

The Coshocton City Board of Education

Thursday, January 09, 2020

Budget Hearing

Prior to commencing the board meeting, Mrs. Drummey announced the budget hearing would be held first from 6:30 to 6:40 pm. She proceeded to explain the tax rates and values listed on Schedule A and Schedule B and how those rates and values impact the related Fiscal 2021 revenue and expenditures projections in Exhibits I thru VI.

The Coshocton City Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 09, 2020 in the Coshocton Elementary School Library, located at 1203 Cambridge Road, Coshocton, Ohio in compliance with all requirements of ORC 121.22.

Board President Pro Tem, Dr. Butcher, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Members responding to roll call by Treasurer Felicia Drummey were Dr. Butcher, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Johnson. Superintendent Dr. David Hire was also in attendance.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

001-2020 Election of Officer (President)

Mr. Clark made the motion to elect Dr. Jere Butcher to serve as President.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Clark, Yes;	Mr. Bennett, Yes;	Dr. Butcher, Yes;
	Mr. Johnson, Yes;	Mr. Hunt, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

002-2020 Election of Officer (Vice-President)

Dr. Butcher made the motion to elect Steve Clark to serve as Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote:	Dr. Butcher, Yes;	Mr. Bennett, Yes;	Mr. Clark, Yes;
	Mr. Johnson, Yes;	Mr. Hunt, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

Oath of Office(s)

Treasurer Drummey swore in newly elected board member, Phil Hunt, and re-elected board members, Sam Bennett and Steve Clark, who each stood, with their right hand raised as Mrs. Drummey recited the Board Member's Oath of Office to which the newly elected and re-elected board members each responded "I Do."

Treasurer Drummey also swore in Dr. Jere Butcher as President and Steve Clark as Vice-President who each stood, with their right hand raised as Mrs. Drummey recited each Officer's Oath of Office to which the newly appointed officers responded "I Do".

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003-2020 Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adopt the agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Clark, Yes; Dr. Butcher, Yes;
 Mr. Hunt, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

004-2020 Recommendation of Appointees

Mr. Johnson, made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to approve the following appointees designated by the Board President:

➤ *Board President, Dr. Jere Butcher, made the following appointments:*

- A. Appoint two members to the City Recreation Board for 2020.
 - *Tim Fortney and Scott Loomis*
- B. Appoint one member to the Tax Incentive Review Council for the Coshocton Enterprise Zone for 2020. (O.R.C. 5709.63B)
 - *Steve Clark*
- C. Appoint one member as a delegate to the O.S.B.A. Capital Conference for 2020.
 - *Tad Johnson*
- D. Appoint one member as an alternate delegate to the O.S.B.A. Capital Conference for 2020.
 - *Jere Butcher*
- E. Appoint one member as the legislative liaison to O.S.B.A. for 2020.
 - *Phil Hunt*
- F. Appoint one member as the alternate legislative liaison to O.S.B.A for 2020.
 - *Sam Bennett*
- G. Appoint one member as the district's delegate to META Solutions and appoint the administrative alternate as the District Treasurer.
 - *Steve Clark*
- H. Appoint the District Treasurer as the designee to attend public records training as required for each Board member's respective term of office (ORC 109.43).
 - *Treasurer*

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- I. Board Advisory Committee Appointments
 - 1. Appoint one member to the Insurance Committee.
 - *Phil Hunt*
 - 2. Appoint two members to the Athletic Council.
 - *Sam Bennett and Phil Hunt*
- J. Recommend that the Board of Education approve the appointees designated by the Board President.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes;
 Dr. Butcher, Yes; Mr. Clark, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0

005-2019 Organizational Motions

Mr. Clark made the motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the following items for the 2020 calendar year:

- A. Recommend that the Board of Education establish its regular meeting dates as the third Thursday of each month. These meetings will be held at the Coshocton Elementary School in the media center at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted in the public notice. (The public notice shall be provided through designated media sources and the district web site.)
- B. Recommend that the Board of Education approve the compensation of Board members in accordance with the state statute and Board policy.
- C. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- D. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills, payroll, and other obligations, within the Appropriations Resolutions, as due each month.
- E. Recommend the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to adjust account balances as necessary to provide for encumbrances in all funds, including the transfer of necessary dollar amounts from salary accounts to sick, personal, and vacation leave accounts in order to balance accounts. Composite activity is to be reported quarterly.
- F. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to invest active, inactive, and/or interim funds as cash flow permits.

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- G. Recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to be designated the FMLA administrator to approve requested leaves in accordance with Board policy and negotiated agreements.
- H. Recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Accounts Payable Clerk to serve as the credit card compliance officer to review officers' and employees' use of credit card accounts at least once every six (6) months under policy number 6423 "Use of Credit Cards."
- I. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to approve the use of buses for field trips and athletic trips, and the authority to designate or relocate subsequent school bus stops after the initial annual approval by the Board of Education.
- J. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to be designated as the Purchasing Agent to approve purchases within the annual appropriations measures for calendar year 2020.
- K. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment will be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- L. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to act as the Board designee in such matters as suspension appeals, the hearing of grievances and such similar matters.
- M. Recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to participate in all appropriate federal and state programs and to file the required applications and reports.
- N. Recommend that the Board of Education designate the Coshocton County Beacon and the Coshocton Tribune as the official newspapers and WTNS as the official radio station of the Board of Education.
- O. Recommend that the Board of Education establish a Service Fund for the payment of expenses actually incurred by Board members in the performance of their duties or members-elect in training and orientation to the performance of their duties. (R.C. 3315.15)

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes;
 Dr. Butcher, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

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REGULAR BUSINESS**Mission Statement** - *Recited by Dr. Jere Butcher*

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.

006-2020 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hunt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, for the Board of Education to approve the following minutes:

A. Regular Meeting December 19, 2019

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Hunt, Yes.	Mr. Bennett, Yes;	Dr. Butcher, Yes;
	Mr. Clark, Yes;	Mr. Johnson, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

Hearing of the Public

None

Board Commendation

None.

Board and/or Staff Reports

- A. School Board Recognition Month Presentations, Dr. Hire
 - *Dr. Hire distributed certificates of appreciation and a gift of a Coshocton City Schools logo polo shirt to each board member.*
- B. Student Wellness and Success Plan
 - *Dr. Hire shared a list of items that are being considered for the use of the funds: including a school psychologist, counselor, homeless liaison, social emotional learning behavior analyst, alternative school, a part time nutritionist, and the First Step instructional program.*
- C. EdChoice Update
 - *Dr. Hire shared the impact of the new EdChoice voucher program. These vouchers for students total \$116,000 annually. He inquired about the Board's interest in passing a resolution objecting to the redirection of public tax dollars to private schools for students.*

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007-2020 Board Member Discussion Items

Mr. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution opposing the EdChoice Scholarship Program.

- A. Consider resolution opposing the EdChoice Scholarship Program (Appendix A)

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes; Dr. Butcher, Yes;
 Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

- B. Treasurer Search Options & Considerations

➤ *Dr. Hire and Dr. Butcher explained that the district will be using K12 Consulting to conduct the treasurer search.*

Board Communications

- A. Semi-Annual Bullying and Harassment Report to Board President

➤ *Dr. Hire distributed the December 2019 report.*

- B. Board of Education Meeting Calendar

➤ *Dr. Hire distributed the 2019-2020 BOE Meeting Calendar.*

- C. Public Announcement:

Pursuant to the Coshocton City Board of Education Policy 0147 and Ohio Revised Code:

“A Board member may request coverage for himself/herself and/or family in the District’s group health care plan. The Board member must pay all premiums for the coverage and must exercise this option in writing, announced at a regular meeting and recorded in the minutes. This does not constitute “pecuniary interest” in any contract. (R.C. 3313.12, 3313.202)”

In accordance with this policy it is publicly announced that Dr. Jere Butcher have requested in writing to participate in the District’s group health insurance at their own expense.

Unfinished Business

None

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008-2020 New Business

Mr. Clark made the motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, for the Board to approve the following items:

A. Recommendations

1. It is recommended the Board of Education authorize the renewal of the Board of Education organizational memberships for calendar year 2020:

Ohio School Boards Association	\$5,933
OSBA Legal Assistance Fund	\$ 250
2. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Portrait of a Learner for Coshocton City Schools.
3. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Treasurer, Felicia Drummey, effective January 31, 2020.
4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Financial Consulting Agreement between Coshocton City Schools and Mary T. Eyerman in the amount of \$65 per hour on an as needed basis, not to exceed seven (7) days from January 9, 2020 through January 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Clark, Yes;	Mr. Johnson, Yes;	Mr. Bennett, Yes;
	Dr. Butcher, Yes;	Mr. Hunt, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

009-2020 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Clark made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, for the Board to approve the following items:

A. Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Board accept and approve the monthly financial report as presented.
2. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

Source	Purpose	Amount	Fund
Timmons Foundation	Planetarium	\$1,000	300-941H

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3. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 as presented, and further authorize the Treasurer to submit same to the County Auditor.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes; Dr. Butcher, Yes;
 Mr. Johnson, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

010-2020 Superintendent's Report – Certified Staff

Mr. Hunt made the motion, seconded by Dr. Butcher, for the Board of Education to approve the following items:

B. Recommendations - Certified Staff

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following resignation due to retirement:

Helen Boyd English Teacher CHS Effective: May 31, 2020

2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following salary adjustment effective January 1, 2020, for the 2019-2020 school year, due to additional coursework:

Tabetha Cramblett BA +15

3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following athletic service contracts for the duties performed for the December 27 & 28, 2019 Coshocton Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament to be paid from tournament proceeds, as submitted by Tim Fortney, Athletic Director:

Todd Johnson	Table Worker	\$100
Jason Minosky	Tournament Manager	\$500
Greg Yurjevic	Official Scorer	\$125

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Hunt, Yes; Dr. Butcher, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes;
 Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

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011-2020 Superintendent's Report – Classified Staff

Mr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, for the Board of Education to approve the following items:

C. Recommendations - Classified Staff

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following resignation due to retirement:

Diana Brickles Educational Assistant CHS Effective: April 30, 2020

2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following pupil activity contract for the 2019-2020 school year as submitted by Grant Fauver, Principal:

Tonya Cooper After School Detention Supervisor \$25 p/hr.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes; Dr. Butcher, Yes;
 Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

D. “Great ~~Things~~ Board Members” at Coshocton City Schools – Presented by Dr. Hire

The Coshocton City Schools would like to recognize and thank five of our greatest assets - our School Board Members (in order of years of service):

Mr. H. Tad Johnson
Beginning 31st Year

Dr. Jere Butcher
Beginning 14th Year

Mr. Sam Bennett
Beginning 9th Year

Mr. Steve Clark
Beginning 7th Year

Mr. Phil Hunt
Beginning 1st Year

“The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were.”

John F. Kennedy

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Announcements

None

Next Meetings

- A. Work Session of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- C. Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coshocton High School Library.

012-2020 Enter Executive Session

Mr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Mr. Clark that the Board of Education enter executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official. (Time In: 7:51 p.m.)

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Bennett, Yes;	Mr. Clark, Yes;	Dr. Butcher, Yes;
	Mr. Hunt, Yes;	Mr. Johnson, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

013-2020 Exit Executive Session

The President declared the executive session adjourned. (Time Out: 9:40 p.m.)

014-2020 Treasurer Search Services Agreement

Mr. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer Search Services Agreement between Coshocton City Schools and K-12 Business Consulting, Inc. to provide search services and processes to select qualified candidates for the position of School Treasurer/CFO in the amount of Six Thousand Nine-Hundred dollars (\$6,900) beginning January 9, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Johnson, Yes;	Mr. Bennett, Yes;	Mr. Clark, Yes;
	Dr. Butcher, Yes;	Mr. Hunt, Yes.	

Motion Carried 5-0.

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015-2020 Interim Treasurer Agreement

Mr. Clark made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to approve the Contract for Employment as Interim Treasurer between Mary T. Eyerman and Coshocton City Schools from February 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020, at a rate of Sixty-five dollars (\$65) per hour and a Seventy-five dollars (\$75) per day travel and lodging stipend.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Clark, Yes; Mr. Hunt, Yes; Mr. Bennett, Yes;
 Dr. Butcher, Yes; Mr. Johnson, Yes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Additional Meetings

- A. Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

016-2020 Adjournment

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

ATTESTATION:


Felicia Drummey, Treasurer

Dr. Jere Butcher, President

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Appendix A



COSHOCTON CITY SCHOOLS

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EdCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Coshocton City Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Coshocton City Schools or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Coshocton City Schools' state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the Coshocton City School District would be highly detrimental to the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Coshocton City School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for All children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

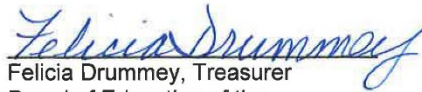
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY
ORIGINAL ON FILE
COSHOCOTON CITY SCHOOLS**

I, Felicia Drummey, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Coshocton City School District; in Coshocton County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original **Resolution #007-2020 – Board Member Discussion Items – Item A** from the January 9, 2020 regular meeting now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document, and the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 14th day of January, 2020


Felicia Drummey, Treasurer
Board of Education of the
Coshocton City School District
Coshocton County, Ohio