



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2019 | Hilliard Tharp Sixth Grade School

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 The 6th-grade buildings are teaching new electives this year to allow students to have more choices that connect to their interests and passions. At Tharp, Mrs. Rundio's Mixed Media class created their first project using Touch Cast to bring you a video that highlights students and teachers talking about the elective courses. The students interviewed teachers and students and then created the video. The new elective courses include Mixed Media, Coding with STEM, Creative Writing, STEAM, Technology Factor, and Sports History.

B2 Hilliard City School district received the 2019-2020 Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for excellence in budget presentation. ASBO's meritorious budget award recognizes the best budget presentation practices in school districts.

C ROUTINES

C1 Additions or deletions to agenda: Heather Keck made a motion to amend the agenda. The amendment was to create C4 by moving (c) and (d) from C3 to C4.

C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda as amended.

C3 The Board of Education approved the August 12, 2019, regular meeting minutes and meeting notes.

C4 The Board of Education approved the August 26, 2019 work session meeting minutes and meeting notes.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

E CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education approved items E1 through E2 consisting of all personnel matters. As you see here, we have a lot of fall and winter supplemental contracts for your approval. It has become very challenging to find the number and quality of personnel for coaching positions. The Superintendent thanked the principals and athletic directors for their constant searching, recruiting, and hiring of qualified individuals to work with our students. This is another reason we need an athletic study group to look at extracurricular activities and athletics and the role they play in our district.

F ACTION AGENDA

- F1 The Board of Education, subject to Board of Education Policy KJA, Section 7, granted an exception to the “Distribution of Non-school Sponsored Literature” prohibition for the ISPTO Meeting the Candidates Event on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. At this event, candidates for the Board of Education will be able to share and distribute campaign information.

There has been some confusion, especially for the board of education candidates, about campaigning on school property. I believe this is due to Board policy not being followed or enforced consistently until recently. I am asking for your guidance and your intent of this policy.

The Board wants the administration to reestablish sending a policy notification letter to the board of education candidates. Candidates for other political offices (e.g., city council, state representatives, etc.) are responsible for researching and abiding by all local laws and board policies in school districts.

Enforcement of Board policy is the responsibility of all administrators. In regards to wearing a campaign shirt, clothing is considered to be free speech unless or until it becomes a distraction or problem. Our position at this point is that we want to limit politics on district property, so don’t look for loopholes. This policy will be studied by the Policy Review Committee to make the policy clear on what is permitted and what is prohibited.

- F2 Mark Abate made a motion to allow the board of education candidates to distribute literature at the Davidson HS vs. Bradley HS football game on September 13, 2019, and at the Bradley HS vs. Darby HS football game on September 20, 2019. The resolution was approved.

G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

- G1 Enrollment

Our enrollment is up over 200 EL students from this time last year, meaning we have an additional 200 students who don’t speak English.

- G3 Superintendent’s Report

Vape Detectors and Policy Committee Referrals

We will be installing vapor detectors in several of our secondary schools. These detectors look and work similar to smoke detectors and will send an electronic alert to a specified administrator. Also, our policy review committee will be working to determine if the legalization of hemp dictates any changes in any current policies.

Exchange Students

The Superintendent has instituted a moratorium on enrolling exchange students for this school year. Our policy regarding the admission of exchange students talks about the need to have diversity in our schools and to have students engage with students from other cultures. We have a diverse enrollment without the addition of exchange students. In reviewing this policy, we need to discuss if we have a reason to enroll exchange students in light of our high enrollment. Also, if we choose to have exchange students, they need to be enrolled at least two weeks before the start of the school year.

Hilliard University – Discover HCS

Registration is now open. Discover HCS will take place at Darby High School on September, 28th from 8 am – 12:30 pm. Hilliard University is an expansion of the Be Well event that we do in the spring along with the Dublin City School District.

Workforce Development, Business Partnership Update

We have several business partnerships, including but not limited to, Amazon, Cardinal Health, Nationwide, Ohio State University, and Worthington Industries. These partnerships are important in getting students, who are not interested in college, ready to enter the workforce. We have over 200 students in our mentorship program and are working to find placements for all of them. Mark Tremayne and his staff have and are working hard to make these opportunities available to our students.

Other Items

We have received a request to establish field hockey as a school sport. Part of our requirements to become a school sport is that the program must have sustainable teams at all three high schools. OHSAA has been unwavering in not providing waivers or exceptions on having one Hilliard team without students losing their eligibility at their home high schools.

We are also looking at how we can make bowling a school sport as they have met all of the requirements for sustainability at all three high schools.

H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

H1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.