

Coshocton City Schools Regular Meeting Minutes

Board of Education

Coshocton Elementary School, 1203 Cambridge Rd., Coshocton OH

Thursday, December 17, 2020

6:30pm

Present: Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education; Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education; Dr. David Hire, Superintendent; Ms. Terri Eyerman, Treasurer; Kaitlyn Ashbrook, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs; Jason Olinger, Instructional Technology Director

Absent: Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education

1 134-2020 Call to Order

President

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Resolution: 134-2020

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Mission Statement

Coshocton City Schools, in partnership with families and community, will empower individuals to become literate, respectful, responsible, and independent lifelong learners in an ever-changing global society.

Minutes:

The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Steve Clark.

4 Roll Call

Ms. Terri Eyerman, Treasurer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

5 135-2020 Adoption of the Agenda

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the agenda.

Resolution: 135-2020

Motioned: Mr. Sam Bennett

Seconded: Mr. Steve Clark

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

6 136-2020 Approval of Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following meeting minutes:

- Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2020

Resolution: 136-2020

Motioned: Mr. Phil Hunt

Seconded: Dr. Jere Butcher

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

Attachments:

[2020 Nov 19 Meeting Minutes Reg .pdf](#)

7 Hearing of the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item VII.

Minutes:

None.

8 Board and Staff Reports

8.1 Coshocton High School

Mr. Grant Fauver, Principal

Minutes:

Mr. Fauver presented virtually to the Board. The presentation provided an update on the current status of face-to-face and remote learning. He also discussed challenges that staff, students, and parents are working together on and commended the MS/HS staff and students for their hard work.

Attachments:

[CHS Presentation BOE 12-17-20.pdf](#)

8.2 Fair School Funding Plan Update (SB376)

Dr. David Hire, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Hire noted that the plan passed overwhelmingly in the House. The Senate stalled it, holding it to move with the budget bill next year. Despite all of the pressure school personnel, the developers, and supporters of the plan are putting on the senators it doesn't look like it will move.

We are hoping that they will move forward. Dr. Hire stated that he has reached out to senators asking them to push the plan forward. They have all replied but apparently, it is stalled.

8.3 COVID-19 Update

Dr. David Hire, Superintendent

Minutes:

New color designations today - we remain red.

All of the PPE, equipment, supplies, and protocols we have in our buildings are helping us with the lack of spread in our buildings.

Mr. Fauver mentioned that the HS face-to-face students only see their teachers one time a week due to Block scheduling, they are present two days but have an odd period one day and even the next.

Dr. Hire provided a quick overview on the current number of active cases at:

ES 2-staff and 2 students

HS no staff and one student

- and the total overall cases so far:

ES - 6 staff and 6 Students

HS - 7 staff and 15 students

The quarantine number's - Current active - impact

ES-6 staff and 48 students

HS - 2 staff and 44 students

2 student groups A & B and separation helping to keep to a minimum in the recent surge.

Mr. Hunt asked if people are looking at the numbers as they make decisions to bring remote kids back to the buildings for more face to face.

Dr. Hire responded - Not if the county goes purple, as long as still red, our intent is to try to get more face to face. We will be bringing a few more teachers back from remote to face to face. Gets more cramped when we are trying to bring kids back - no hard and fast rule at this time. There are so many transmission and incident rates outside of the school we are being cautious.

Dr. Hire stated that he told the staff we will continue to talk about being open and have kids in the building as much as possible. He stated that our nurses are doing a great job. He counts on Laura Roberts to be keeping all of this straight and she is doing a great job at it.

9 Board Discussion Items

9.1 137-2020 Port Authority Presentation

Tiffany Swigert, Executive director

Minutes:

After listening to Mr. Fauver's and Dr. Hire's presentations, Tiffany Swigert commented on how great our teachers are doing. She is very thankful. She wanted to share that before she began -

Tiffany Swigert, Executive Director of the Port Authority, presented virtually providing basic information about Enterprise Zones with a PowerPoint that is attached to the meeting agenda. She also had Paul Bratton from MFM online to answer any questions the Board may have for him - MFM manufactures weather barriers. Tiffany began by explaining that Curtis Lee's (Coshocton County Commissioner) father retired from MFM, his uncle sold this operation to Robert Simpson. As a final ask of a county commissioner that served as our County Commissioner for many years - Tiffany would like for him to be able to put his name on this document before the end of 2020. She explained that if the Board found this important, they would need to act before the next board meeting the second week in January. She stated that she would like the board to discuss the options and determine how they are going to go through with this if Curtis Lee would be a signer on the agreement. Mr. Bratton added that MFM and the Simpson Foundation have been around and supportive of the Coshocton City Schools and the community. They love the community and have always been a big supporter of the kids. They are our future.

Dr. Butcher asked if and when this goes through, what is the anticipated timeline to start moving dirt. Mr. Bratton said they are prepared to begin moving dirt in the spring. They will need to take care of a few items first. No contracts have been awarded as of yet but they are prepared to start that.

Dr. Hire asked what the timeline was on phase I and phase II as referenced on the abatement. Mr. Bratton and Tiffany responded that the plan is to start in January and hopefully have the first phase completed in 2021. In Jan 2022 they plan to start the 2nd phase with completion in November 2022.

Tiffany talked about the 21 new jobs with the payroll close to \$1 million (using the future approximately \$47K per employee). She talked about how critical it is to Coshocton County to have those employees. She stated that with the Jobs Ohio incentive, one of the things that are considered is the promised new jobs and the employees have to be hired within a timeline.

Mr. Clark stated that he is concerned about if we okay this to MFM then Wiley's or another business looking at Coshocton will want the same, which to him is worrisome. Tiffany responded by saying

that as a tool, this can be valuable to grow businesses. The unemployment rate in Coshocton County is in the 6.5-6.7 range. Holmes County is in the 2.7 range. They built a plan to be a prosperous county. We have to look 25 years out. The concessions are securing a future for our kids and their kids and also retaining the workforce.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is concerned about the 100% for 12 years. He has seen 75% for 10 years and he has supported that in the past.

The Board had an extensive discussion about the pros for the community and the financial impact on the District.

Tiffany added to the discussion that if the Board was in support and wanted to do this before the end of the year it could require a special meeting if they want Commissioner Curtis Lee's signature on it.

Dr. Butcher commented that at the career center meeting earlier today, the board did give Mr. Raach the authority to sign the documents and the same could take place here. Providing that all documents Dr. Hire receives are as stated this evening. Dr. Hire would have the authority to sign. He could share the documents with the Board.

Dr. Butcher then asked to clarify that the \$38K current property taxes the district receives would not change but assumes that the new improvements may double the value of the property. Dr. Butcher sees the employment, could be \$300K (65%) and stated that we are setting a precedent. Mr. Hunt stated that he hopes that happens. The board had a very in-depth conversation about the district income and how it is impacted moving forward. Indirect wealth. If MFM were not here at all then we would not be receiving any property taxes and potential. Dr. Butcher stated that when he first read the document he thought the company and county were playing one side against another. After further research, he believes that Mr. Battan is going to bat for this community and that he wants to stay here and that he knows what the company is thinking. Dr. Butcher then asked the Board members what other information they need in order to make a motion that Dr. Hire has the authority to review the documents, and if that was what the Board wanted to do.

After more discussion about the agreement and the impact on the school district as well as the benefit to the community and county, the board members agreed that they would support moving the agreement forward in time to have Mr. Lee's signature on it.

Dr. Butcher then made a motion to add this to the agenda and vote on it. (the motion and vote are added to the Business section of the minutes)

Resolution: 137-2020

Motioned: Dr. Jere Butcher

Seconded: Mr. Phil Hunt

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		

Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		
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Attachments:

[Enterprise Zone - MFM PP.pdf](#)

10 138-2020 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following items:

Resolution: 138-2020

Motioned: Mr. Steve Clark

Seconded: Mr. Phil Hunt

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

10.1 138.1-2020 Monthly Financial Report

Resolution: 138.1-2020

Attachments:

[2020.11-November Financial Summary.pdf](#)

10.2 138.2-2020 Establish Swimming Awards-Scholarship Fund

The Diane Olinger Swim Scholarship Fund 008-9240

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 10.

Ms. Eyerman explained that Diane Olinger, an alumni swimmer that started a girls swim team at Coshocton City Schools has asked to start a student academic scholarship for swim team members. She stated she would make annual donations to fund the scholarship. She will work with the guidance office and the scholarship committee to develop the criteria for the scholarship. Approval of this fund will provide the ability to deposit her donation as soon as it arrives.

Resolution: 138.2-2020

10.3 138.3-2020 Donations

- Thanksgiving Dinner Contributions - Fund 007-946A
- Alan & Janette Donaker - \$100

- Peoples Bank - \$100
- Bill Appis - \$40
- Cathy Cox - \$20
- CHS Staff - \$850

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 10.

Thank you to all of those that donated to fund the Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Fauver stated that this year, there were more donations provided than in any other year so far.

Resolution: 138.3-2020

11 139-2020 Business Items

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following business items:

Minutes:

This vote is inclusive of items 11.1 through 11.5. 11.6 vote was recorded separately.

Resolution: 139-2020

Motioned: Mr. Tad Johnson

Seconded: Mr. Sam Bennett

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

11.1 139.1-2020 Resolution Declaring Necessity of Renewal of 4.9 Mill Operating Levy

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution declaring the necessity of the 4.9 mill Operating Levy for a continuing period.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 11.

This resolution was discussed in detail at prior meetings. No discussion took place at this meeting.

Resolution: 139.1-2020

Attachments:

[2020.12.17-Resolution Declaring Necessity of Renewal Operating Levy-auditor copy.pdf](#)

11.2 139.2-2020 MOU with the City of Coshocton for Public Partnership

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached MOU with the City of Coshocton allowing this public-public partnership to bring broadband connectivity to three areas in the Coshocton community. Both parties agree that it will have a significant impact on residents, specifically school-aged children, creating an opportunity for access to learning platforms, educational software, online classroom participation when studying and participating remotely.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 11.

The partnership has been a topic of discussion at past meetings.

Resolution: 139.2-2020

Attachments:

[MOU with city unsigned by CCSD .pdf](#)

11.3 139.3-2020 Coshocton City Schools/PlugSmart Energy Conservation Grant Project

it is recommended that the Board of Education declare its intent to participate in and approve the attached resolution declaring that an urgent necessity exists for the purchase and installation of an HVAC cooling system at Coshocton High School and to move forward with the grant-funded energy project. The final approval of the attached resolution is contingent on the award of \$215,000 grant funds for the project. The Board also confirms its ability to provide up to \$382,273 to cover the district portion of the estimated cost.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 11.

This resolution and commitment by the Board were discussed extensively at past meetings. No discussion took place at this meeting.

Resolution: 139.3-2020

Attachments:

[Urgent Necessity Board Resolution.pdf](#)

11.4 139.4-2020 Approve FY2021 - TY2020 Tax Rates

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Coshocton County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor per the attached amended Schedules A and B reflecting the new bond and emergency millage rates for the 2020 tax year based on the new assessed values.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 11.

This is an annual agenda item. There was no discussion.

Resolution: 139.4-2020

Attachments:

[Amended Schedule A B TY2020 Rates.pdf](#)

11.5 139.5-2020 Appoint President Pro-Tem

Appointment of President Pro-Tem for the January 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 11.

Dr. Jere Butcher was nominated and appointed President Pro-Tem for the January 14th, 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Resolution: 139.5-2020

11.6 ***THIS ITEM ADDED DURING MEETING: Enterprise Agreement

The Enterprise Agreement with the City of Coshocton, Coshocton County, the Career Center, and the School District was listed on the agenda as a discussion item. The original intent was to have it presented, then bring it back in January 2021 for a vote. During the discussion, the Board made the decision to move the vote forward in order to have Mr. Curtis Lee's (County Commissioner) signature on the agreement because of his relationship to MFM and the County. In order for this to happen the agreement had to be signed off on by January 31, 2020. The minutes from the discussion are recorded in item ----. Once it was decided to make this a voted upon business item, the motion and vote was recorded here.

Minutes:

Dr. Butcher made a motion to give Superintendent, Dr. Dave Hire the authority to sign the Enterprise Agreement when it was received from the Port Authority in its final form; the authority is contingent upon the documents received stating exactly as the Board heard during the meeting. Dr. Hire was instructed to receive and review the documents, send a copy to each Board member and if all language was as stated and understood, sign the document on behalf of the Board.

Motioned: Dr. Jere Butcher

Seconded: Mr. Phil Hunt

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

12 140-2020 Superintendent Report and Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following items:

Minutes:

This vote is inclusive of items 12.1 through 12.4

Resolution: 140-2020

Motioned: Mr. Steve Clark
Seconded: Dr. Jere Butcher

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		

12.1 140.1-2020 Personnel

- Certified Supplemental Contracts
 - Jon Snider - Detention Supervisor CHS
 - Shari Lonsberry - Detention Supervisor CHS
 - Matt Hartmeyer - After School Intervention CHS
 - Shannon Folkert - After School Intervention CHS
 - Shannon Folkert - Friday School CHS
- Transfers and/or Reassignments (Effective 1/4/20)
 - Caley Song from Remote Instruction K-2 to Face-to-Face Grade 2
 - Ritchie Ann Hall from Remote Instruction Title K-2 to Face-to-Face Title K-2
- Athletic Contracts (Non-Staff)
 - Larry Peterson - Head Varsity Boys Track - Level 1
 - Steve Jones - Assistant Varsity Softball - Level 3
 - Macy Patterson - Assistant Reserve Softball - Level 3
 - Emily Casey - Swimming - Volunteer
- Athletic Contracts (Classified Staff)
 - Molly Thomas - Reserve Softball - Level 3
 - John McPeak - Reserve Baseball - Level 3
- Athletic Service Contracts (Winter)
 - Jaiden Arnold (CHS Student) - Varsity Girls/Boys Stat Board - \$25 per day

- Jaiden Arnold (CHS Student) - Jr. High Girls/Boys Scoreboard/Clock - \$25 per day

- Salary Adjustments
 - Ashley Donough - MA +15

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 12.

Resolution: 140.1-2020

12.2 140.2-2020 Mentors/Facilitators

Approve the following staff members as Mentors/Facilitators for the Coshocton City Schools Resident Educator Program for the 2020-2021 school year at the negotiated rate:

- Shari Lonsberry - Facilitator for Darby Smith, Year 2

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 12.

Resolution: 140.2-2020

12.3 140.3-2020 2020-2021 Athletic and Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Approve the attached document to waive the Grade Point Average and Credit Requirements for 2020-2021 eligibility for all OHSA Athletic Sports and all Extra-curricular Activities for all students through the end of the school year and approve the additional requirements for high school students to attend mandatory after school study tables, as recommended by Grant Fauver, Principal and Tim Fortney, Athletic Director.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 12.

Resolution: 140.3-2020

Attachments:

[CHS Athletic Eligibility Provision Winter-Spring 2020.pdf](#)

12.4 140.4-2020 Graduation Seals

Approve the revision to the Community Service Graduation Seal, previously approved on September 17, 2020, to change the minimum number of hours from 120 to 60 for the community service project as submitted by Grant Fauver, Principal.

Minutes:

Vote recorded in item 12.

Resolution: 140.4-2020

Attachments:

[Locally Defined Diploma Seals rev.12.14.20.pdf](#)

13 "Great Things"

Dr. David Hire, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Hire provided a copy of great things to each Board member and reviewed each item listed with the Board.

Dr. Hire ended by stating that he is so proud of the staff, parents, and kids.

14 Announcements

Minutes:

Dr. Butcher stated that today is Mr. Bennett's birthday - The Board, Dr. Hire, and Ms. Eyerman joined in and sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Bennett.

15 Next Meeting(s)

15.1 Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational & Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coshocton Elementary School Library

15.2 Special Meeting

Minutes:

None scheduled

16 141-2020 Executive Session

It is recommended that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session in order to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment with no action to follow.

Minutes:

Entered executive session 8:41 p.m.

Resolution: 141-2020

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		

Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		
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17 142-2020 Exit Executive Session and Adjournment

It is recommended that the Board of Education exit executive session and adjourn the meeting.

Minutes:

Exit Executive Session and Adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Resolution: 142-2020

Motioned: Mr. Sam Bennett

Seconded: Mr. Phil Hunt

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dr. Jere Butcher, President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Steve Clark, Vice-President, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Tad Johnson, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Sam Bennett, Member, Board of Education	X		
Mr. Phil Hunt, Member, Board of Education	X		