

**Hicksville Exempted Village Board of Education
Work Session Agenda
November 12, 2017
4:00 p.m.**

The Hicksville Village School Board of Education met in Work Session on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was opened by President Stephanie Mazur with Board members Jennifer Caryer, Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, and Dennis Vetter present.

AGENDA

Finance Committee

- ✓ There was discussion of forming a “Finance Committee” to help watch the finances of the district.
 - Comprised of two (2) Board members, and three (3) Community Members

Levy

- ✓ Discussed waiting until next May’s forecast to determine the need to place a levy on the ballot for the fall.

Land Sale

- ✓ Bruce Guilford recommended waiting until spring to sell the Arthur Street property.
 - May preface “stick built” homes only.

CRA Project

- ✓ “CRA” stands for the “Community Renewal Act”
- ✓ Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development office will be present at the November 27th meeting to discuss the project.
- ✓ The Act basically allows the District to give a seven (7) year tax abatement (up to 75%) to individuals/businesses either constructing new homes/buildings, or making improvements to existing structures.

School Calendar

- ✓ Discussed starting school by roughly August 14, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ✓ This would provide six (6) valuable “teaching days” before state testing begins.
- ✓ Also, the plan is to eliminate three (3) In-Service days and change those to 2-hour delays.
- ✓ School would then let out by the end of May, and moving graduation up by a week.
- ✓ This would also place the District on the same starting schedule as IEC and Four County.
- ✓ There would be three (3) teaching days the first week, three (3) the second week, and then a regular five (5) day instruction week.

Extending Drive to State Route 18

- ✓ Discussed the construction of a road over to State Route 18 to alleviate traffic flow during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.
- ✓ A suggestion was made to install an arch over the entrance of the drive at both ends to prohibit oversized traffic from utilizing the drive.

Open House

- ✓ An 10-year Anniversary Open House will be scheduled for sometime in October/November 2018.

School Activities

- ✓ Jennifer Caryer inquired of the percentage of free/reduced lunch students that participate in after school activities and/or class trips.
- ✓ Her concern is the cost of some activities turns some students away from participating.

ADJOURNMENT

Minda Jones moved and Jennifer Caryer seconded to adjourn this meeting at 6:06 p.m. until the next board meeting to be held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Vote: Ayes – Jennifer Caryer, Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, and Dennis Vetter.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

Board President

Treasurer