



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 9, 2019 | Alton Darby Elementary

MEETING NOTES

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

- A1 President called the meeting 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 Alton Darby is one of 5 Hilliard Elementary Schools to offer Spanish (Español) as a related arts class this year, our students have been excited to participate in this new rotation with our other specials. Students are not only learning basic Spanish (greetings, colors, simple phrases, etc.); they are also exploring cultures and traditions. Students are engaged in various activities and games throughout the day. These lessons are tiered to meet the needs of students in grades 1-5. Señora Thissen-Thompson and several Alton Darby students will be in attendance to talk more about this Elementary World Language.

Several students demonstrated some of the topics and material we have covered since the beginning of the school year. We started with learning about basic introductions. Students demonstrated what they have learned by using the TPR method (Total Physical Response). TPR is a method of teaching language or vocabulary concepts by using physical movement to promote long-term memory.

- B2 Celebration of Heather Keck's eight years of dedication and service to our community. Several people, including current board members, former board members, and the superintendent, expressed their appreciation and gratefulness to Heather.

C ROUTINES

- C1 The agenda with late-breaking actions is correct.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
- C3 The Board of Education approved the November 2019 Treasurer's Report.
- C4 The Board of Education approved the November 11, 2019, regular meeting minutes and meeting notes, and approved the November 25, 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 and E2, consisting of all personnel matters.

F ACTION AGENDA

- F1 The Board of Education established the date, time, and location of the Organizational Meeting for the calendar year 2020 – Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Beacon Elementary School. Regular business meeting to immediately follow.
- F2 The Board of Education appointed Lisa Whiting as president pro tem for the first Board of Education meeting of 2020.

F3 The Board of Education approved the following Certified Personnel actions:
Employment – Supplemental Salaries – effective for the 2019/2020 school year:

All are 100% level unless otherwise indicated.

STAFF MEMBER	ASSIGNMENT	BLDG	PERCT	STEP	SALARY
Abate, Nikole M	Cheerleading-7 Basketball (50%)	MMS	6.00%	3	\$1,420.50

STAFF MEMBER	RESPONSIBILITY AREA	BLDG	PERCT	AMOUNT
Abate, Nikole M	District Initiatives	COA	100%	\$660.00

In the past, we have had board members abstain from all personnel matters on the consent agenda. Beginning this evening, we will pull-out items that are conflicts of interest so board members can vote on all other employment actions and only abstain from those that are a conflict of interest.

F4 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

Authorize the Treasurer to pay multiple invoices to Perimeter Healthcare for a total of \$10,115 and \$3,809 to Columbus City Schools. All payments are for invoices received without purchase orders in place.

When we have an expenditure without my signature on the fiscal officer certificate, and it exceeds \$3,000.00, the Board needs to approve the expenditure. Both of these items exceed \$3,000.00. The Columbus City School’s invoice is regarding the education they are providing to a student in the juvenile detention center that is one of our students. We have a student that placed with a family in Missouri, but we are liable for that student’s education.

F5 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District, Franklin County, Ohio, that to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Education, during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2020, the following sums be amended and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made and during said fiscal year as follows:

536 – TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT \$97,500

This is a new federal grant, in the amount of \$32,500 each, we have received for Beacon Elementary, Memorial Middle, and Weaver Middle schools. These funds will be used for professional development related to English language learners.

F6 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**HILLIARD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO R.C. 3735.671 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HILLIARD, OHIO AND AMAZON DATA SERVICES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio (the “City”) has received notice of the intent of Amazon Data Services, Inc. (“Amazon”) to construct one or more data centers and related facilities with a total area of up to two million (2,000,000) square feet (collectively, the “Project” and each individual building within the Project, with its related site improvements, may be referred to as a “Building”) at one or more sites within both the City and the CRA (collectively, the “Project Site”),

WHEREAS, the Project Site is located within Community Reinvestment Area #049-35476-06 designated by the City by Resolution No. 08-R-14, and certified by the Ohio Development Services Agency on September 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Project is eligible for a fifteen (15) year, one hundred percent (100%) real property tax exemption of the increase in assessed value to the Project Site (the “CRA Exemption”), and has recommended that the City enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Amazon pursuant to R.C. 3735.671 (the “CRA Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Project Site is located within the boundaries of the Hilliard City School District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the District’s approval of the CRA Exemption, the City will require Amazon to compensate the District for a portion of the real property taxes that would have been due and payable to the District upon the increase in assessed value to the Project Site but for the CRA Exemption upon the terms and conditions set forth in a School Compensation Agreement (the “School Compensation Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) desires to approve the CRA Exemption and the School Compensation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the Board waive all required notices pursuant to R.C. 3735.671 and R.C. 5709.83 in connection with the City taking formal action to approve the CRA Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District, County of Franklin, Ohio:

Section 1. This Board hereby approves the CRA Agreement, a substantially final version of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT A** and the CRA Exemption thereunder on the condition that the City, Amazon and the Board enter into the School Compensation Agreement. The terms of the compensation are set forth in the School Compensation Agreement, a substantially final version of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT B**.

Section 2. The CRA Agreement and the School Compensation Agreement are hereby approved and shall be executed on behalf of this Board by the President of the Board and Treasurer and shall be substantially in the form presented to this Board, with such changes not inconsistent with this Resolution as shall be agreed to by the President of the Board and Treasurer, with the President of the Board and the Treasurer's execution of the Agreements on behalf of this Board constituting conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 3. This Board directs the Treasurer of the Board to certify and deliver true and complete copies of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, to the Council of the City as soon as practicable after the passage of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Board hereby waives the notice requirements set forth in R.C. Sections 3735.671 and 5709.83 with respect to the CRA Agreement.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including R.C. 121.22.

Discussion: Amazon approached the City of Hilliard and brought us in to look at the potential of 4 more data centers. This is a compensation agreement stipulating the amount of money the district will receive from Amazon. The district will receive \$250,000 in year one, \$400,000 in year two, and \$1.50 per square feet (total of all buildings) in addition to \$400,000 in years three through fifteen. Once all four buildings are online, the district will receive \$1.9 million per year. Construction will most likely begin in 2025.

This area was previously zoned rural residential by the City and could have had 40-50 homes constructed. Commercial construction (data centers) will generate more tax dollars for the district without adding students to our schools. This type of construction will not generate a lot of traffic, noise, or pollution. Hilliard City Council is also voting on this issue at their meeting tonight.

F7 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**HILLIARD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF .512 ACRES OF LAND FROM ANSMIL LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ANSMIL LLC FOR PERMANENT ACCESS TO THARP MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, Ansmil LLC, an Ohio limited liability company ("Ansmil"), is the owner in fee simple title of that certain real property (the "Ansmil Property") adjacent to that certain real property owned by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District (the "District") and currently utilized by the District as Tharp Middle School (the "Tharp School Property");

WHEREAS, Ansmil and the District previously entered into that certain Temporary Easement Agreement recorded in the office of the Franklin County Recorder's Office on June 30, 2000, at Instrument No. 20000630012911 (the "Temporary Easement"), in which Ansmil granted to the District a temporary easement for access to the Tharp School Property pending the potential relocation of Leap Road immediately adjacent to the Ansmil Property;

WHEREAS, the relocation of Leap Road has not and will not occur and Ansmil desires to donate and convey a .512 acre tract of land from the Ansmil Property to the District to be made a part of the Tharp School Property;

WHEREAS, Ansmil and the District desire to replace the Temporary Easement with a permanent perpetual easement securing the District’s access to the Tharp School Property by and through the execution of an easement agreement (the “Permanent Easement Agreement”);

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.37(B)(1) authorizes the District to acquire land by gift or donation, and the District desires to accept the donation of land from Ansmil;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.37(A)(1) authorizes the District to acquire rights-of-way for school buildings and facilities, and the District desires to acquire permanent access to the Tharp School Property by and through the Permanent Easement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District, County of Franklin, Ohio:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) hereby accepts the donation of .512 acres of land from Ansmil which is more particularly described in the General Warranty Deed, substantially in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT A**.

Section 2. The Permanent Easement Agreement is hereby approved by the Board and shall be executed on behalf of the Board by the President of the Board and Treasurer and shall be substantially in the form presented to the Board, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT B**, with such changes not inconsistent with this Resolution as shall be agreed to by the Treasurer, with the President of the Board and the Treasurer's execution of the on behalf of this Board constituting conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 3. This Board directs the Treasurer of the Board to certify and deliver a true and complete copy of the Permanent Easement Agreement, together with the attachments hereto, to Ansmil as soon as practicable after the passage of this Resolution, for recording in the Franklin County Recorder’s Office by Ansmil.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including R.C. 121.22.

Discussion: Cliff Hetzel, Director of Business, introduced and thanked Mr. Smith and his family for their willingness to work with the district on this issue.

F8 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE PLAN OF THE TOLLES CAREER
& TECHNICAL CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Hilliard City School District (the “District”) is a member of the Tolles Career and Technical Center (“Tolles”), a joint vocational school district; and

WHEREAS, the Tolles Board of Education is comprised of seven (7) representative members, one (1) member each from: London City School District, Madison-Plains Local School District, Hilliard City School District, Fairbanks Local School District, Jonathan Alder Local School District, West Jefferson Local School District and Dublin City School District; and

WHEREAS, the appointments of five (5) of seven (7) members of the Tolles Board of Education expire on December 31, 2019, as a result of a combination of a change in the law regarding appointment of board members of a joint vocational board of education and a resignation of a board member during an unexpired term of appointment, as reflected on the “Tolles Board of Education Membership Appointment Plan,” attached as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, the appointments of the remaining two (2) members expire on December 31, 2020, as reflected on Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, Section 3311.19(C) of the Ohio Revised Code indicates that “[t]he manner of appointment and the total number of members appointed to the joint vocational school district board shall be in accordance with the most recent plan for the joint vocational school district on file with the department of education;” and

WHEREAS, Section 3311.191(B) of the Ohio Revised Code indicates that “[a] joint vocational school district board of education may submit an application to the superintendent of public instruction for approval to revise its membership plan to stagger the members' terms of office. Each board may do so only one time. The application shall include the revisions proposed to be made to members' terms, the manner by which the terms shall be staggered, and any other information the state superintendent requires;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District believes it is in the best interests of the District and Tolles for the Tolles board member appointments to be staggered more evenly, in order to maintain continuity of and uninterrupted operations at Tolles, as reflected as reflected on the “Tolles Board of Education Membership Appointment Plan,” attached as Appendix A.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Board of Education of the District agrees that the plan for Tolles be updated in accordance with the “Tolles Board of Education Membership Appointment Plan,” attached as Appendix A, and expressly incorporated by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is directed to provide a true copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Tolles, so that she may submit the resolution, together with those of other member boards, to the State Board of Education, requesting that the current Joint Vocational School Plan of Tolles be updated.

Discussion: This resolution was presented by Emmy Beeson, superintendent of Tolles, to fix the board member terms so there are only 2 to 3 members whose terms end at the same time. This will eliminate the possibility of having all new members beginning/ending at the same time. This will ensure the consistency of leadership.

G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

G1 An Enrollment Report was included in the Board’s packet.

G2 Superintendent’s Report

a. 2020 Board of Education Calendar, including retreat plans

The 2020 calendar is in Canvas. The January Work Session meeting will be our retreat that begins around lunchtime and ending around 6:00 p.m. We have switched the June meetings to the first and third Mondays to separate from Hilliard City Council meeting dates. The July meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, at the request of Roy Walker, Executive Director of Human Resources. We will also have two consecutive Monday meetings in March. Typically, we do not have the Work Session meeting in March since it falls during Spring Break. This year, we are holding the Work Session meeting for the presentation of the Master Facility Plan. The calendar will be on the agenda at the Organizational Meeting for your approval.

b. Athletic Study Group Process – committee selection and purpose

I have given you a draft of two documents. We had more than 85 people submit applications to be part of the athletic study group. So, we will have a steering committee and a large group so that everyone can participate. Included in the documents are tentative meeting dates and topics.

c. Winter Weather Process Review

We will post the annual reminder of our process for determining if we will close for inclement weather. When we have inclement weather or the possibility of inclement weather, our operations team begins their review at 2:30 a.m. Mechanics are in at 4:00 a.m., getting buses started. The transportation coordinator contacts the superintendent at 4:15 a.m., and our goal is to have a decision made by 5:15 a.m.

d. Other items as Deemed Important

As you may have heard, Coach Brian White announced to his team this morning that he is stepping down as the varsity football coach at Davidson High School. There will be a comprehensive search for a new head coach. We hope to be able to name a new coach by the end of January/beginning of February.

H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

H1 The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.