

September 9, 2014

A DVD of the meeting is available through the Treasurer's Office.

The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Ambrose, Miss Gilmore, Mrs. Simms-Parks, Mrs. Kane, and Mr. Bayless.

Mrs. Kane moved to approve the agenda. Miss Gilmore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

At 5:00 p.m. Miss Gilmore moved that the board adjourn to executive session to consider the employment of a public employee and to consider the negotiated contract. Mrs. Kane seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Upon returning from the executive session, Mr. Bayless led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present: Mr. Schall, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Lackey and Mrs. Basson.

Mrs. Simms-Parks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2014 and the special meeting of August 28, 2014. Miss Gilmore seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Mr. Schall gave a report on the current financial status – balanced budget; key assumptions and information; future challenges and risk assessment; and summary of levy information.

Recognition and Reports:

Board Committee Reports:

Hearing of the Public Regarding Agenda Item:

The members of the Board of Education reviewed the calendar and items for upcoming meetings.

Decisions of the Board:

Miss Gilmore moved to approve the Human Resource Services agenda. Mrs. Simms-Park seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Mrs. Simms-Parks moved to approve the Business Services agenda. Mr. Ambrose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Mrs. Kane moved to approve the Instructional Services agenda. Miss Gilmore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kane, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Miss Gilmore moved to approve the Treasurer's agenda. Mrs. Kane seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ambrose, yes; Miss Gilmore yes; Mrs. Kane, yes; Mrs. Simms-Parks, yes; and Mr. Bayless, yes.

Mr. Inskeep reported on the very serious events -- the bomb threats at Van Buren and Oakview -- that have taken place over the last four days. He stated all of the situations were handled according to protocol. We are very fortunate to have the assistance of the Kettering Police which has been nothing but exceptional as well as the expertise of bomb dogs who were present at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. One of the biggest challenges that we have had is that these resources have been utilized to a very high level. These issues are expensive when the decisions are made and they are stressful on our parents, stressful on our kids, stressful on our teachers and no learning is going on when these are taking place.

Safety is our first and foremost priority and we are addressing that. The Kettering police have offered up a meeting to help with protocol to make sure that we are doing everything to be safe as we can and that we follow those protocols as to the expectations of our police department and of the Board of Education.

Over the last few days we have become aware of the inability of our calling system to get information out in a timely manner to the parents. Mr. Inskeep apologized to the parents and the board for this problem. They will analyze the problem and work on correcting it very quickly and will have a report back to the Board in 2 weeks.

Hearing of the Public:

Tracy Petry –parent of six children in the district. Re: the bomb threats - some students, especially those at the elementary level, don't understand felony acts or terrorist's threats. Ms. Petry suggested age appropriate education for students in the different grade levels explaining the seriousness and consequences of such behavior.

Christina Ferguson –parent of three children in Kettering City Schools – Ms. Ferguson read letter addressing the need for a better information process from our schools. She did not receive a call from the school informing her of the threat because her daughter was a sixth grader and the sixth grade information had not been entered into the system.

Melissa Neely – parent of three children in Kettering City Schools and a reporter. Ms. Neely thinks there should be a threat level. She did not think that the eight year old at Oakview understood the seriousness of what he wrote compared to students, who would better understand the significance of their misbehavior.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bayless adjourned the meeting.