

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A work session meeting of the Board of Education of the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District was held Saturday, **September 14, 2019** at 8:44 a.m. at the Administration Building located at 35353 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio with the following members present: Thomas Beal, Rena Perchinske, Margaret Warner and Amy Zuren.

All members of the Board and media were notified of this meeting in compliance with §121.22 of the ORC, effective November 28, 1975.

The meeting was called to order by President Warner.

WORK SESSION

The Board heard the Superintendent and the Treasurer discuss the financial plan for the District, specifically budget reductions should the levy fail in November, and fail again in March.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Parkinson reviewed the budget cuts as they were presented on the two-page document.

The Board reviewed the proposed cuts and had the opportunity to ask questions of the two administrators.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Parkinson explained that in Phase I & Phase II, the reductions were made to protect the classroom. In other words, Core Academic Classes would not be touched, reduction in items that impact our students the least are chosen first, and finding a high enough number to keep the District afloat.

The sobering reality is that if the levy fails in November 2019, returns to the ballot in March of 2020, and fails again, the District would be subject to state receivership.

Mr. Parkinson pointed out that line 110 of the budget shows the District in deficit spending. We could receive a warning letter from the state.

The BOE was interested in the busing reductions. Petermann discovered that there is a new law which states you cannot change your busing minimums in the middle of a school year. Currently, we bus children K-12, who live one mile or more away, children inside of the mile radius if the roadways are deemed unsafe, courtesy stops for children along a bus route, and give parents the opportunity to have five options for drop off, i.e. grandma, dad, babysitter, neighbor, uncle.

This will change to K-8, a two mile radius with no exceptions for unsafe roads, and parents will be given one other option for drop off. Parochial busing will follow suit.

All other items discussed were middle school sports, travel & meeting expenses, and SOI, along with a few other concerns.

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The time was well-spent and the Board has a clearer understanding of the consequences of a levy failure in November and possibly another failure in March.

At 9:33 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Beal and seconded by Mrs. Zuren to adjourn the work session meeting for the Board members to attend and celebrate the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

On a call of the roll, the following vote was cast: 4 Yes Votes. Motion carried.

President

Treasurer