



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.

B PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS

- B1 Tolles Update – Mr. Doug Maggied

Mr. Maggied gave handouts to the board of the number of Hilliard students enrolled in programs at Tolles for the last school year. He also provided the current number of students registered for on-campus courses at Tolles for the coming school year. Enrollment in the satellite programs will be available after the start of the school year. At the end of May, there were 104 Hilliard students were honored at the Certification Ceremony. Tolles continues to meet with prospective partners and will continue the 2x2 (two weeks of school, two weeks of intern/work) program. He then introduced Dr. Todd Hoadley, the new superintendent of Tolles Career & Technical Center.

Dr. Hoadley began by thanking Mr. Maggied for all of his years of service to Tolles. This has been a year of changes and challenges, and navigating all of this takes steady leadership. He is excited to be at Tolles and to continue to offer great programs to students. Hilliard City Schools does a great job of making sure staff and students are aware of the wonderful opportunities at Tolles. We also have Tolles staff that teach in the satellite programs located in Hilliard City Schools. All of this helps to get students ready for tomorrow. COVID-19 has played a strange role in our society by changing work and careers across the board as people began working from home. Those of us in K-12 education need to be flexible to pivot and change in preparing students. Tolles also has an adult education program to prepare them for the workforce. There is a misnomer about career tech education – this is a pathway for students who are not heading to college. This is a stigma from a long time ago. Tolles is a pathway to higher education, whether that is “higher” or “hire.” Many of our Tolles graduates go on to college, and others go directly into the workforce.

C ROUTINES

- C1 The agenda is correct as presented.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
- C3 The Board of Education approved the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report.
- C4 The Board of Education approved the minutes from the following meetings:
 - a. June 14, 2021 – Regular meeting
 - b. June 14, 2021 – Regular meeting notes

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education appreciates citizen interest in meetings of the board. This place on the agenda is set aside to hear comments from visitors. When called, please go to the microphone so that remarks may be clearly heard and recorded. You must give your name and limit comments to three minutes. Comments must be respectful and professional in nature. Board members may or may not ask questions or make comments. No board member has the power or authority to act for the board; therefore, no response from an individual board member should be interpreted as an official action of the board. Portions of this meeting are being recorded.

Lisa Chaffee

She presented the board with a prepared resolution. We know that Hilliard City Schools does not officially endorse critical race theory but has not denounced it. However, the actions taken this week by the two main teachers' unions are gravely concerning. They are endorsing and want critical race theory taught in schools and will come after anyone who opposes it. The following is part of the resolution: "We have not used any materials or implemented any curriculum, training, or policies that make assumptions about an individual based on any physical attributes that may lead to division, discrimination, or bullying, including elements of critical race theory, under that name nor by any other name, or the 1619 project, under that name nor by any other name."

I have also given you an alternative to what many people see in their schools. It is from the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism. I did a lot of research looking at different curriculum that Hilliard can use to help deal with these very important issues. It is important to know our history and that every student feels valued as an individual. The Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing civil rights and liberties for all Americans and promoting a common culture based on fairness, understanding, and humanity. Basically, it is a pro-human entity. They define pro-human as advocating for one human race, universal civil rights, liberties, and compassionate anti-racism rooted in dignity and our common humanity.

I believe once you read this, you will agree this is the way Hilliard needs to go. I think Hilliard could be at the forefront and show the country how to do it right. It starts with passing this resolution banning critical race theory and incorporating these pro-human ideologies.

E CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education approved item E1 through E3, consisting of certified and classified personnel matters and the reemployment of STRS Retiree Joyce A. Brickley. You can find the complete list of personnel matters as an attachment to the Minutes.

F REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

- F1 Policies submitted for a first reading
 - a. EBFA – Use of Face Coverings

F2 Policies submitted for a second reading

- b. DH – Bonded Employees and Officers
- c. EDE – Computer/Online Services
- d. EDE-R – Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
- e. EDE-E – Network Acceptable Use Staff/Volunteer Agreement (**Rescind**)
- f. EF/EFB – Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- g. IGCK – Blended Learning (**New**)
- h. IGE – Adult Education Programs
- i. IGED – Adult Diploma
- j. IGED-R – Diploma of Adult Education (**Rescind**)

Mr. Lambert explained that Policy EBEA is separate because of the direction and recommendation changes from the state and local health departments regarding face coverings. We intend to bring all of these policies back together for a second reading and third reading and adoption. Lisa thanked everyone for all of their work on this committee.

F3 Committee Reports

Mr. Lambert reports that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee will be reading a book I suggested during the summer break. The book is “Why Are All of the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?” by Beverly Daniel Tatum. If interested in reading the book, there are copies available for the board members. We will be using this book as a basis of understanding.

Mr. Lambert also reported that he attended the June 28 Hilliard City Council meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the City’s westward expansion. First, the City’s growth is limited by the boundary of the water and sewer contract they have with the City of Columbus. This spans roughly half the distance between Alton Darby & Creek Road and Big Darby Creek. It is a fairly substantial area. The City’s second limitation is a total of 2,000 water and sewer taps available in this area. All of these water and sewer taps are pretty much assigned at this time. This raises the question, “what about all of the remaining area inside this boundary?” They are gathering information to help decide what their strategy should be relative to their western expansion. Among these considerations is if the City of Hilliard stops annexing land to the west, a developer could seed to have these areas annexed by the City of Columbus. Some people are still surprised to learn that the property owner initiates annexation rather than the City. If the City of Hilliard starts saying no to annexation requests, then who else might annex these western properties. One answer is the City of Columbus. The next question is whether the City of Columbus has any interest in annexing this area.

During Michael Colman’s tenure as Mayor, he didn’t want to extend the City’s water, sewer, and fire coverage out any further. In the past, the City of Columbus only extended water and sewer to properties if agreed to be annexed into the City of Columbus. The Big Darby Accord has made a huge break from this policy, saying they are open to considering the extension of water and sewer services into un-annexed areas providing they follow the provisions of the Big Darby Accord. This has not been tested, but it is a possibility. If neither Columbus nor Hilliard annex property in Brown Township, it is governed by the zoning of the Franklin County Commissioners, who are partners in the Big Darby Accord.

Now, the City of Hilliard is trying to determine if it would be beneficial for them to annex any part of this area. By Ohio law, a City that annexes land into their municipality must provide water and sewer, police,

and fire services to these annexed areas. So, if the City doesn't feel they can provide those services, they may choose not to annex any more properties.

With the end of the Win-Win Agreement, no matter who annexes property in this area, it will remain in the Hilliard City School District. There is always a chance that Columbus leaders will choose to do away with the Big Darby Accord, which would not be good for either the City of Hilliard or the school district. Even without the Big Darby Accord, the City of Columbus would still have to abide by Ohio EPA regulations, so we should not see any urban-style housing densities.

The City of Hilliard has announced the formation of a committee to help update its comprehensive plan. They are currently asking for participants.

Mrs. Long reported about OSBA Alliance Luncheon. You can find all of the details in your email. HEF is planning a spring event – Diamonds & Denim type of event.

F4 Superintendent's Update

Today marks my fifth day on the job. Most of that time has been spent with you, and I want to thank you for your warm welcome. I have enjoyed sitting with each of you and getting to know you. I will begin meeting with other stakeholders next week. As we head into August, my goal is to meet with every building principal and central office administrators. I also plan to attend a staff meeting at each building by the end of September.

I am excited to tell you that this year's commitment plan is nearing completion. Sharee and her team have done a fantastic job of putting it together. Curriculum and Personalization will be the two main focus areas. They have established quantifiable, long-range, and short-term goals focusing on the state report card, the panorama survey, and finding a balance between student achievement and wellness. In addition, the plan prioritizes instructional strategies and allows each school to identify local action step progress measures and identifying supports from the central office.

We have some very early preliminary state testing results. Unfortunately, the state is working through some scoring issues, so the final report is not ready.

We are planning a convocation for August 16. As we are not comfortable with having 2,000 staff in one location, we will be utilizing technology and zoom for this event. We plan to ask staff to meet in their assigned building. We will get more information to you soon.

The second session of the Summer Bridge program begins July 19 and runs through July 30. We had approximately 1,000 students participate in the first session and have 800 participants registered for the upcoming session.

G EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

- G1 At 7:02 p.m., the Board of Education, caucused to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. The board will not take any action following the executive session.