

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the December 15, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. High School teacher and Varsity Girls Swim Team Coach Dan Heikka introduced several of his team while Board President Leacher read a board resolution recognizing them for their seasons accomplishments.
3. High School teacher and the Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country Coach Steve Porter introduced members of his teams while the Board President Leacher read a resolution recognizing them for their accomplishments.
4. The board voted on a resolution to recognize the Girls Swim Team and their coaches Dan Heikka, Kerry Frame and Robin Love for their accomplishments this season.
5. The board voted on a resolution to recognize the Boys Cross Country Team and their Coaches Steve Porter, Chris Wilson, Kara Odegard and Chad Lawver for their accomplishments this season.
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7. Paddock Principal Sean DeSarbo presented information on Paddock's Reading Initiative Data.
8. Principal Sean DeSarbo presented a video presentation for First Grade Teacher Nicole Gerbens in her absence. The presentation was on a Digital Story Telling Initiative her classroom of first grade students participated in along with a sixth grade classroom of students in another district.
9. The minutes of the regular meeting of November 9th, the minutes of the workshop minutes of November 16th, the special meeting minutes of November 30th, and payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses was approved.
10. The 2011/2012 Budget Revision (General Fund) was presented and approved.
11. A recommended list of FCI graduates was approved contingent upon their successful completion of all requirements.
12. A change order for Heany General Contractors was approved for \$75,743 to subcontract for the districts new greenhouse.
13. The board voted to approve the contract amendment with Fanning Howey Associates for hourly rates not to exceed \$59,200 for the design, bidding, procurement and constructions administration of the Furniture, Fixture and Equipment of the new High School addition.
14. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student Issues
 - Mr. Girbach welcomed our new high school board representatives – Lauren Cook and Carter Hayes.
 - The Holiday Choir and Band Concerts were well attended and exceptional.
 - Staff Issues
 - Speech Pathologist Kim Anderson along with two WISD Teacher Consultants coordinated the application and eventual award for a grant to obtain 2 special cables for a hearing impaired student form the Lion's Club of Ohio.

- Symons Elementary Cafeteria Manager Sarah Stoddard recently had a baby girl – Carmona Faye.
- Paddock Elementary teacher Liz Sutherland’s father recently passed away.
- High School secretary Yvette Smith’s father-in-law recently passed away.
- Symons Elementary teacher Dan Adams’ father recently passed away.
- Mr. Girbach has begun discussions with the districts food service employees on their contract.
- Bond Updates
 - The new Transportation Facility is progressing quickly. It is projected to be ready for move-in in early January. They are waiting for fencing around the facility to keep the buses secure.
 - Utility work for the new High School addition has begun.
 - Foundation work on the new High School addition has been held up due to rain.
- Board Updates
 - SB 618 (Charter School Expansion) passed the Senate 22-16. Details on how that will impact public schools will follow in the near future.
 - Superintendent Girbach reminded the newly elected board members that they will take their oath of office at the January meeting.
 - The board was also reminded that they will need to elect board officers at the January meeting. They need to contact President Lecher if they are interested in running for an office.
 - The Best Practices Resolution will be on the January agenda.
 - Changes in the Board Elections and Board Goals will be discussed at the January 25th meeting.
 - An update on the Board Scholarship’s balance was presented and future discussions will determine whether they will offer a scholarship this year.
 - The full day Kindergarten mandate was discussed and recommendation to implement will be discussed at the February 8th meeting.
 - Some upcoming calendar date reminders are:
 - ~ 1/11/12 Regular Board meeting
 - ~ 1/18/12 FCI Job Fair
- 15. Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber reported on several curriculum issues. Information on some collected testing data was distributed to the board.
- 16. Board Member Kiger thanked Symons teacher Rich Beaudrie for attending the meeting and helping with the digital presentations for the evening.
- 17. Board Member Vershum also thanked Paddock Principal Sean DeSarbo for making her feel welcome in the building when she recently visited classrooms.
- 18. President Lecher adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.