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 Members present: Mark Abate, Paul Lambert, Nadia Long, Brian Perry, and Lisa Whiting

A3 Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Abate thanked everyone for joining on such short notice. Hopefully, this will be a brief meeting.

B ROUTINES

B1 The agenda is correct, as presented.

B2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.

C ACTION AGENDA

C1 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
September 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Health Commissioner, Joe Mazzola, MPA, issued updated recommendations ("Recommendations") for K-12 Schools on Friday, August 28, 2020, recommending schools consider moving forward implementing and transitioning to a hybrid or blended learning model for students;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mazzola indicated that the new recommendations are supported by an improvement in COVID-19 data points: specifically, a decline in cases occurring over a period of more than four (4) weeks; positivity rates below 10% (currently between 5-6%); and improvement in the risk level as defined by the state advisory system (i.e., orange);

WHEREAS, the Recommendations state that Franklin County Public Health will continue to closely monitor local community conditions and will reevaluate future recommendations during the first week of October 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has authorized the Superintendent, in consultation with the Ohio State University Department of Public Health, Columbus Public Health, and Franklin County Public Health to return individual classes, grade levels, and/or buildings to eLearning based upon the state advisory system and other related factors set forth in previous Board Resolutions;

WHEREAS, recognizing the possibility of changes to the state advisory system and its impact on student instructional modes within the District, the Board of Education desires to provide the community with
expectations in order to avoid the stress frequent changes in instructional modes might place on families and staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, if a change in the state advisory system would result in a shift in a current student instructional mode, the District will make that shift only after two (2) consecutive weeks of consistency in that state advisory system level.

Discussion:
Dr. Marschhausen explained that this resolution would hopefully bring some consistency and stability to a fluid situation. We understand that changing instructional modes from week to week, based on the state advisory system, would be challenging for some of our families and teachers.

The following graphic is for *illustration purposes only*:

![Graph showing HYBRID and eLearning levels for September]

If, for example, Franklin County would change from Level II (orange) to Level III (red) on Thursday, Sept. 17, we would then use the week of the 21st as a “watch” week. If the condition on the 24th would once again be Level III (red), we would change our instructional mode (from HYBRID to eLearning). In other words, we won’t change instructional modes until the advisory level is the same for two consecutive weeks.

Even with this change in when we move from one instructional mode to another, the Board of Education and the Franklin County Health Department still have the authority to require an immediate change in instructional mode should they deem it necessary.

Mr. Abate commented that while we continue to watch the data changing from day-to-day being able to give our parents, students, and staff, a sense of consistency is a good thing.

Ms. Whiting added that while she believes this revision to the resolution will provide the dependability we want, especially since we have the CATS information to help identify issues in individual school buildings. With the CATS system, we will see what is trending in real-time. This will help in making decisions in a timely fashion.

Mr. Perry added that we are trying to reassure our community that our decisions are being made on the best data possible and as timely as possible.
D  REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

D1  Superintendent’s Update

1) CATS Update

On Friday, we will post the first round of CATS data updates on the district website that will include district case level per 100,000, a graph of the county cases, and a graph of our district cases. Next week’s update will include nurse visits and the absence data (teachers and students).

In accordance with the Governor’s orders, we will send letters to parents if/when we have any confirmed cases of COVID-19.

2) September 14 BOE meeting will be at Bradley HS in the PAC

The public is invited to attend this meeting. We will be able to accommodate a maximum of 100 attendees in this space. All attendees will be required to wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and seat themselves from the front to the back (in marked seating). We will also live-stream this meeting for community members who prefer to watch from home.

E  EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

E1  The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.