

**FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Regular Meeting  
Following Organizational Meeting**

**January 6, 2021  
Cafetorium**

President Scott Myers, called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Scott D. Myers	Present
	Mrs. Claudette L. Diceanu	Present
	Mr. Jason D. Baker	Present
	Ms. Amanda L. Brumbaugh	Present
	Mrs. Teresa L. Wolf	Present

**PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** – None

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**RESOLUTION SP480-1-21**

Mrs. Diceanu moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Diceanu, Wolf, Baker, Brumbaugh, Myers  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP480-1-21 adopted**

**SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED BY THE  
TREASURER (Items 1-3)**

**RESOLUTION SP481-1-21**

Ms. Brumbaugh moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded a motion to approve the following items as presented by the Treasurer.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Brumbaugh, Wolf, Baker, Diceanu, Myers  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP481-1-21 adopted**

1. The Treasurer recommends approving the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on December 21, 2020.
2. The Treasurer recommends approving Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
3. The Treasurer recommends approving the tax budget, as required by the County Auditor, for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

*END OF SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA*

### **Elementary Principal’s Report – Megan Linder**

A. Building Overview

B. Franklin Monroe Elementary Parent Engagement Plan

The Franklin Monroe Local School District encourages and plans activities to strengthen parent involvement in the education of our students. Multiple volunteer opportunities within the classroom and for special events are available for parents to be involved in the education of their children. Those opportunities are posted on the school website and are communicated to parents through sign-ups at Open House. At Franklin Monroe Elementary, parents are encouraged to read with their children at home and to monitor their growth and learning through online learning tools such as Moby Max and Lexia.

### **Secondary Principal’s Report – PJ Burgett**

A. Building Overview

### **Superintendent’s Report – Jeremy Pequignot**

A. Overview of Agenda

B. Facility Updates

C. Board of Education Appreciation Month

D. Semi-Annual Title IX Report

E. Franklin Monroe Local School District CCIP – Parent Involvement Policy

The Franklin Monroe Local School District encourages and plans activities to strengthen parent involvement in the education of our students. Multiple volunteer opportunities within the classroom and for special events are available for parents to be involved in the education of their children. Those opportunities are posted on the school website and are communicated to parents through sign-ups and Open House.

## **SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT CALENDAR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT (Items 1 through 2)**

### **RESOLUTION SP482-1-21**

Mrs. Diceanu moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded a motion to approve the following items as recommended by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Diceanu, Wolf, Brumbaugh, Baker, Myers

Nays:

**Resolution SP482-1-21 adopted**

1. The Superintendent recommends approving Indoor Track as an approved club sport for the purpose of allowing students to be able to compete in the State Indoor Track Competition. The season will run from December 01, 2020 - March 31, 2021. The school district will have no fiscal responsibility to this club sport other than to purchase liability insurance.
2. Professional Leave

Kim Berner	01/05/21, 01/12/21, 01/26/21	EMIS Weekly Online Workshop Meta Solutions
Kim Berner	01/21/21	ODE Monthly Meeting

*END OF SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA*

**RESOLUTION SP483-1-21**

Mr. Baker moved and Ms. Brumbaugh seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session, R.C. 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the discipline of public employee(s) at 8:43 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Baker, Brumbaugh, Diceanu, Myers, Wolf  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP483-1-21 adopted**

The governing board came out of executive session and reconvened into regular session at 8:55 p.m.

**Items Removed for Separate Action**

**RESOLUTION SP484-1-21**

Mrs. Wolf moved and Ms. Brumbaugh seconded a motion that the Superintendent recommends approving the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX (Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)**

*WHEREAS*, the Board at its meeting on December 21, 2020 determined that it is necessary to raise annually revenues of at least \$417,594 for the purpose of providing for current expenses for the School District; and

*WHEREAS*, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such revenues; and

*WHEREAS*, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 0.50% per annum;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED* by the Board of Education of the Franklin-Monroe Local School District, Darke and Miami Counties, Ohio, a majority of the members of the Board concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an income tax (the "Income Tax") on the school district income of individuals and estates resident in the School District. Such income tax shall be at the rate of 0.50% per annum, shall be for the purpose of providing for current expenses for the School District, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2022, and shall be levied for a continued period of time.

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(a) and (2).

**RESOLUTION SP484-1-21, continued**

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to the electors of the School District at the election to be held at the usual voting places within the School District on May 4, 2021.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:  
Shall an annual income tax of one-half percent (0.50%) on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by the Franklin-Monroe Local School District for a continuing period of time, beginning January 1, 2022, for the purpose of providing for current expenses for the School District?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Darke County, Ohio, no later than February 3, 2021.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Wolf, Brumbaugh, Baker, Diceanu, Myers  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP484-1-21 adopted**

**RESOLUTIONS SP485-1-21**

Mr. Baker moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded a motion that the Superintendent recommends disciplinary suspension of custodian Chris Morris for dishonesty and neglect of duty pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.081.

*WHEREAS* this Board believes that the conduct of Chris Morris, Custodian, constitutes dishonesty and neglect of duty, which are grounds for disciplinary suspension pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.081; and

*WHEREAS* Chris Morris has been provided with a written summary of the evidence against him and an opportunity to appear before the Maintenance Supervisor and Superintendent to explain his actions and tell his side of the story.

*BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED* that pursuant to O.R.C. 3319.081 Chris Morris be suspended without pay for three (3) work days, said days to be determined by the Superintendent.

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*BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED* that the Superintendent, after consultation with legal counsel, prepare and mail to Chris Morris by certified mail a notice of this action, which notice shall include a specification of the reasons for the disciplinary suspension.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Baker, Wolf, Brumbaugh, Diceanu, Myers  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP485-1-21 adopted**

### **RESOLUTION SP486-1-21**

Mrs. Diceanu moved and Ms. Brumbaugh seconded a motion that the Superintendent recommends disciplinary suspension of teacher Kerry Keiser for just cause. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Negotiated Agreement with FMEA.

*WHEREAS* this Board believes that the conduct of Kerry Keiser constitutes grounds for disciplinary suspension under Article 21 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Board and the Franklin-Monroe Education Association and O.R.C. 3319.16; and

*WHEREAS* Kerry Keiser has been given the opportunity to appear before the High School Principal and Superintendent to respond to written allegations of misconduct and tell her side of the story.

*BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED* that Kerry Keiser be suspended without pay for three (3) school days, said days to be determined by the Superintendent.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Superintendent, after consultation with legal counsel, prepare and mail to Kerry Keiser certified mail a notice of this action, which notice shall include a specification of the reasons for the disciplinary suspension.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Diceanu, Brumbaugh, Baker, Myers, Wolf  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP486-1-21 adopted**

### **RESOLUTION SP487-1-21**

Mr. Baker moved and Ms. Brumbaugh seconded a motion to enter Executive Session, R.C. 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the employment of public employee(s) at 9:01 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Baker, Brumbaugh, Diceanu, Myers, Wolf  
Nays;  
**Resolution SP487-1-21 adopted**

The governing board came out of executive session and reconvened into regular session at 9:31 p.m.

There was a discussion regarding the Income Tax Levy.

**ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

**RESOLUTION SP488-1-21**

Ms. Brumbaugh moved and Mrs. Wolf seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Brumbaugh, Wolf, Baker, Diceanu, Myers

Nays:

**Resolution SP488-1-21 adopted**

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Scott D. Myers, Board President

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Andrea M. Meyer, Board Treasurer