

Record of Proceedings Minutes of Special Meeting

**Board of Education
Field Local School District**

Monday, March 15, 2010

The Field Local School District Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the Field High School Gymnasium, 2900 State Route 43, Mogadore, OH 44260, at 5:32 P.M. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to reconsider approval of the preliminary agreement for the Falcon Academy of Creative Arts.

President Cooper called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation were observed.

The meeting had been announced in accordance with the Ohio Sunshine Law.

Roll Call: Kettering-Yes, Olson-Yes, Westover-Yes, and Cooper-Yes.

Member Karg was absent from the meeting.

Member Westover moved, seconded by Member Kettering that the Field Local Board of Education adopt the following agenda for the March 15, 2010 special meeting. **10-0079**

Roll Call: Westover-Yes, Kettering-Yes, Karg-Abs, Olson-Yes, and Cooper-Yes.

President declared the motion carried

Local Superintendent's Agenda

Member Kettering moved, seconded by Member Olson that the Field Local Schools Board of Education approve the fourth draft sponsor contract between the Falcon Academy of Creative Arts and the Board of Education. Resolution of the contract is subject to the final adoption on or before May 15, 2010. (See contract) **10-0080**

Discussion: Member Cooper asked Treasurer Rouse to explain fiscal emergency and how long it would take before the state took over. Mrs. Rouse explained the difference between fiscal caution, watch, and emergency. She further stated that Dr. Brobeck had submitted a recovery plan that was accepted by the Ohio Department of Education. The district is currently projecting a deficit of approximately \$612,000 next year and shifting 8 teachers from the district to the academy is a part of the plan for recovery. Cuts would have to be made if the academy is not approved. RIF's may not be necessary if there is full enrollment at the Academy and 8 teachers shifted. The district would need to follow the recovery plan.

Member Westover expressed concerns that advertising for the academy has not be done outside of the district. She further stated that she took an oath to look out for what is in the interest of all students and not just a few. Member Westover stated that she will support the majority as a team player, but does not support the Falcon Academy.

Member Cooper read the following statement: "I am voting tonight on the recommendation of the Field

Local Schools Superintendent, David Brobeck, that the proposed Field Academy of Creative Arts would help the district avoid a projected \$615,000 deficit by helping balance Fields budget, keep staff employed, and that the school will succeed and be a very low risk for the district".

Member Cooper read the following statement on behalf of Member Karg who was absent from the meeting: "I regretfully cannot attend tonight's meeting due to a previously planned trip. However, I would like to clarify my position. At "Meet the Candidates Night" in October 2009, I stated that I was not in favor of the conversion school concept, and The Record Courier eluded to this in an article shortly after. Even after disclosing my opinion of FACA, I was elected to The Board of Education. With much thought and investigation after joining The Board, I voted no on FACA. I realized not all voters would agree with me, but I hoped they would understand and trust my choice. As a Board Member, I will uphold and support the majority decision of The Board, whatever it may be. Sincerely, Donna Karg".

Member Cooper wanted it noted that this is the fourth draft of the agreement since last Monday. The Board has received answers to their questions and they have been implemented into the agreement.

Roll Call: Kettering-Yes, Olson-Yes, Westover-No, and Cooper-Yes.

President declared the motion carried

Recognition of visitors

Mrs. Shirley Mars, who has sat as a Member of the Field Board of Education, and has received information and researched FACA, believes the Academy could provide a different type of education to students. She went on the field trip to Miller South and personally witnessed the student creativity. The Ohio Department of Education awarded Field 1 of only 7 grants; if ODE believes the academy can be Successful, then the Board of Education should also.

Mr. Ben Mars expressed confidence in FACA and is glad the Board of Education voted to approve the preliminary agreement.

Ms. Robyn Seeley has a granddaughter who is excited at the prospect of attending FACA. She thanked the Board of Education for their reconsideration on the Academy.

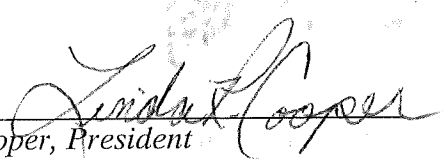
There being no further business to come before the Board of Education,
Member Cooper moved, seconded by Member Olson to adjourn the March 15, 2010 meeting.

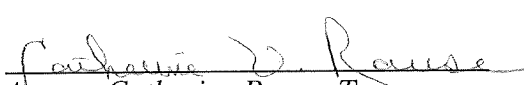
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Roll Call: Westover-Yes, Olson-Yes, Kettering-Yes, and Cooper-Yes.

President declared the motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.


Linda Cooper, President


Attest: Catherine Rouse, Treasurer

The Board accepted unofficial comments from visitors.