

WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

Paul George opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., and Assistant Chief Ken Mathews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Etna – Paul George; Harrison – Larry Kretzmann; Jersey – Derek Myers; Reynoldsburg – Douglas Joseph; Kirkersville - Erika Mudd, absent; Pataskala – Pat Sagar.

Mr. George informed the Board that Ms. Mudd would be resigning from the Board of Trustees. A replacement Board member from the Village of Kirkersville would be determined by the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Derek Myers took a moment to thank the firefighters for a job well done at the March 7th fire in downtown Pataskala. He complimented everyone by saying they did a great job in keeping the fire contained, and it was a very well-run effort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the February 19, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Joseph motioned to approve the February 25, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF BANK RECONCILIATION AND STAR OHIO INVESTMENT STATEMENTS:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the February 2009 Bank Reconciliation and STAR Ohio Investments Statements. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve warrants 23947 - 24072. Mr. Myers seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes. **Motion carried.**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Resolution 2009-14: Authorize Fiscal Officer to create Blanket Certificates as needed, with an expiration date no later than December 31, 2009. Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve Resolution 2009-14. Mrs. Sagar seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers. **Motion carried.** (As a note to these minutes, no 2009 Blanket Certificates have been issued up to and including this meeting date).

Ms. Krugh presented the Annual Awards Dinner Policy to the Board for their approval. Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the Annual Awards Dinner Policy as presented. Mr. Myers seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Myers motioned to award service pins to District employees. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Weber stated he was also very proud of the firefighters' efforts during the March 7th (downtown Pataskala) fire. They did a phenomenal job containing the fire; which could have damaged much more property. This was a total cooperative effort, with numerous entities providing mutual aid. Approximately 100 firefighters were on the scene, and off-duty firefighters responded immediately to provide assistance. Four aerial towers were in operation, and plenty of water was available. Per Chief Weber, the fire was ruled as arson, and remains under investigation by the State Fire Marshall, Pataskala Police, and WLJFD Fire Prevention Officers. The destroyed buildings have been scheduled for removal on March 13th. Wendy's provided food free of charge to all the firefighters, and the West Licking Firefighters' Association also provided food and drinking water with their canteen. Thank you letters will be sent to Wendy's, the mutual aid companies, and others who provided assistance at the fire scene.

Chief Weber distributed signed copies of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement (November 1, 2008 thru October 31, 2011). The Promotion portion has now been completed.

Assistant Chief Ken Mathews updated the Board about the vehicles being auctioned on the GOV Deals website which will continue until March 18th.

Chief Weber informed the Board that the 2009 Budget includes the purchase of another Medic unit. As of this date, the Medic unit ordered in 2008 has not been received due to an unavailability of chassis. There was discussion regarding the necessity for ordering another Medic unit at this time. Chief Mathews stated that there are currently five Medic units in service. The oldest Medic unit has been in service for eight years, and will be removed. Mr. Kretzmann stated that essentially the District needs a new Medic unit every two years. Mrs. Sagar motioned to order a new Medic Unit through the State bid contract. Mr. Myers seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Mrs. Sagar seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Myers motioned to come out of executive session at 8:37 p.m. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Myers motioned to hold a special Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2009, to finalize hiring of a new Fire Chief. Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Myers motioned to approve the revised Statement of Benefits for Clerical Offices as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEES' REPORTS:

Chief Search Committee – (George, Kretzmann, Myers)

Mr. Myers requested the guests' confidentiality as to which applicant was in attendance this evening.

There being no further business, Mr. George adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elisabeth M. Krugh
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:



President, Board of Trustees

Note: These minutes are unofficial, subject to amendment, until approved by the Fire Board Members.

Guests present: Assistant Chief Harold Williams, Assistant Chief Ken Mathews, Jerre West, Garry Keith, Larry Moon, Rick Conaway, Josh Harrison, Dustin Herb, Josh Flegle, Dan Alward, Brian Palmer, Chad Harrison, Gordon Bynorth