Minutes of the August 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting

The Butler County Educational Service Center Governing Board met at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Educational Service Center located at 400 North Erie Blvd, Suite A, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

Minutes were taken by Treasurer, Ken Ulm.

Mr. Graham Pritchard, President called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL - showed the following members present: Feldmann, Garver, Keels, G. Pritchard and Schechter. Also, present was the Superintendent, Chris Brown; Treasurer, Ken Ulm, Human Resources Director, Laura Theiss and guests; Alan Rigling, Adam Marcum, Wendy Folino, Kelly Muzzarelli, Billy Smith, Jesse Catanzaro, Kathy Demers, Larry Knapp, Rhonda Parker, Dan Hare and Pam Pratt.

Resolution No. 18-322 Butler County School Financing District

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the Resolution Declaring Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten-mill Limitation effective 8/8/18 as listed in Appendix “A” which is attached and becomes part of the official minutes.

Mr. Schechter mentioned he was on the fence for this vote mainly because of the ambiguity of how the money was going to be used.

Mr. Brown noted that the Board needed a 2/3 vote to move forward with the resolution.

President Graham Prichard mentioned that this board has not been a controlling board and that we work as a service to our districts.

Mr. Feldman commented that this board does not micromanage and we are giving the voters a choice in this levy.

Mr. Schechter stressed that the average voter won’t do the research. He understands the reason is great but is uncomfortable with the execution details.

Mr. Brown mentioned that the language is vague for a reason and that is to give districts multiple ways to use the funds as allowed by the law and as they see fit.

Billy Smith, Superintendent of Fairfield City Schools, mentioned they have 2 SRO’s in place now and would use the money to place SRO’s in every building and he mentioned the mental health issues that students come to school with today.

Larry Knapp, Superintendent f Hamilton City Schools, stated this is not a want, it’s a true need in these districts. He mentioned the opioid drug epidemic crisis is bring behaviors into the schools that they haven’t seen in the past.
Dan Hare, President Fairfield City Schools Board of Education, stated this is one tax levy that is so specific it will be easy to hold people accountable. This is prevention which is always less costly than intervention after a tragedy.

Mr. Schechter stated he liked how we are being proactive about the issue but if this is such an important item and it’s the highest need, why isn’t the money already being spent on that need?

Rhonda Parker, Superintendent at New Miami Local Schools, stated the need for additional mental health services in her district, which is what they would use the funds for.

Kathy Demers, Superintendent Monroe Local Schools, also emphasized the need for mental health services. She stated this is a preventative and proactive measure. Teachers often have 25-27 students and have to absorb the mental health issues they are not equipped to provide.

Pam Pratt, Edgewood Local Schools, stated they are paying an enormous amount of attention to safety and security. They just hired 3 SRO’s from the general fund.

Mr. Schechter appreciated the feedback and stated this is a critical need that is being addressed and appreciated the comments.

Mr. Feldman moved and Ms. Garver seconded the adoption of the resolution. Board members and guests discussed the of pros and cons of the levy and roll call vote resulted: Ayes: Garver, Feldman, G. Pritchard and Schechter. Nays: None. Abstain: Keels. President declared motion carried.

Resolution No. 18-323 EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board recommends an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual and for the evaluation of the superintendent and treasurer.

Ms. Keels moved and Mr. Schechter seconded the adoption of the resolution to enter executive session and roll call vote resulted: Ayes: Keels, Schechter, Feldman, Garver, and G. Pritchard. Nays: None. President declared motion carried.

Board entered into executive session at 8:50 a.m.

Board emerged from executive session at 9:44 a.m.

Resolution No. 18-324 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schechter moved and Ms. Keels seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 and roll call vote resulted: Ayes: Schechter, Keels, Feldman, Garver, and G. Pritchard. Nays: None. President declared motion carried.

Mr. Graham Pritchard
Governing Board President

Mr. Ken Ulm
Governing Board Treasurer

Date
BUTLER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
GOVERNING BOARD
AS TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE
BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL FINANCING DISTRICT

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

R.C. §§3311.05, 3311.50, 5705.03, 5705.215

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2018, pursuant to the provisions of R.C. §§ 3311.05, 3311.50, 5705.03 and 5705.215, this Board passed a resolution (the “Resolution of Necessity”) declaring the necessity for the purpose of paying current expenses for school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors for those school districts whose territories lie within the territory of the Butler County School Financing District (“BCSFD”) for which the Board serves as the taxing authority, to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation in the amount of 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.150 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, upon the entire territory of the BCSFD, for a period of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Butler County, Ohio has certified to the Board that the dollar amount of revenue that would generated by such additional tax levy during the first year of collection is $4,667,461. based on the current valuation of the BCSFD of $3,111,640,430; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Educational Service Center Governing Board, as the taxing authority of the Butler County School Financing District, a two-thirds majority of all the members elected thereto concurring as follows:

SECTION I

The Board desires to proceed with submitting to the electors the question of an additional tax levy upon the entire territory of the BCSFD.

SECTION II

The question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of the BCSFD at the election to be held on November 6, 2018 (the “Election Date”). The BCSFD has territory in Butler, Preble and Warren Counties, Ohio.

SECTION III

The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:
Shall the Butler County School Financing District be authorized to levy an additional tax for the purpose of providing for the current expenses for school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifteen cents ($0.15) for each one hundred dollars ($100.00) of valuation, for a ten year period of time, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

| FOR THE TAX LEVY | AGAINST THE TAX LEVY |

SECTION IV

The Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed and shall certify, not later than August 8, 2018 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Butler County Board of Elections a copy of the Resolution of Necessity, a copy of this resolution, and the County Auditor’s Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue. Courtesy copies of the same shall be provided to the Boards of Election of Preble and Warren Counties, Ohio.

SECTION V

This Board hereby requests that the Butler County Board of Elections cause notice of election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

SECTION VI

The Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed and shall simultaneously certify to the Butler County Board of Elections, that the additional tax levy shall be for a ten (10) year period of time and that such levy will include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2018 tax year (commencing in 2018, first due in 2019), if approved by a majority of the electors in the BCSFD territory voting thereon.

SECTION VII

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VIII

This resolution shall be in full force an effect from and immediately upon its adoption.
Mr. Feldman moved and Mrs. Garver seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call and the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Yea: 4  	Nay: 0  	Abstain 1

ADOPTED this 8 day of August, 2018.

[Signature]
Ken Ulm, Treasurer/CFO

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting held on the 24th day of August, 2018, together with a true and correct extract from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to consideration and adoption of said Resolution.

[Signature]
Ken Ulm, Treasurer/CFO