

The Board of Education met in a work session/regular meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Board Conference Room with Board-Vice President Julie Reese presiding.

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Reese, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Elam

Absent: Mr. King

1. Ohio online checkbook- Mrs. Reese met with Lauren Bowen of the Ohio Treasure's Office to discuss the features and types of reports that can be generated, the process for setting up Ohio Checkbook for the school, and the ongoing effort required to participate in the program. Lauren will give a demonstration and answer questions at the March 27, 2018 BOE working session meeting.
2. OFCC project-Superintendent Potter talked with Glen at OFCC (Ohio Facilities Construction Commission) and learned that opportunities to receive grant money (10% of state funding or \$1 million) will be deferred to December 2018. They require the school have a master planning project in order to apply. Bethel is low on the list to receive any grants due to the financial standing of the community (those with more need are higher on the list).
3. Review of Board Policies- Home Education and Board-Staff Communication Policies- Mrs. Potter provided board members with these policies from a broad range of school districts throughout Ohio. No discussion occurred on the policies and no action was taken by the Board.
4. Board Policy Updates: Volume 36 Number 2, Technology Collection Phase III- These are the new changes provided by Neola. Board members reviewing. Will be on next Board agenda for 1st reading.
5. Wellness Counselor- Superintendent Potter proposed the Board consider hiring a Wellness Counselor who would be available to counsel students who are dealing with depression, parental divorce, anger grief, etc. to tackle these issue in a preventative, pro-active manner. Mrs. Lance, our school counselor in the Guidance Department deals with scheduling and helping students map out their careers and college goals for grades 7-12. A Wellness Counselor would cover grades K-12 and have an estimated salary of \$50-60,000. No action was taken by the Board at this meeting.
6. Special Education-Ms. Batten, Special Education Director, gave a report on Special Education. She stated we currently have 2 Elementary Intervention Specialist, 1 Middle School Intervention Specialist, and 1 High School Intervention Specialist. We also have contracted Services through Miami and Montgomery Educational Service Centers (ESC). In the future, Ms. Batten stated we will need another Intervention Specialist, yet to be determined, but likely in the elementary. We currently have 160 Special Education students and enrollments have greatly increased in recent years. There are some additional options being considered, such as visual impairment and Medicaid reimbursements. The school is filing a waiver due to current caseload in the elementary. This year we purchased a modified curriculum as part of the program.
7. Negotiations (Executive Session)
8. Security (Executive Session)

EXECUTIVE SESSION
2018-102

Mr. Wright moved to go into executive session to discuss preparations for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their

compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and to discuss specialized details of security arrangements.

Seconded by Mrs. Sebastian

The Board entered executive session at 5:18 PM

The following members answered roll call:

Mrs. Reese
Mr. Wright
Mrs. Sebastian
Mr. Elam

The Board re-entered work session/regular meeting session at 7:07 PM

Seconded by Mrs. Reese

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Reese, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Sebastian Mr. Elam

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. King

Motion carried 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

2018-103

Motioned by: Mr. Elam to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Mrs. Reese

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Reese, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Sebastian, Mr. Elam

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. King

Motion carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

NOTE: If an executive session is required it may be placed anywhere in the order of the agenda, but often comes at the beginning or at the end. It is often anticipated in advance that an executive session will be necessary, but the board may call for such should the occasion arise, even though it does not appear on the prepared agenda. Executive sessions are permitted for certain specified situations. Only discussion may take place in executive sessions. Voting must be done in an open meeting.

Treasurer

President