

11/27/23 Special Board Meeting/Work Session

Board of Education Meeting
Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium
Monday, November 27, 2023
5:45pm - 6:30pm

Present: Ben Richards, CEO/Superintendent ; Ryan Cook, CFO/Treasurer ; Dustin Williams, Board Member; Victor Perez, Board Member; Dr. Andrew Gase, Board Member; Dr. Meagan McBride, Board Member; Larry Kisabeth, Board Member

1 CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cook

Minutes:

Present:

Dr. Meagan McBride

Mr. Dustin Williams

Dr. Andrew Gase

Mr. Larry Kisabeth

Mr. Victor Perez

2 ADOPT THE AGENDA

The Board members, including the administration, will review the agenda. The Board must approve any additions, deletions, or corrections.

Minutes:

As presented.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Andrew Gase

Seconded: Dustin Williams

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dustin Williams, Board Member	X		
Victor Perez, Board Member	X		
Dr. Andrew Gase, Board Member	X		
Dr. Meagan McBride, Board Member	X		
Larry Kisabeth, Board Member	X		

3 Board Discussion: District Finances

Minutes:

Mr. Williams stated the Finance Committee has identified key facts to publicize: when the district will be operating with a negative cash balance, the gap between the district’s income and revenue, how the district ranks in the state for spending per pupil, and its rank within the SBC for spending per pupil. He said Mr. Richards will have more data to add as time goes on to help build a story of the district’s financial picture.

Mr. Ben Richards discussed the website ThenDesign Architecture has created to focus on Tiffin City Schools facilities and master planning. He said it will not touch on operating costs.

Mr. Kisabeth suggested cable television spots as another way to disseminate information. He said the district needs to provide information to the public on an ongoing basis and if the district only talks to the public when money is needed, the public knows it.

In discussing a potential levy campaign, Mr. Richards said in his role, he can provide factual information about the district without engaging in campaigning. He said staff should be kept informed and plans to continue virtual staff meetings.

Mr. Perez stated the district needs to establish priorities for potential cuts, allowing leadership to have input.

Mr. Ryan Cook, Mr. Richards, and the board engaged in discussion of property tax versus income tax and had a cursory discussion of amounts and the frequency of going to the voters for funds.

Mr. Williams listed two action items for Mr. Richards and Mr. Cook to be completed by the December board meeting: creating a comprehensive list and plan for all needed capital improvement projects and their costs, and differentiating between a scenario in which the district is able to do all needed projects and one in which it is only keeping the wolves at bay.

4 ADJOURNMENT

The Board business meeting is concluded.

Meeting started:

Meeting ended:

Minutes:

Meeting started: 5:45 p.m.

Meeting ended: 6:23 p.m.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dustin Williams

Seconded: Larry Kisabeth

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Dustin Williams, Board Member	X		
Victor Perez, Board Member	X		
Dr. Andrew Gase, Board Member	X		
Dr. Meagan McBride, Board Member	X		
Larry Kisabeth, Board Member	X		

4.1 Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting will be December 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium.

5 412 CERTIFICATE

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Section 5705.412, RC

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the TIFFIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, SENECA COUNTY, OHIO, to adopt any appropriation measure, make any qualifying contract, or increase during any school year any wage or salary schedule shown above, has in effect the authorization to levy taxes including the renewal or replacement of existing levies which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide the operating revenues necessary to enable the district to maintain all personnel and programs for all the days set forth in its adopted school calendars for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in succeeding fiscal years equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year, as required by Section 5705.412.

TIFFIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By

President, Board of Education

By

Treasurer

By

Superintendent of Schools