

SPECIAL MEETING

March 8, 2011

The Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education met in Special Session at 6:33 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

CALL TO ORDER

President, Mike Bell, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mike Bell
Rod Boester
Debbie Crecelius
Tom Kaelber

Administration present: Jamie Grube, Superintendent
Sandra Griscom, Treasurer
Kathy Colasanti, Curriculum Director
Mark Tingley, Administrative Services Director

Mr. Sheppard arrived at 6:37 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Larry Cline – commented on unspent bond dollars and distributed to the board a plan for a building to be a weight room with cost of only \$148,000. Said the existing building is not unusable – it just needs to be cleaned. Others disagreed.
2. Earl Lehner – expressed concern about the FFA position being transferred to the Delaware Career Center. The board and superintendent responded that the program is important and BV intends to keep it going; this is just a cost-saving measure.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. BV Foundation – presentation by the BV Foundation with pictures and costs for a building.
2. AEP Rebate – Mr. Grube discussed the possibility of receiving a rebate for our electricity costs at the HS; a company called Dynamix Engineering can assist with this.
3. Graduation Location – Mr. Grube brought up the possibility of having graduation in the High School Gym after the renovation is complete. After some discussion and asking some students in the audience it was decided that having Graduation at Gray Chapel at Ohio Wesleyan makes it more formal and special so it will remain there for now.
4. Financial Update – Mrs. Griscom reported that the PI fund now has \$635,000 in unencumbered funds and therefore the board can make the motion at the Regular meeting next week to move the \$500,000 back to General Fund that was moved to PI in 2008. Also, there will be a resolution next week to move the interest money of \$790,000 from the Construction Fund to the General Fund. Even with these transfers to General Fund, cost saving measures must be made in the General Fund as the Five year forecast is showing the district continuing to eat into our carryover balance.
5. Operating Options – discussion about when to put an operating levy or income tax on the ballot. While the elementary school facilities are an issue, the discussion favored concentrating on the operating dollar issues first. Election deadlines were distributed and Mr. Bell commented on the deadlines for the November election coming up this summer and the need to focus on planning for this now.
6. Other items for discussion on the agenda came into play during this discussion including the elementary building issue and the HB264 information. Mr. Grube distributed some information on HB264 is a program to issue debt to do renovations or improvements to a building that then save money in efficiencies over time. Examples include new windows, new insulation, solar-powered items and new HVAC systems. The savings over time then pays back the debt. Improvements in a HB264 project would have to remain for at least 15 years in order to see the savings that would pay the debt. Board members will look over this information.

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11-87 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Kaelber and seconded by Mr. Sheppard that the board go into executive session to discuss G-1, discussion of the employment and evaluation of public employees, and G-2, the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes at 8:11 p.m.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mrs. Crecelius, yes; Mr. Bell, yes
Motion carried.

BOARD RECONVENED

The board reconvened in Special session at 9:35 p.m. and upon roll call vote the following members were present:

Mr. Bell
Mr. Boester
Mrs. Crecelius
Mr. Kaelber
Mr. Sheppard

11-88 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaelber moved, seconded by Mrs. Crecelius, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Roll call vote: Mr. Kaelber, yes; Mrs. Crecelius, yes; Mr. Boester, yes; Mr. Sheppard, yes; Mr. Bell, yes
Motion Carried.

President

Treasurer

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