

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District was held Saturday, **September 21, 2019** at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building located at 35353 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio with the following members present: Thomas Beal, Brian Jones, 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 BOE had a discussion on how to proceed with involvement in a levy campaign. Mrs. Perchinske had talked to OSBA, Dr. Beal received an email from Chief Legal Counsel for OSBA, Mrs. Zuren conferred with Dean Keating and Mrs. Warner contacted Eric Johnson, W-E legal counsel.

Apparently the question of Board involvement on levies is a hot topic in the education community. All of the advice suggests that we do not lose our rights as citizens because we are on the BOE. However, as Board members, perception is reality, so it is important to be cognizant of that reality. The Board also recognizes that the community is aware that the BOE places levies on the ballot based on the needs of the school district. The Board will direct community members to the levy website, will attend as many community meetings as individually possible, having at least one Board member at each meeting, and will direct questions to our experts, the Superintendent and Treasurer.

The policies on meetings were quickly discussed. Board policy is being followed as far as public participation is concerned.

Ms. Martell asked the BOE if the November Board meeting needed to be changed due to the Capital Conference. Dr. Beal, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Zuren are the three attending the conference. It will be asked if the District can cancel the conference registrations and hotel reservations without penalty. Dr. Beal and Mr. Jones will cancel if that is possible. Mrs. Zuren felt that as Legislative Liaison, she should attend. Either way, the November Board meeting will NOT need to be changed as we will have a quorum.

At 8:07 a.m., it was moved by Mrs. Perchinske and seconded by Mrs. Zuren to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

On a call of the roll, the following vote was cast: 5 Yes Votes. Motion carried.

At 8:20 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Beal to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the special meeting.

On a call of the roll, the following vote was cast: 5 Yes Votes. Motion carried.

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There was a discussion to encourage concerned community members to make appointments with either the Superintendent or Treasurer to clarify any questions about the levy.

There was a brief comment on implementing the BOE action plan and have a community meeting in Nov./Dec. to have dialogue with the community.

At 8:26 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Beal and seconded by Mrs. Perchinske to adjourn the special meeting.

On a call of the roll, the following vote was cast: 5 Yes Votes. Motion carried.

President

Treasurer