

Miami-Yoder School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
Minutes
Thursday
September 14, 2017
Conference Room
6:30 PM

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call Time (6:35 PM)

Ayes: Mr. Brewer, Mr. Orcutt, Ms. Sisneros, Mrs. Strouse, Mrs. Veros

2.00 Motion to approve the Agenda by, Mr. Orcutt second by, Mr. Brewer

Ayes: Mr. Brewer, Mr. Orcutt, Ms. Sisneros, Mrs. Strouse, Mrs. Veros

3.00 Work Session

3.01 Elimination School Board Term Limits

3.02 Change the School Board term, 2 year term instead of 4 year term

3.03 Cancel the Board Elections

- Ms. Sisneros, I can see going to a two year term instead of a 4 year term. 4 years is a lot of time to commit. Mr. Brewer, if we went to a 2 year term, would we increase the Term Limits for the board seats? Mr. Barnes, Do we look at increasing the term limits to 8? Do we look at doing away with term limits?
- Mr. Barnes, look at Jodi, you are in a different place now then you were two years ago. Would a 2 year term have worked better for you? I don't know that, but things have changed for you.
- Is there something we can do to entice people into running for the board? Mr. Orcutt, or even put it out there when people run for the board, it is optional they can stay 2 years or 4 years. Don't make it as a 2 or 4 year term, make it optional for the candidate. Ms. Sisneros, I think it has to be tied to the seat, like 3 seats are 2 years and 2 seats are 4 years. If my seat was 4 years and Dave and Stacey were 2 years, then they can choose to run for a 2 year seat or 4 year seat. Mr. Brewer, what if you were to have an option after 2 years? Mr. Orcutt that would work as we have an election every two years.
- Mr. Barnes, there is no easy answer. Mr. Brewer, as for eliminating terms, I think that we are still close to our past and people in the community would balk at that one. Mr. Orcutt, not the people that I have spoken with. I think the community would be ok with it. Mr. Barnes, in the case of terms limits, I think we have time. We have 4 more years before Mr. Orcutt is termed out.
- Most small schools out here have cancelled their board elections. Mr. Orcutt, when the community is happy with the way it is running, they will not come out and voice their opinions. When they are not happy they will

show up to run and turn out to vote. Because they want to see a change. Mr. Brewer, with the term limits, if no one runs for the board, could Mr. Orcutt be appointed back on the board? Mr. Orcutt, not with the term limits the way they are written. Mr. Barnes, I understand he has to take a cycle off. He could run again in two years. Ms. Sisneros, my question is, what does it takes to change any of this stuff. Ms. Klunder, from what I read, it has to go through an election. I went back onto the website to print the page off for the board meeting and I could not find it. Ms. Sisneros, what does it take to change the term? Ms. Klunder, I could not find out what we need to do to change the term. Mr. Barnes, I can check with CASB to see what we need to do to change the term limits and the term years. Ms. Sisneros, I think we have to, if we are not doing an election this year. We have to wait 4 years to vote on this? Mr. Orcutt, I have a question for you. Would you stay on the board if we can't find anyone until the end of the school year? Ms. Sisneros, I have thought about that. Probably until the end of the school year. If that is an option.

- Mr. Barnes, I will go through CASB to see what it takes to make the changes. Ms. Sisneros, I don't know if maybe it is just a change to the policy we have written. I think we have to know that before we can decide on the path we go down. Mr. Barnes, if you want me to, I will look into what it takes to make the changes. I will get with CASB. Mrs. Strouse, I think 2 years is better than 4 years. 4 years is such a long time. Mr. Barnes, I don't think it makes sense to have all seats 2 years. We would be having a new board every 2 years and running full election every 2 years.
- Ms. Sisneros, I think it need to be tied to the seat, so we would not be having a new board and running full election every 2 years.

3.04 State Report Card

- Overall we dropped a category to accredited with improvement. The biggest impact was because we did not have 95% students test. The test were not made up or just did not take them. It was two students did not take English test.
- We need to get every student through the process.
- Elementary scores went up, Middle school we had a drop. We are working on that. High School is on track, we are happy with that.

3.05 ~~Policy HCG Use of Tobacco by Students~~

- Deputy Myer asked about working with vap and eSig. Vap and ecigs are addressed in policy ADC Tobacco Free Schools

4.00 Motion to adjourn work session at 6:57 PM by, Mr. Brewer second by, Mr. Orcutt

Ayes: Mr. Brewer, Mr. Orcutt, Ms. Sisneros, Mrs. Strouse, Mrs. Veros

Respectively Submitted


Ms. Tami Sisneros, President


Mrs. Jodi Veros, Secretary