

## **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY PTO MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Meeting called to Order, 7:06 by Deepa Kellar

### **Levy Presentation**

Mike McDonough (assistant superintendent, operations) and Dawn Sayer (middle level curriculum director): HCSD, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Levy Issue, two parts, only one vote, 4.5 mill operating levy, \$50 million bond associated. Cost homeowner for every \$100k value, will be about \$169 per year. Key things: lowest asset in over 30 years, in 2011 millage was 5.9, 85% of HCSD budget goes to salary and benefits. School funding put on taxpayers in Ohio, expenditures go up, funding does not change from state perspective. Payroll goes up about 4% every year, state funding revenue goes up about 1%. 4.5 mills go to payroll, \$50 million bond, did facility task force at every level, bond issue will go to capital improvements. Bulk to new middle school, planned near Bradley, "campus feel". Same as Weaver/Davidson concept. Moving Memorial Middle school by Bradley, will re-purpose Memorial middle school as 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Will have additional building movement

-Cost per pupil, in the middle of cost per pupil, 9<sup>th</sup> in Franklin County, (16 total), lowest admin cost per pupil in Franklin County

-majority of \$50 mil to middle school, remaining will be capital improvements throughout district (e.g Tharp new roof cost \$750k), \$460 million in assets in HCSD, \$4.6 million to permanent improvement projects, quickly eaten up with technology, transportation, boils down to about \$1 mill per year

-Upgrade in security systems is, additional cameras, keycard access to building for staff, middle school 32 cameras, HS, 64, 16 at elementary level

-Other major projects, roofing, paving, mechanicals

-if unsuccessful: about 60 staff members cut, 48 teachers.

-on in fall, if unsuccessful, not going to be on in Spring, one and done, cuts will be permanent.

-If back on ballot in November 2017, will be to maintain, not to

-last levy, 2011, promised 3 years, have been able to expand 2 additional years, think this will stretch to 2020

Dawn- our tech budget has remained the same for 10 years, even with getting iPads, not getting textbooks

-last year saved \$28k in paper costs, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

-Tech example: Canvas, learning management system, used by schools (colleges) that kids go to (BG, OSU), puts kids ahead of navigating the management system in college

-14 cuts would be elementary, 22 high school, instrumental music teachers, some sports, programming would more likely be cut

-class sizes might increase

WEBSITE: Forhilliardschools.com for information or to volunteer

### Principal's Report

-Kathy Smith OBO Jennifer Lowery, year off to a great start, couple additions and moves, e.g.: Mrs. Chamberlain to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Mrs. Whittaker to 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Becky Sanders, ELL went to full time, Ruth Linehan added as part-time, intervention tutor, Michelle Dellio, added, part-time tutor, Ruth Kovalcek added.

### General PTO news

2016-2017 Board:

Deepa Kellar (President), Penny Stange (Vice), Emily Aleshire, Darcy Patrizi (co-treasurers), Bridget Coontz (Secretary)

-New PTO emails address: [washingtonwolvespto@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonwolvespto@gmail.com)

-Email if want anything added to agenda

### Walkathon

-Darcy: Have a DJ, set for September 30<sup>th</sup>, doing T-shirts for kids, this year's major fund raiser, one big fund raiser;

-Information for Walk-a-thon will be coming home Friday

### RAH

-RAH lunch, Friday 9/9, kids get a special picnic lunch and extra recess, school-wide event, lunch on "patio", bring lunch from home or buy from cafeteria, ice cream sundae bar will be provided to all kids

-Happens during kids normal lunch

-NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

-Ohio State jump rope team will be,

-Change of school-wide, lost 30 students over summer, added 32 students, went school-wide to be able to include the new students.

### PTO 2016-2017 Event Planning

- Trying to come up with new ideas that do not require volunteers, want to try new things
- Remove movie night and spring carnival
- Planning Chiller night for March 4<sup>th</sup>, to have social outlet for kids, goal is not to be fund raiser, getting kids out to have fun
- Fun-for-all, plan is to get rid of carnival piece and to have an adult night, selling tickets, cash bar, silent auction component
- Trying something new, talking about online silent auction option

Spirit nights: Wendy's coming up September 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Committee Leads

-Committee Leads needed: Publishing Shop

Book Room: Jen Leopold

Box tops: Bridget Coontz and Mindy Jacques

Fa-La-La: Kim Turner, Anne Knapke

Silent Auction: Penny Stange & helper TBD

Garden: Jen Leopold

Publishing Shop: Help to organize to stock supplies, organize publishing shop, 2 per grade per year, books can be assembled at home

Reading at Home: Kim Turner plus helper needed

Shopping Rewards: set up discount opportunities, manage (Kroger, Amazon, etc.) need volunteer

Spirit night: Amy Jacobs

Spirit Wear: volunteer needed

Staff Appreciation: commitment during the week, need lead for it

Walk-a-thon: Darcy Patrizi

Wellness: Lynsi O'Brien

Room Parents: would like at least 2 for each class, silent auction basket, party, publishing shop, contact Penny Stange if you would like to be room parent

#### Budget Review/Approval

-Emily Aleshire presented budget. Budget is a target, might go over some, under others.

-Biggest changes: no carnival, upped walk-a-thon, parent event

-Added a line item for field trips, for further discussion with Jennifer Lowery

-Budget will be attached to the minutes

-Vote to approve the budget

Motion to Approve the Budget: Bridget Coontz to approve, Kim Turner seconded, voice vote called, all in favor, no one opposed, motion to approve carried.

PTO New Purchase Ideas: none of these items have been budgeted and will be put to a vote at a meeting.

-Discussed sending a survey to teachers/staff. Some ideas the Board came up with are

-Rock Wall-cost of--\$5000 + annual

-Water Bottle/Fountain filling station- \$100 + install and filters

-Projection Screen for gym- \$500-\$700

-Other ideas, Author in School, COSI on wheels, playground equipment, more benches or picnic tables

-Mr. Stevens: raised the idea of re-doing the entry to the building, guest artist to warm it up and make it more welcoming, probably between \$5000 to \$10,000, could be done in pieces.

-Question was asked about after-school programming and possibility of teacher-sponsored arts or music classes.

-Mr. Stevens said that it is up to individual teachers to set up and staff. Costs and rules are set up in advance by HCSD.

#### Upcoming Events

-RAH – 9/9/2016

-Walkathon- 9/30/2016

-FaLaLa Lunch – TBD December 2016

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2016

#### Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn, made by Darci Patrizi, seconded by Deepa Keller, voice vote, all were in favor: 8:30 p.m.