



MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.

NOTE: The audio recording of the meeting was difficult to decipher. You may see many unfinished sentences throughout the meeting notes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Members present: Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. The Board of Education approved the consent agenda – Items E1 through E2. Action by the Board of Education in “Adoption of the Consent Agenda” means that all E items are adopted by one single motion unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately. Employments, where applicable, are contingent upon 1) Verification of education and experience, 2) Proof of proper certification, and 3) Positive results from a criminal records check.

E1 Approved the following Certified Personnel actions – See attachment to the Minutes.

E2 Approved the following Classified Personnel actions – See attachment to the Minutes.

Mr. Stewart said I want to point out that we caught a typo in the personnel action items sent to you. The length of the contract was inaccurate. So, it's been corrected.

Mr. Stewart said one of the items you just approved was Whitney Jeckavitch as the interim principal at Norwich. I could not be more excited to have you approve this recommendation. She is a superstar and already very well-received at Norwich. It's unique to be stepping into a new role like that in the middle of the school year, but I assure you she'll have...

Ms. Jeckavitch said good evening, everyone. Thank you for having me. I want to say how excited and blessed I am to have this opportunity to join Team Norwich. I feel honored that you have chosen me and my family to begin this journey. I have two kiddos who are in the Hilliard School District. Thank you again for this opportunity.

5. The Board of Education authorized the Chief Operating Officer to decline as impractical to transport for the 2023-24 school year, in accordance with O.R.C. 3327.01, and agrees to pay the parent or other person in charge of the child for the transportation of such child the amount of \$596.43 payment in lieu of transportation.

Mr. Vorst asked if these were the same routes that we did this for last year. Mr. Stewart said it could be some of the same, but these are decided individually. Mr. Vorst then asked if the state set the payment amount. Mr. Stewart said yes.

6. The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING META SOLUTIONS, ACTING JOINTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM (“CONSORTIUM”), TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER SUBMITTED TO CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE FROM SUCH BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META Solutions, a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services;

WHEREAS, in prior years, META Solutions has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for competitive natural gas service commencing on or about mid-February 2024;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest and best bidder for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle for participating school districts and education purchasing councils;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest and best RFP bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest and best bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest and best bid for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HILLIARD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of META Solutions to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July, 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June, 2030 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods on such terms and conditions as the Consortium deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest and best bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest and best bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

Mr. Vorst asked if this was the same thing we'd done before. Mr. Stewart said this is a renewal. This is the best way to get a good deal as a district.

7. At 6:37 p.m., the Board of Education caucused to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

The superintendent stated we do not anticipate any action by the board following the executive session.