

**MINUTES**  
**Ashland City School District Board of Education –Work Session**  
**February 09, 2015**

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for Work Session on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Ashland High School Library, 1440 King Rd. Dr. James Wolfe, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. William Gravitt, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mrs. Lindsey Saffle, and Dr. James Wolfe were present.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. James Wolfe, Board President.

**III. DISCUSSION**

**A. Construction Update** – Dr. Marrah reviewed the dedication plaque for the Ashland High School Auditorium. He further commented on the Board walking through the newly constructed auditorium.

Dr. Marrah commented on the status of the new middle and elementary construction projects. He further commented on the tentative approval for the additional classroom space to the elementary site.

**B. Elementary Attendance Zones -**

Dr. Marrah and Mr. Phillip McNaull reviewed the elementary attendance zone realignment.

Mr. Lefelhoc expressed his concern for the lack of community input and feedback.

Mr. Ewing commented on the community being informed and understanding of the realignment.

Dr. Wolfe commented on the articles disbursed in the Times Gazette being informative.

Ms. Becky Mayer, A.C.T.A., asked if the socioeconomic status with the realignment was taken into consideration.

Dr. Marrah reviewed the strategic involvement with the structure of the zones.

Mr. Gravitt commented on concerns with potential changes with bussing and additional students walking from the middle school.

Dr. Wolfe commented state minimum standards and the reconfiguration with transportation needs for safety of students.

Dr. Marrah explained the transportation concern would be reviewed as the school year approaches.

Mrs. Saffle asked about the staggered starting times for the new buildings.

Dr. Wolfe commented the alignment would be available for the Board to approve at the regular February meeting.

**C. Elementary Staffing** - Dr. Marrah discussed the process for the staffing alignment with the new facilities.

**D. Test Schedule Update** - Dr. Marrah reviewed the testing schedule for spring 2015; he reviewed PARCC preparation and the levels associated with testing, PBA (Performance Based Assessment and EOY (End of Year) assessment types.

**E. Sweet 16 to PE Waiver as a part of the Marching Band** - Dr. Marrah commented on the Sweet 16 to PE Waiver as a part of the Marching Band

**F. Open Enrollment Information** - Dr. Marrah commented on the Open Enrollment offerings for review of the current policy; he discussed the potential review and revision of the current policy.

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Dr. Wolfe added comments to the open enrollment discussion and review for returning students and the ability to complete their academic career with the district.

Mrs. Deppert commented on the current number of open enrollment students coming into the district being lower than the residential students attending other districts through open enrollment.

Mr. Lefelhoc commented on the residents receiving preference over the incoming open enrollment students.

**G. Proposed Budget** - Dr. Marrah commented on the proposed budget in the initial introduction process.

Mrs. Deppert commented on the initial proposal and the potential impact for Ashland City Schools.

**H. Other –**

Mr. Knabe commented on an easement with the City of Ashland concerning property near the Montgomery school building.

Mr. Ewing commented on the easement issue and the need to discuss the matter with the City of Ashland.

Dr. Wolfe commented on the need to act on behalf of the best interest of the tax payers.

Mr. Lefelhoc agreed with Dr. Wolfe and Mr. Ewing and the need to review the matter with the city.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT- 2015-02-025** Mr. Gravitt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to adjourn the February 09, 2015 work session. –Motion carried 5-0.

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Dr. Wolfe, President

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Gina Deppert, Treasurer