

The Board of Education of the Wheelersburg Local School District met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

The President called the meeting to order and the following members answered to roll call:-John Cowgill-present; Matthew Miller-present; Rory Phillips-present; Fred Nelson-present; Donna Cunningham-present.

Prayer was offered by George Grice.

### **SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Paul Mock, Ohio School Boards Association Southeast Region Secretary, recognized Rory Phillips, board member, for fifteen years of service as a board member in the Wheelersburg District.

Raymond Belcher was introduced as a school board member in various districts for the past forty-two years.

In observance of the Ohio Art Education Association's designation of March as Art and Music month, the following two students and their art teacher, Betty Green, were recognized as follows:

Kaleb Johnson whose art work was chosen for exhibition by the Ohio Art Education Association with his work being displayed at the Young People's Art Exhibition in the Rhodes Tower in Columbus, and

Jarrett Stamper whose art work was chosen for exhibition by the Ohio Art Education Association with his work being displayed at the Youth Art Month Show at the STRS building in Columbus.

### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

There were no board committee meetings since the last board meeting.

### **38-09 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

John Cowgill moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2009 Board Work Session and the February 23, 2009 Regular Meeting. Matthew Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

### **39-09 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Rory Phillips moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for February 2009 as submitted (Appendix A). Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

### **40-09 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Rory Phillips moved to accept the following donations as submitted (Appendix B). Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

### **41-09 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Rory Phillips moved to approve the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor" as submitted (Appendix C). Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

### **42-09 REVISE RESOLUTION 25-09**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Rory Phillips moved to revise Resolution 25-09 by changing the transfer amount to \$76,596.60. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**43-09 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Fred Nelson moved a purchase order to World's Finest Chocolate be approved for \$3,395.00. Rory Phillips seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**44-09 EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

On the recommendation of the superintendent of the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, the following teachers have been nominated as substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year (Appendix D).

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved that the Superintendent's nomination be accepted and that they be employed on an as needed basis and paid the Board adopted rate for days actually taught. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**45-09 APPROVAL OF SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Fred Nelson moved to approve the Summer Enrichment Program for the 2008-2009 school year. John Cowgill seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**46-09 EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved to employ Theresa Mantell as Summer Enrichment Program Coordinator, effective for the 2008-2009 school year, and be paid the Board approved coordinator rate. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**47-09 APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved that Michael Frazier, custodian, be reclassified as maintenance and that his salary be adjusted to step 12 of the Maintenance Salary Schedule effective March 29, 2009. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**48-09 APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved that Christopher Mounts, custodian, be reclassified as maintenance and that his salary be adjusted to step 8 of the Maintenance Salary Schedule effective March 29, 2009. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**49-09 APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt. Matthew Miller moved to approve the purchase of a 2009 Freightliner, 72 passenger, Thomas Body, school bus at a cost of \$70,805.00 from Edwin H. Davis on the basis of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 (b)(2) as a single source provider. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**50-09 APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved to approve Angie Johnson as a volunteer for Jr. High Girls Track for the 2008-2009 school year. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**51-09 APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved to approve change order 111-076 for additional cost for grading and fill in the courtyard necessary to provide positive drainage for a total add of \$32,571.46 as submitted by Bovis Lend Lease. Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**52-09 EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT STAFF**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Matthew Miller moved to employ the following as substitute support staff personnel and be paid the Board adopted rate for hours worked:

**Custodian**

Jim Keller 301 Meadow Lane, Wheelersburg 937-395-0585

**Bus Driver**

Herbert Roe 1125 Boren Ave., Apt. C, Wheelersburg 606-922-4896  
(Pending receipt of certification)

Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**53-09 APPROVAL OF EASEMENT**

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Fred Nelson moved to grant an easement to American Electric Power to set two (2) new poles for electric service at the old high school site. Matthew Miller seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**54-09 SET SALARIES OF ADMINISTRATORS**

John Cowgill moved to set salaries for the following administrators whose contracts do not expire for the 2009-2010 school year on the basis of training, degree, length of contract, and experience:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Contract</u>
Mark Knapp	Superintendent	3	2013
Matthew McCorkle	H.S. Principal	5	2011
Christopher Porter	Assist. H.S. Principal	5	2010
Amber Fannin	M.S. Principal	5	2011
Angela Holmes	Elem. Principal	5	2011
George Grice	Treasurer	5	2011
Melissa Bibbey	Technology Director	5	2010

Fred Nelson seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**55-09 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE EMPLOYEE**

Fred Nelson moved to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF TEMINATION**

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2008, this Board initiated proceedings under Section 3319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code to terminate the employment of Dana Jones ("Jones"); and

WHEREAS, the District Treasurer furnished Jones a full specification of the grounds for considering termination of her employment; and

WHEREAS, Jones timely demanded a hearing before a referee in accordance with the procedure appearing in Sections 3319.16 and 3319.161 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, James A. Kiger was duly selected as the referee and presided at an oral hearing that took place on February 4, 5 and 6, 2009; and

**55-09 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE EMPLOYEE** (cont'd)

WHEREAS, this Board has received the Referee's written report and recommendation, dated March 10, 2009, with respect to whether Jones's employment should be terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Referee concluded that proper grounds for terminating Jones's employment have been shown and recommended that her employment "be terminated immediately"; and

WHEREAS, this Board is now obligated under Section 3319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code to accept or reject the Referee's report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wheelersburg Local School District Board of Education that:

1. This Board accepts without qualification the Referee's findings (except the Board rejects his presumably inadvertent and inaccurate reference—which misstatement is in no sense key to his recommendation—in the first line of page 14 of his report to "a period of two years, 2006-07 school year" since the undisputed evidence actually pertains to a period of four years including the 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years);
2. This Board accepts without qualification the Referee's conclusions and recommendation;
3. Consistent with the Referee's report and recommendation, and pursuant to Section 3319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, Jones's employment in this District is terminated effective immediately, and this Board's employment relationship with Jones is hereby severed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution constitutes the Board's Order of Termination with respect to Jones's employment in this District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Treasurer is authorized and directed promptly to furnish Jones by, certified mail, with written notice of her termination; which notice shall include a full-text copy of this Resolution and Order of Termination; the Treasurer is further authorized and directed simultaneously to furnish a copy of the written notice to Jones's legal counsel.

Rory Phillips seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the Vision Statement for the District.

**56-09 ADJOURNMENT**

John Cowgill moved to adjourn to meet in a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office Building. Matthew Miller seconded the motion.

Roll call:-John Cowgill-yes; Matthew Miller-yes; Rory Phillips-yes; Fred Nelson-yes; Donna Cunningham-yes.

The President declared the motion carried, meeting adjourned.

\_\_\_\_\_ President;

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer.