

TIFFIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
5:30 PM: OSBA Superintendent Search
6:30 PM: Regular Business
Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium
103 Shepherd Drive, Tiffin, Ohio

The regular meeting of the Tiffin City Board of Education was called to order by the President, Dr. Jeffrey Hoyda, with the following members present: Dr. Hoyda, Dr. Andrew Gase, Dr. Meagan McBride, Mr. Victor Perez, and Mr. Christopher Widman. **Roll Call**

(21-014) Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education adopt the agenda and the **addendum** as presented. **Adopt Agenda**

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Mr. Widman, Mr. Perez, Dr. Gase, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

Teri Morgan from the Ohio School Boards Association led a planning discussion about the superintendent search including the timeline, profile development, qualifications & other assumptions, internal candidates, focus groups, community & staff input, screening & interviews, brochure development, and communication. Ms. Morgan will send an updated timeline. The search will officially launch on Monday, February 8, 2021. **Superintendent Search by OSBA**

The Pledge of Allegiance and PAX Promise were led by Washington K-1 Principal, Nichole Jiran and Washington PAX Leaders Olivia Boes, Sophia Boes, Koltin Craft, and Hayden Williams. **Pledge of Allegiance and PAX Promise**

The Interim Superintendent acknowledged the following guests: Washington Principal Nichole Jiran, PAX Leaders, parents, administrators, members of the teaching faculty, union representatives, and Carissa Allen. **Acknowledge Guests**

Washington K-1 Principal, Nichole Jiran and student PAX Leaders spoke about the PAX program and presented board appreciation items to each member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Advisory Council, Dr. Gase – Met January 21, 2021. Spoke about Northwest Ready districts and the continuation of local activities such as REACH and Camp Invention. **Board Reports**

Finance Committee, Mr. Perez – Met January 19, 2021. Spoke about resolutions on the agenda to proceed with either a 6.9 mill property or 1% income tax.

District Leadership Team, Dr. McBride – Spoke about the building representatives, who will focus on developing teams and identifying needs. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Support Services, Mr. Widman – Did not meet.

Records Committee, Dr. Hoyda – Met Tuesday, January 19, 2021. There were no changes to the retention schedule and no records submitted for disposal. The next meeting will be scheduled no later than January 2022.

Legislative Liaison, Mr. Perez – Spoke about advocating for school finance reform and the reintroduction of the Fair School Funding Plan.

Levy Committee, Mr. Perez and Dr. McBride – Spoke about resolutions on the agenda to proceed with either a 6.9 mill property or 1% income tax.

Vanguard-Sentinel Update, Mr. Widman – Spoke about his recent election as Vice President and touring the renovated entry at Sentinel.

Student Representative, Trevor Blodgett:

- The homecoming courts were selected. The female court consisted of: Emma Bohanan, Maggie Bremyer, Addison Conti, Calista Morrison, and Anessa Wagner. The male court consisted of: Timothy Demith, Brian Edmond, Caden Groves, Grant Gribben, and L.J. Reaves.
- First week back to five days a week in person has been completed. It feels good to back and feels like a long time waiting.
- L.J. Reaves scored his 1000th point for the boys' basketball team. Congratulations to L.J.
- I do not have much to say but one thing I wanted to highlight is the social studies department at Columbian. To say these past couple of weeks contained interesting events for our nation would be an understatement. From witnessing it first hand and speaking to my peers, each teacher in the department made an effort to inform the students of current events and keep an educated student body in current affairs. This not only is a testament to teachers but also the type of citizens our district strives to produce.

**Student
Representative**

INTERIM AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Mr. Boes spoke about substitute pay rates for classified positions.
2. Mr. Grubbs presented the first reading and public hearing on the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school district calendars, as presented on pages 8–10 of the agenda.
3. Mr. Grubbs spoke about COVID-19 vaccines for staff and the return to full-time in-person learning in all buildings.

**Interim and Assistant
Superintendents'
Reports**

4. Additional Items – Jennifer Kuhn spoke about the Tornado Academy and remote learning, enrollment, retention, online platforms, devices, requirements and attendance.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Mr. Grubbs spoke about Mr. Daniel's recommendation to approve a contract with Crown A-Wall Building Systems to relocate the satellite classrooms into the Columbian library, which would relocate in the current study hall.
2. Additional Items – none.

Director of Operations' Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

School Resource Officer Doug Skornicka spoke about the grant that he and fellow Tiffin Police Department officers, Mark Marquis, Aaron Russell and Jason Windsor received. They donated their portions to Tiffin City School District, with Officer Skornicka presenting the checks to President Hoyda.

Public Input

Carissa Allen, 135 Clinton Avenue, Tiffin, spoke about school calendar concerns including the staggered start dates, week-long spring break, workdays in the first quarter, and extended holidays for professional development.

Melanie Sutter, 154 Cottage Avenue, Tiffin, spoke about the same school calendar concerns especially staggered start dates for which she provided feedback from 5th grade students.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (21-015) Mr. Widman moved, seconded by Dr. McBride, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the following items:

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes from the following meeting:

- Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2020, as exhibited on pages 11-18 of the agenda.

Minutes from December 2020 Regular Meeting

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following Treasurer's reports for December 2020, as exhibited on pages 19-25 of the agenda:

- Financial Detail Report for 12/01/2020 - 12/31/2020 by FUND
- Form SM-2 Annual Spending Plan for Fiscal year 2021, Month 12
- Summary Check Register of All Checks for 12/01/20 - 12/31/20

Treasurer's Reports December 2020

The following were balances reported in various accounts for December 2020:

General Fund	16,843,859.42
Bond Retirement	932,658.12

Permanent Improvement	925,195.56
Building	61,041.00
Food Service	249,341.92
Special Trust	9,286.05
Endowment	14,670.69
Uniform School Supplies	-84,425.88
Mental Health	34,238.36
Public School Support	57,473.51
Other Grant	84,288.48
District Agency	7,474.34
Classroom Facilities Maintenance	1,158,368.67
Student Managed Activity	73,025.59
District Managed Activity	139,352.60
Auxiliary Services	99,938.68
Student Wellness and Success	269,580.87
Miscellaneous State Grant Fund	4,455.89
Elem/Secondary Sch Emer Relief	- 19,980.81
Title IV, Part B 21st Century	- 28,839.36
Coronavirus Relief Fund	-69,752.47
IDEA Part B Grants	- 41,726.01
Title I Disadvantaged Children	-189,889.25
IDEA Preschool-Handicapped	-1,458.95
Improving Teacher Quality	-1,784.91
Miscellaneous Federal Grant Fund	24,483.00

Grand Totals	\$20,550,875.11
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The Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the following **retirement(s)**:

Retirements

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Rebecca Trumble, at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 contract year

SUPPORT STAFF

Kimberly Kontak, at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 contract year

The Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the following **resignation(s)**:

Resignations

SUPPORT STAFF

Angela Askins, effective beginning 1/30/2021

Janis Rumschlag, effective beginning 1/1/2021

The Interim Superintendent’s recommendation to **employ** the following:

Employment

PROFESSIONAL STAFF for the 2020-2021 Contract Year

Professional Staff

Supplemental Contracts

Amy Cooper, Track, Head Varsity Girls’

Daniel Gilbert, Baseball, Assistant Varsity

John Kihorany, Track, Head Varsity Boys'

Tornado Academy Consultants, not to exceed 3 hours per week, \$22.33 per hour

Todd Aichholz
Larry Kisabeth
Christopher Monsour
Brette Ott
Vicki Wheatley

SUPPORT STAFF for the 2020-2021 Contract Year

Support Staff

Limited Contract

Tod Beard, 5 Hour Night Sweeper, Level 0, beginning 1/21/2021
Zachary T. Gaietto, Service Technician, Level 1, beginning 1/4/2021
Duane Glick, Custodian to 11:00 p.m. or later, 260 days per year, 8 hours per day, Level 0, beginning 1/13/2021

Pupil Activity Contracts

Kylie Dickman, Softball, Assistant Varsity
Roman Williams, TMS Track, Assistant Boys'/Girls'

Modifications

John Beard, from Custodian to 11:00 p.m. or later to Head Custodian, 260 days per year, 8 hours per day, Level 4, beginning 1/1/2021

At its meeting on December 15, 2020, the Tiffin City Board of Education accepted the resignation of Gina Johnson to become effective January 30, 2021. Ms. Johnson requested that she be permitted to rescind her resignation.

Rescind Resignation

The Interim Superintendent recommends the Tiffin City Board of Education accept the **rescission of the resignation** of Gina Johnson.

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to accept the following **donations and grants**:

Donations and Grants

District

- Croghan Colonial Bank donated \$9,452.67 to be used for webcams.
- Tiffin Metal Products Charitable Fund granted \$2,000.00 to be used for Chromebook covers.
- Mercy Health Foundation – Tiffin donated two Stop the Bleed Stations, valued at \$1,600.00.
- Jeffrey D. Shawberry, D.D.S., Inc. donated \$2,000.000 to the Athletic Department for use in the weight room.

Washington K-1

- Joe and Janet Zirger donated the book *I Promise* to the Title One Program, valued at \$19.99.

- Tina Lorenz donated the books *Fly Guy and Fly Girl: Night Fright* and *Pete the Cat: Crayons Rock*, valued at \$24.00, in memory of Coletta Schumm.
- The Washington Sunshine Club donated the book *Froggy Builds a Snowman*, valued at \$12.00, in memory of Coletta Schumm.
- Mike, Heather, Carson, and Tess Weinandy donated the book *I Found a Kitty*, valued at \$12.00, in memory of Coletta Schumm.
- The Washington Sunshine Club donated the book *My Grandma's a Ninja*, valued at \$12.00, in memory of Marguerite Gross.
- Mike, Heather, Carson, and Tess Weinandy donated the book *Bad Kitty Searching for Santa*, valued at \$12.00, in memory of Marguerite Gross.
- The Washington Sunshine Club donated the book *Buddy Unchained*, valued at \$12.00, in memory of Ursula Knipper.

Krout 2-3

- Bill and Anjee Beaston and Family donated the book *Baking Class*, valued at \$8.89, in memory of Betty Baker.
- Bill and Anjee Beaston and Family donated the book *Gorilla Loves Vanilla*, valued at \$11.99, in memory of Gene Kauffman.
- Curns Family Farms donated a tablet, valued at \$100.00, to be used for PBIS awards.
- Mitch and Nadine Felton donated a tablet, valued at \$100.00, to be used for PBIS awards.

Noble 4-5

- The following books, valued at \$204.50, were donated anonymously in memory of Jeffrey Shuff: *Corvette Z06*, *Ford Mustang Shelby GT350*, *Chevrolet Corvette Z06*, *Aston Martin DB9*, *Dodge Viper SRT*, *Tesla Model S*, *Ford GT*, *Bugatti Chiron*, and *Run Your Own Yard Work Bus*.

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to pay the following stipend(s):

Stipend

Field-Based Classroom Support

Brandie Reinhart \$113

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Widman, Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, Dr. Gase, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

(21-016) Mr. Widman moved, seconded by Dr. McBride, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the following **Student Services** items:

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Owens Community College CCP agreement for the 2021- 2022 School Year, as exhibited on pages 26-33 of the agenda.

Owens CCP Agreement

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the amended Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities agreement, Exhibit One, for student services, as presented.

SCBDD Amended Agreement

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 Seneca County Interagency Transition Agreement, as exhibited on pages 34-60 of the agenda.

Seneca County Interagency Transition Agreement

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Widman, Dr. McBride, Dr. Gase, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

- (21-017) Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Dr. Gase, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the following **Building/Maintenance** item:

The Interim Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Crown quote for the installation of A-Wall 300 dividing walls in the Columbian library, as exhibited on pages 61-63 of the agenda.

Crown A-Wall 300 System Quote

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Dr. Gase, Mr. Perez, Mr. Widman, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

- (21-018) Mr. Widman moved, seconded by Dr. Gase, the Tiffin City Board of Education approve the following **Levy Option**:

The recommendation to adopt a Resolution Declaring Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for the purpose of current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 6.90 mills for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2021, at the election to be held on May 4, 2021, as exhibited on pages 64-65 of the agenda.

Resolution to Proceed with a Property Tax

Mrs. Perry presented adjustments to the operating forecast if 55% of the state reduction in fiscal year 2021 is restored and ESSER II (Elementary/Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds are approved in fiscal year 2022. The adjustments do not alleviate all forecasted deficits.

Mr. Perez acknowledged the Governor's most recent announcement on the proposed additional funding; therefore, recommended waiting until the November election.

Dr. Gase spoke about natural and historical declines in school funding, undervalued expenditures per pupil, and the importance of local responsibility.

Dr. McBride spoke about needing more time to attain additional input after the Governor's recent funding proposal.

Mr. Grubbs spoke about the expected challenges of passing any levy at any time and the need for additional funding to provide an excellent education for students and competitive wages for staff.

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Widman, Dr. Gase, Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO DIALOGUE WITH THE BOARD

Chris Joyce, Tiffin Middle School Teacher and Guidance Counselor, spoke about calendar development by a committee that considered staff preferences, and the advantage of building relationships on staggered start dates.

Public Dialogue

Dr. Hoyda spoke about staggered start times, bridge replacement, and transportation. He also inquired about opportunities for students to supplement schedules with additional Tornado Academy classes. Such are available through other means such as VHS (Virtual High School).

Mr. Perez spoke about parent complaints on staggered start dates.

Carissa Allen spoke about parent inconveniences on staggered start dates outweighing the opportunity to build relationships.

Dr. McBride spoke about acknowledging different experiences for students, parents and teachers.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Widman encouraged the audience to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are able.

Board Discussion

Dr. Gase agreed and suggested contacting Mercy Hospital to expedite the process.

(21-019) Mr. Widman moved, seconded by Dr. Gase, the Tiffin City Board of Education hold an executive session to confer with the public body's attorney for the purpose of considering a dispute in which court action is either pending or imminent.

Executive Session

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Widman, Dr. Gase, Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

Time in: 8:28 PM
Time out: 8:53 PM

The Board returned to open session.

(21-020) Dr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Perez, the Tiffin City Board of Education adjourn.

Adjournment

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Dr. McBride, Mr. Perez, Mr. Widman, Dr. Gase, and Dr. Hoyda. Motion carried.

Meeting started: 5:30 PM

Meeting ended: 8:54 PM

The next regular meeting will be on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the **Next Meeting**
Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium.

President

Treasurer