

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WILLIE SPEED BOARD ROOM**

APRIL 6, 2016

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Shiver-Chair, George Thompson-Vice Chair, Stacy Kirvin,
Pam Marshall and Teresa Ann Martin

OTHERS PRESENT: Nina Marks-Superintendent, Barbara Sanders-Board Attorney and
Monica Moron-Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER –Chair Shiver called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. NINA M. MARKS, SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Referendum Fact Sheet
- B. Resolution 2015-009-Amended
- C. Special Election Cost Proforma Cost Comparison
- D. Special Election Cost Proforma
- E. Savings vs Election Day-Estimated

Mrs. Pinki Jackel, Franklin County Supervisor of Election addressed the Board to explain the mail ballot election process and the difference between the mail and special Election Day processes. She added the savings were less than \$5,000 than a walk in voting. Mr. Kirvin and Mrs. Jackel discussed how the cost of the ballots/programming was calculated.

Chair Shiver and Mrs. Jackel discussed at length how election night support and election tech support costs were calculated, the cost difference between the mail ballot election and special election and why the cost difference was not greater. Mr. Kirvin was of the opinion it was very coincidental that the election night and support costs were exactly the same from the 2012 special election. Mrs. Jackel asked the Board if they want a cheaper process or a process to reach more people and Mr. Kirvin responded both. Mrs. Jackel explained the election night and election tech support costs associated with the special election.

Attorney Sanders and Mrs. Jackel discussed statutory requirements regarding the submission of a written voting plan that must be submitted to the state and the canvassing Board schedule and timeline.

Ms. Martin and Mrs. Jackel discussed whether or not there had been ever been a county wide mail ballot.

Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Jackel discussed how return mail ballots will be handled.

The Board and Mrs. Jackel discussed various cost estimates at length and possible cost cutting options.

Mrs. Mel Kelly asked Mrs. Jackel if returned postage was paid and she responded no. Mrs. Kelly then addressed the Board and proceeded to read a prepared statement to the Board regarding the stand alone referendum requesting that the Board not proceed with the special election.

Chair Shiver addressed the public about the urgent need of the referendum. The Board, Mrs. Jackel and Mr. David Alderstein, Times reporter discussed the proposed referendum date.

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Superintendent Marks remarked to Chair Shiver that any delays in the date will be detrimental to the District's budget and staffing. Superintendent Marks discussed sparsity funding and explained how the reduction in this funding has impacted District schools.

Mr. Thompson addressed the public regarding the lack of support of the referendum and was of the opinion the concerned citizens organization only cared about the money and not the students. Mrs. Marshall commented that she was offended by the language of Mrs. Kelly's statement insinuating the Board thought the voters were incompetent.

Mr. Allan Pfeiffer, Concerned Citizen Council Board addressed the Board. He expressed his resentment to Mr. Thompson's remarks presuming that neither he nor his organization about the children. Mr. Pfeiffer went on to explain that he felt the Board was disingenuous regarding the way the special election was being scheduled and requested it be put on the August ballot.

Mrs. Kelly re-addressed the Board again to respond to Mr. Thompson's remarks. She commented in her prior remarks to the Board she took no position on the referendum. She took exception to Mr. Thompson's comments about not caring for the students and felt her comments were being misrepresented adding Mr. Thompson owed her an apology.

Mrs. Teresa Howard, FCS Teacher addressed the Board to discuss the money situation at the school. She commented she agreed with the referendum and asked that the District spend more toward the children.

Mrs. Paula Dykes former teacher addressed the Board expressed concern about having a mail ballot election.

Mr. Kirvin and Mrs. Venable, Finance Director addressed the Board and discussed the impact of moving the election to August.

Motion by Kirvin, seconded by Marshall to have a mail out ballot; Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Paula dykes addressed the Board about her concerns of students with disabilities taking the ACT.

Chair Shiver adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.