati to Fairfield Compass Elementary to support the iSPACE field trip.
  - 3. A donation of fourteen clarinets and a wooden recorder valued at \$2,319 from the Smethers family to Fairfield Crossroads Middle School.
  - 4. A donation of \$10,000 from the Fairfield East Elementary PTC to Fairfield East Elementary to be used for playground, headphones and facility dog expenses.

5. A donation of \$50 from Debi Sellers to Fairfield Compass Elementary School to be used for lunch charges.

# **Total donations for 2024: \$19,253.11**

F. Recommend approval of the disposal of the following fixed assets:

Tag Number	Description	Location
741	Microscope	FHS
16962	Poster Printer	South
35511	Latitude 7490	Technology
36622	Laminator	Cincinnati Christian
36854	Laptop 3190	Technology
36882	Laptop 3190	Technology
36894	Laptop 3190	Technology
36902	Laptop 3190	Technology
36911	Laptop 3190	Technology
36915	Laptop 3190	Technology
36935	Laptop 3190	Technology
36954	Laptop 3190	Technology
36966	Laptop 3190	Technology
36979	Laptop 3190	Technology
36994	Laptop 3190	Technology
37007	Laptop 3190	Technology
37008	Laptop 3190	Technology
37063	Laptop 3190	Technology
37089	Laptop 3190	Technology
37097	Laptop 3190	Technology
37192	Laptop 3190	Technology
37295	Laptop 3190	Technology
37351	Laptop 3190	Technology
37369	Laptop 3190	Technology
37410	Laptop 3190	Technology
37430	Laptop 3190	Technology
37438	Laptop 3190	Technology
37440	Laptop 3190	Technology
37447	Laptop 3190	Technology
37485	Laptop 3190	Technology
37497	Laptop 3190	Technology
37500	Laptop 3190	Technology
37546	Laptop 3190	Technology
37583	Laptop 3190	Technology
37589	Laptop 3190	Technology
37604	Laptop 3190	Technology
37613	Laptop 3190	Technology
37614	Laptop 3190	Technology
37618	Laptop 3190	Technology
37620	Laptop 3190	Technology
37630	Laptop 3190	Technology

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37633	Laptop 3190	Technology
37711	Laptop 3190	Technology
37972	Laptop 3190	Technology
37974	Laptop 3190	Technology
38008	Laptop 3190	Technology
38016	Laptop 3190	Technology
38027	Laptop 3190	Technology
38037	Laptop 3190	Technology
38095	Laptop 3190	Technology
38106	Laptop 3190	Technology
38168	Laptop 3190	Technology
38173	Laptop 3190	Technology
38225	Laptop 3190	Technology
38248	Laptop 3190	Technology
38261	Laptop 3190	Technology
40528	iPad	Technology
A1127	Latitude 7400	Technology
A1144	Latitude 7400	Technology
A1162	Latitude 7400	Technology
A1210	Latitude 7400	Technology
A1217	Latitude 7400	Technology
A1252	Latitude 7400	Technology
S11197	Laptop 3190	Technology
S11509	Latitude 3190	Technology
S11713	Latitude 3190	Technology
S11975	Latitude 3190	Technology
S12339	Latitude 3190	Technology
S12429	Latitude 3190	Technology
S12564	Laptop 3190	Technology
S12635	Latitude 3190	Technology
S13182	Latitude 3190	Technology
S13738	Latitude 3190	Technology
S13988	Latitude 3190	Technology
S14114	Laptop 3190	Technology
S14177	Latitude 3190	Technology
S14354	Latitude 3190	Technology
S14612	Latitude 3190	Technology
S14890	Latitude 3190	Technology
S15853	Latitude 3190	Technology

# G. Recommend the approval of the following fund to fund advances:

\$259,994.32

From: 001-0000 General Fund To: 001-9059 Summer School

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$13,841.29

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 009-9013 Uniform School Supplies – Compass Elementary

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$7,094.09

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 009-9315 Uniform School Supplies – East Elementary

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$14,521.32

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 009-9900 Uniform School Supplies – Central Elementary

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$20,609.38

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 009-9911 Uniform School Supplies – South Elementary

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$63,353.88

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 018-950H Public School Support – High School Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$117.66

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 200-926H Class of 2026 – High School Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$2,168.14

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 200-957F Yearbook Fund – Freshman Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$565,139,11

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 300-950H Athletic Fund – High School Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$3,361,951.42

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 507-9024 ARP ESSER FY22 c/o to FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$5,802.47

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 507-9224 ARP Homeless FY22 c/o to FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$208,054.09

From: 001-0000 General Fund To: 516-9024 IDEA Part B FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$107,614.62

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 551-9024 Title III LIEL FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$103,282.18

From: 001-0000 General Fund To: 572-9024 Title I-A FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$7,646.63

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 572-9124 Expanding Opportunities – Each Child FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$19,661.65

From: 001-0000 General Fund To: 584-9024 Title IV-A FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$3,726.09

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 587-9024 Early Childhood Special Ed FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$59,498.95

From: 001-0000 General Fund To: 590-9024 Title II-A FY24

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$6,430.47

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 599-9224 Fairfield Prevention CARA Grant FY24 Year 3

Purpose: Waiting on payment

\$10,500.65

From: 001-0000 General Fund

To: 599-9324 Fairfield Prevention STOP Grant FY24 Year 4

Purpose: Waiting on payment

H. Recommend the approval of the following fund to fund transfers:

\$324,346.50

From: 001-911A General Fund-Energy
To: 003-911A HB264 Energy Bond Fund
Purpose: Balance to transfer for bond payments

\$70,559.43

From: 020-9010 North Latchkey To: 020-9001 District Latchkey

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$7,701.56

From: 020-9010 North Latchkey To: 020-9011 South Latchkey

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$35,864.02

From: 020-9013 Compass Latchkey To: 020-9012 West Latchkey

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

\$15,244.63

From: 020-9013 Compass Latchkey To: 020-9011 South Latchkey

Purpose: Expenditures exceeded revenues for FY2024

I. Recommend that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution for declaring transportation to be impractical:

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered:

- 1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
- 2. The number of pupils to be transported
- 3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration
- 4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
- 5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
- 6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Fairfield City School District Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the following, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

Student Names	Schools Selected & Grades	Parents/Guardians
Mary Ricco	St. Gabriel, 6	Mike Ricco
Noelle Ricco	St. Gabriel, 3	Mike Ricco
Callaghan McKnight	St. Peter in Chains, 6	Sean McKnight
Colleen McKnight	St. Peter in Chains, 2	Sean McKnight

## SECOND – Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Legislative Update – Jerrilynn Gundrum

Mrs. Gundrum spoke about the pending House Bill 407 which would require voucher students in the EdChoice Program to take the same tests as public school students.

### B. Butler Tech – Brian Begley

Mr. Begley talked about the expansion of the BioScience Center which will be adding twenty-eight thousand square feet. He also was excited to mention a new robotics lab will be added to the Lesourdsville campus.

## C. Student Achievement – Abigail Berding-Miller

Mrs. Berding-Miller congratulated the Creekside Select Band who was the recipient of the 2024 Kings Island Music Showcase Festivals Grand Sweepstakes Award for the Junior High/Middle School Instrumental category. The Creekside Select Band is under the direction of Maddie Wessel and Mitch Hardy.

### D. Parks and Recreation – Billy Smith

Mr. Smith gave a Parks and Recreation update since Mr. Clark was absent. Mr. Smith said on July 13<sup>th</sup> there will be Creeking in the Park from 10:00-11:00 am, meet behind the Fairfield Family YMCA, 5220 Bibury Rd.

### E. Planning Commission – Billy Smith

Mr. Smith stated there was nothing relevant to the district discussed at the last meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 4, 2024 – Independence Day – All FCSD Buildings Closed

July 11, 2024 – Board Meeting (Regular Session), 6:30 PM, Fairfield Senior High School, Catherine D. Milligan Community Room

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Napier – He thanked Dr. Rice for his service to the district. He said he is going to miss him.

<u>Mrs. Gundrum</u> – She wished Dr. Rice good luck with everything. She also said she missed the last meeting but she appreciated Mrs. Lane's update to the forecast and the good news to return transportation to the students.

Mrs. Berding-Miller – She thanked Mr. Perry for his work with the facilities. She also told Dr. Rice that we are truly going to miss him. She then wished the students a safe summer.

Mr. Begley – He mentioned this is the last meeting for Dr. Rice before he becomes the Superintendent of Ross Local Schools. He thanked him for his dedicated service to the district and wished him the best. He also wished the students a wonderful summer.

### 24-56 EXECUTIVE SESSION

<u>MOTION</u> – Moved by Mr. Napier to recess to Executive Session at 6:47 pm to discuss the following:

The employment of public employees 121.22 (G) (1) Court Action R.C.121.22 (G) (3) – Pending or Imminent Litigation

SECOND - Seconded by Mrs. Gundrum

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Navs: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The Board resumed the meeting at 7:49 pm.

### 24-57 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mrs. Berding-Miller to adjourn the meeting

SECOND – Seconded by Mr. Napier

ROLL CALL - Ayes: Mr. Begley, Mrs. Berding-Miller, Mrs. Gundrum & Mr. Napier

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by the President, Mr. Begley.

	Attest:	
President	Treasurer	