



MEETING NOTES

- A1 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- A2 Roll Call: All members present.
- A3 Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B RECOGNITION PROGRAM

- B1 Representative Allison Russo, District 24
New Budget Amendment, Signed by the Governor on July 18, 2019

She thanked the Board and Dr. Marschhausen for inviting her to speak this evening. She loves visiting School Boards and City Councils meetings because the local level is where decisions impact everyday lives.

She shared some information about the state budget process. In the state of Ohio, we pass a biannual budget, and this was a budget year. We spend about the first six months working on this budget. We get a budget proposal from the governor's office. Since we have a new governor this year, we received the proposal later than usual. Once they receive the proposal, the legislators take the governor's proposal and create a House version and then it goes on to the Senate. Once the Senate has reviewed and created their proposal, the bill is then reviewed in committee to iron out the differences. Since the House and Senate proposals were so different, this process took a very long time to come to a deal. By law, the legislature is required to pass an operating budget by June 30 of the budget year. This year we were 18 days late.

The budget, signed on July 18, 2019, will impact spending for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The budget included an extra \$675,000,000 for student wellness and success funding. This funding is aimed at tackling health, drug social services, and other non-academic student issues that may hinder learning. The supplemental funding is in addition to the base funding school districts already receive. Depending on the income level of the school district, this funding ranges from \$20 to \$250 per student in the first year and \$30 to \$350 in the second year. For Hilliard, this wrap-around funding translates into approximately \$47 extra per student in the fiscal year 2020 and \$57 extra per student in 2021.

The important thing to note about this funding is that the base funding for school districts remain flat. This budget does not increase funding where needed, but it does supplement with some of these wrap-around services. School districts will be limited in how they can use these supplemental funds. The operating budget also included \$20,000,000 for purchasing school buses and some new graduation requirements for the class of 2021 and beyond. With a three-year phase-in, this budget requires any higher poverty districts to offer breakfast to students approved for free or reduced lunch. This bill also includes new provisions for school district report cards that will likely affect some of our struggling school districts. Finally, the budget provides \$25,000,000 to help school districts increase the number of students earning credentials or journeyman certifications.

The budget bill does not include a revised school funding formula. There is some increased funding for charter schools and private school vouchers. It made various changes to charter school laws, in response

to some of the ECOT scandal issues. The bill also does not fully address the current academic stress commissions, also known as school takeovers for struggling school districts.

One of the issues for the remainder of this general assembly is to fix school funding. We are going on 30 years of being unconstitutional in the way we fund our schools. There is a bill about to drop in the House. She believes the bill will pass the House without any problems but not so sure about the Senate. If passed, a new school funding formula will not go into effect until the next budget cycle. One of the big items of contention is how they are going to deal with the LLC loophole. At this time, LLC's do not pay taxes on their first \$250,000 of their income and above that are only liable at a 3% tax rate. We lose about \$1.2 billion in state revenue because of this loophole. We are going to need additional revenue to fund a new school funding formula.

C ROUTINES

- C1 The agenda with late-breaking items is accurate.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
- C3 The Board of Education adopted the July 2019 Treasurer's Report.
- C4 The Board of Education approved July 15, 2019, regular meeting minutes and meeting notes.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Greg Davis, 4600 Astral Drive, Hilliard. His kids are both at Hilliard Davidson now. He said, "I love the district, and I think you do a great job." My concern is media literacy and what the district is or can be doing. We live in an era where people are bombarded with information. It is currently set up and filtered to reinforce what we already think which is problematic. He noticed a media awareness course that exists already. He is asking the Board to consider making this course a graduation requirement.

E CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education approved items E1 through E3 consisting of all personnel matters and student trip requests. The Board expressed their regret to report the passing of Katherine Nicolli. They also recognized the retirement of Dean Melchiorre, Linda Packard, and Cynthia Coniglio.

F ACTION AGENDA

- F1 The Board of Education revised the adopted 2019-2020 school calendar to move the Professional Learning Waiver Day from March 10 to March 17 to coincide with the 2020 Presidential primary election day. The General Assembly moved the election day for political purposes. By moving the date, it makes Ohio a winner take all primary.
- F2 The Board of Education approved the following invoices above \$3,000 without a Treasurer's Certificate as required by ORC 5705. The Special Education department did not have a purchase order in place for the last three months of the hearing impaired program. Therefore, we need Board approval to make the payment. There was a purchase order in place for the first six months of the school year.

F3 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE MASTER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS THAT COMMENCED AS OF THE JUNE 2017 BILLING CYCLE WITH SUCH EXTENSION TO BE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE MONTH PERIOD THROUGH THE JUNE 2022 BILLING CYCLE.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META Solutions (f/k/a Metropolitan Educational Council (the “Council”), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate 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; and

WHEREAS, the Council joined with other major school districts and educational purchasing councils to conduct a Request for Proposal for competitive retail electric service commencing with the June 2017 billing cycle and terminating no later than the close of the May 2020 billing cycle, (the “RFP”); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the RFP, the School District entered into that certain Master Supply Agreement with Direct Energy Business for the supply of competitive retail electric service for which delivery commenced as of the June 2017 billing cycle and is to cease as of the end of the May 2020 billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 of the Master Supply Agreement allows for an extension of the contract delivery period upon mutual agreement;

WHEREAS, Direct Energy Business is willing to extend the contract delivery period through the June 2022 billing cycle and is also willing to amend the contract purchase price to a lower amount which would reflect a reduction in current market pricing and a pass-through of costs related to Direct Energy Business’ cost of compliance with the Ohio’s renewable portfolio standards (“RPS”) which are currently included in the stated purchase price;

WHEREAS, the amended contract purchase price is expected to be lower than the existing purchase price regardless of the addition of the RPS costs on a pass-through basis;

WHEREAS, Direct Energy Business is willing to process an administrative fee of \$0.0003 per kilowatt-hour of electricity used which such fee shall be payable to the School District’s Council and shall be reflected in the amended purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the Council is negotiating with Direct Energy Business on behalf of its members a form amendment for an extension of the Master Supply Agreements for Council members to incorporate the change in terms described in the foregoing recitals (the “Amendment”);

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

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District does hereby authorize the Director of Business to execute the Amendment to the Master Supply Agreement provided that the stated purchase price in the Amendment is lower than the stated purchase price in the current Agreement and that the

addition of the RPS pass-through cost is not expected to increase the stated purchase price in the Amendment above the stated purchase price in the current Agreement.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the Amendment to the Master Supply Agreement once received and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

Discussion: There has been a change in the electric market recently that will allow us lock-in electric rates at a lesser amount than we currently pay.

F4 The Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Hilliard City Schools Board of Education wishes to authorize the Director of Business to advertise, receive bids, and purchase twelve (12) 78-passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies and three (3) 65-passenger conventional handicap school bus chassis and bodies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Hilliard City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of twelve (12) 78-passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies three (3) 65-passenger conventional handicap school bus chassis and bodies.

Discussion: Typically, we participate in the META Solutions program each year to get the best pricing.

F5 The Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 bus routes as presented.

Discussion: New this year, we will be picking up students at daycare centers within each elementary school's attendance area and transporting them to school. This is to help alleviate traffic at the elementary schools. We will be tracking the number of additional students that we transport. This will also help eliminate students being left at an elementary school because the daycare bus is running late.

F6 The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to waive high school student parking fees for the 2019-20 school year. The Parking Section of the Student Handbook will be reviewed and revised before submission for the next school year. Students will be required to register cars and comply with all other requirements of the current handbook.

Discussion: This should have been considered when the Board decided to waive all school fees.

G **REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM**

G1 HEA Update – Mary Kennedy

Mary recently talked with Dr. Marschhausen about occasionally reporting to the Board. We have a great relationship with the Board and want to maintain it. Thank you to Dr. Marschhausen for adding us to the agenda. Our educators have been busy over the summer. Some of them have been working, some have attended professional development sessions, training, and presenting professional development sessions in preparation for the coming school year. A few of our members attended the NEA National Conference in Houston. Locally this summer, some of our members volunteered at the local food pantry. We are collecting food items at the upcoming Convocation for the food pantry. We were one of the sponsors for

the Franklin County Fair. We are beginning a relationship with the Recreation and Parks Department, and we have a grant from OEA that we will use to build additional and supplying libraries around Hilliard. We have also been working with the district to welcome our new hires.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the great relationship also.

G2 President’s Update – Paul Lambert

Recently I reported that the superintendent, treasurer, and I met with the City of Columbus leaders and City Council members to make them aware of us (*HCSD*). For us, 44% of our constituents live in the City of Columbus, but for a Columbus City Council member, only 5% of their constituents live in Hilliard City Schools. So, we want to continue to partner with them to keep us on their radar.

John, Mark and I also meet once a month with the President of Hilliard City Council and Chairman of the Boards of Trustees from Brown and Norwich Townships. It’s just an informal session to exchange information about what is going on.

I recently listened to the Columbus Confluence podcast and heard a discussion with William Murdock, Executive Director at Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). One of the first comments was his definition of MORPC – a group representing all of the governments in Central Ohio. But that is not true because it doesn’t represent the school districts. Using the voter list, I tallied up the number of voters represented by each entity in Franklin County. The largest government in Franklin County is Franklin County. The second-largest is the City of Columbus, the third largest is Columbus City Schools, and the fourth through tenth-largest entities are other Central Ohio school districts. School districts are affected by the development decisions around the community, but they have no representation on MORPC. Dr. Marschhausen reminded me that Dr. Goodney, Superintendent at the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, is an associate member of MORPC. I met with him about the benefit of his representation. It gives him the opportunity to give input, but he is only one of 120 members.

Development projects are primarily decided by individual real estate developers and MORPC, county, city and township governments. Therefore, it is important to maintain relationships with all of the governments within our school district (three cities and five townships).

G3 Superintendent’s Report

a) Inter & Intra District Transfers

At this time of year, we have some challenging conversations with parents about transfers within our school district (e.g., one elementary school to another) and transfers from another school district (e.g., Columbus Schools, Southwestern Schools, etc.). We are consistent in our position that the custodial/residential parent must reside within our boundary to attend HCSD. This is difficult for some parents to hear and accept. There is an incredible investment by our taxpayers in the HCSD to educate children, and you have to live here to attend here. There are times when our team is heartbroken during this process.

Additionally, we are at capacity in some grade levels at some elementary schools. Therefore, we are now having to “overflow” students to other elementary schools. This is also difficult for parents to understand and accept. We cannot simply add another section in a school. There are many factors

to consider, like available space and additional staff. Based on past school years, we anticipate an additional 200 students to enroll between now and the first day of school.

b) Athletic Study Group – Coming Soon

I have growing concerns about the state of athletics. I want to bring together a group of people to study the purpose of interscholastic athletics and what do we want that purpose to be in HCSD.

c) Induction & New Staff

Our induction was awesome. I believe this is, in part, due to our use of Gatekeeper and being intentional in the interview process. Through this process, we were able to purposely select stellar individuals who showed individual competence and are willing and able to work in teams (which is one of our core values). It will be interesting to watch this group and follow their progress. About a third of the new hires are Hilliard graduates!!

d) Summer Project Update

Most of the paving projects are complete. The paving at Darby HS has made a lot of progress in the last 4-5 days. It should be complete on Monday. Due to the paving and roofing projects at Darby HS, we have moved Convocation to Bradley HS. All other roofing projects are going well. The project at Britton will continue into the start of the school year but will not impact the day-to-day operations. The Weaver MS track project started today. Our team has been great in working through this challenge. All of Weaver's fall sports will take place in the stadium behind Hilliard Station.

e) Upcoming Events

- Convocation is Friday morning at Bradley HS. A huge thank you to Mindy Mordarski and her staff for not hesitating on hosting the Convocation at the last moment.
- Next Monday and Tuesday, we will have staff safety training. Thank you to Mike McDonough, the Hilliard Police, and Norwich Township Fire for putting together the tabletop exercises that will take place in all buildings. We are incredibly fortunate to have three days before the start of school which allows us to have convocation, allows teachers time for collaboration and to get their classrooms ready, and spend half a day on safety training.
- At the work session on August 26, we will be sharing our Commitment and Next X plans. Mike McDonough will also be rolling out the process for the Master Facilities Plan. We will also be sharing the board member handbook.

H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

H1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.