MEETING NOTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call: All members present.

3. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. The Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented.

5. Aaron Cookson, Principal, and Tony Odenweller, Guidance Counselor presented diplomas to the following Davidson High School summer graduates:

   Fryda Shelany Marquez Argueta
   Radames Enrique Rosales Marchan

6. The Board of Education approved the August 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

7. The Board of Education approved the following trip requests:

   a. Bradley Marching Band, Muncie, IN – October 5, 2019
   b. Bradley Wrestling, Rayland, OH – February 1, 2020

8. Discussion Topics:

   a. Master Facilities Plan

      Mike McDonough, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Lee Hwang, Cooperative Strategies, who presented the timeline of the project. On Sunday, October 20, we will kick off the Master Facility Plan at Darby High School with a community Facilities for Tomorrow Conference. The Facilities for Tomorrow Conference will be an open meeting to get our community involved in the master planning process. We are also in the process of creating a steering committee that will include district parents, students, teachers, administrators, and senior citizens.

      Cooperative Strategies will facilitate the process. We will be reviewing the condition of our facilities, our enrollment vs. capacity, and the educational adequacy of our facilities. The process consists of project start-up, data collection and analysis, developing options, community engagement, and presenting the plan to the Board of Education. The options will be presented to the Board of Education in March 2020.

      The following data to be analyzed includes, but is not limited to, the new facilities database developed by Ameresco, the Big Darby Accord, historical and projected enrollment, current construction, and proposed new developments. Information will be posted on the district website throughout the process.
b. Science Presentation

Herb Higginbotham, Elementary Curriculum Director, and Rose Hetterscheidt, Instructional Coach, explained the science curriculum review process. The Department of Education developed the science curriculum standards this past summer. We have been working for the past two years to make sure our science curriculum reflects the new state standards. All of the changes will be implemented at the secondary level by next Fall. In November, we will begin the review process for our elementary science curriculum. The secondary science curriculum iBooks, created by district staff, are available to teachers and students in Canvas.

c. State Report Card / Quality Profile Review

The Quality Profile is now available on the district website. Our profile is directly linked to our Commitment Plan. This alignment is very important. As we continue to live the value of our passion for growth, we are getting better every year.

The state report cards were released last week. Although our overall grade is better than last year, it is still a flawed measure. It’s only one measure we look at in reviewing how we are preparing our students.

d. 2021-2022 Draft Calendar Review

In your packet is a copy of the 2021-2022 school calendar. We create the calendar based on holding our high school graduation ceremonies on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings before the Memorial Day weekend. Also, you will notice that this calendar goes into the first week of June for our non-seniors. As an administrative team, we like the underclassmen returning after graduation. It allows the seniors to have senior stuff without trying to wrap-up the end of the year activities for everyone. It also allows teachers to finish up their senior end of year tasks, and after graduation, they can shift their focus to the underclassmen.

And to be sure everyone understands, we choose to hold graduation at the Schottenstein Center because of the value and benefits it affords our students. To hold graduation at any of our high schools, we would have to limit each student to only two tickets for guests. The cost to rent the Schottenstein Center is no more than the cost to rent the necessary equipment to hold the graduation at any of our high schools. The Schottenstein Center charges a rate per event, not a daily rate. So, it doesn’t matter if you hold three events on three separate days or all in one day. The per-event rate is the same.

e. Vaping Detectors

Last week we announced that we are installing two vaping detectors at each high school. This is just a pilot program and a test. We do not know if they are going to be helpful or impossible to maintain and enforce. We are also looking into why students are vaping and helping them understand the health concerns as we know them today. We now have a drug and addiction counselor on staff to work with our students.
f. Davidson High School Parking Lot

Yes, there was a lot of water in the parking lot last Friday. Mr. Sands, the project engineer that worked on solving the water issue at Davidson, was there and saw first-hand the problem on Friday. He has already identified a potential fix. Mr. Hetzel, Director of Business, talked with the contractor today.

g. Presenting at the NSBA Conference in Chicago

Submission of our proposal to the National School Board Association’s Conference for presenting the Be Well Event, along with our partner Dublin City Schools, was accepted.

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