

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021

The Jefferson Township Local School Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 via WebEx remote virtual conferencing. Vice President Orr called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

The Vice President requested all recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, present; Dr. Helms, present; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, present.

Three members present.

(Resolution #21.022) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the April 12, 2021 agenda was moved by Dr. Helms and seconded by Rev. Dargan.

Roll call: Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, aye; Dr. Helms, aye; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Resolution #21.023) APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Orr moved and Dr. Helms seconded the approval of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approve, the minutes for the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting as well as the minutes for the March 16, 2021 Records Commission Meeting."

Roll call: Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, aye; Dr. Helms, aye; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #21.024) TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Orr moved and Dr. Helms seconded the approval of the following Treasurer/CFO recommendations:

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➤ APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approve, the March 2021 Financial Reports as presented."

➤ 2021-2022 OHIO SCHOOL MEDICAID PROGRAM (MSP) SERVICES AGREEMENT

Recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approve, the 2021-2022 Weswurd Medicaid School Program (MSP) Services Agreement."

➤ APPROVE RESOLUTION ENDORSING FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN

Recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS CONTAINED IN HOUSE BILL 1, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio's constitutional standard of securing "... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court's order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or

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mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of "funding fixes" legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's previous biennial budget crafted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with "capped" districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the "guarantee"; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either "capped" in their funding, or on the "guarantee," which is a testament that Ohio's funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current biennial budget crafted by the 133rd General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on "the guarantee"), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the "Cupp-Patterson Workgroup"), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a "thorough and efficient system of common schools" that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century; and

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WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and - most of all - fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the "Base Cost"); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill 1; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio's children and Ohio's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in House Bill 1 of the 134th General Assembly to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century.

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Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Willis E. Blackshear, Jr. and Senator Stephen A. Huffman; and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll call: Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, aye; Dr. Helms, aye; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #21.025) APPROVE RESIGNATION
Rev. Dargan moved and Dr. Helms seconded the approval of the resignation of Tyree Allen, Maintenance Supervisor at Blairwood Elementary, effective March 17, 2021.

Roll call: Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, aye; Dr. Helms, aye; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, aye. Motion carried.

INITIATIVES, COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES

Principal Dr. Woods discussed the Extended Learning Plan which identifies what students are impacted by the pandemic and in what ways. Student needs, resources and partners will be aligned with District goals.

(Resolution #21.026) ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Mr. Orr that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Ms. Daniel, absent; Rev. Dargan, aye; Dr. Helms, aye; Mr. Mitchell, absent; Mr. Orr, aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurer/CFO declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



President



Treasurer/CFO