

# Board Business



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*The Olentangy Local Schools Board of Education met during a work session meeting on June 9, 2010. The following information highlights some of the major items discussed and decided.*

### Board Work Session

- Food Allergies**  
 Business Operations Director Jeff Gordon presented information developed from a district food allergy safety committee. The board discussed issues related to food allergies, peanut allergies in particular, with parents, food service personnel and district nursing staff. Part of House Bill (HB) 1 requires the board of education to adopt a food allergy policy. The Life-Threatening Food Allergy Management policy was given a first reading; a second reading and board action will take place during the June 29 meeting.
- Federal Guidelines for School Menus**  
 Food Services Supervisor Pam Riley discussed the district's school lunch menus and Federal Guidelines for school nutrition. She described the challenge of meeting Federal requirements in providing healthy meal options that children will eat, while carefully considering financial concerns. The full presentation is available online at [www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/district/foodservice/index.html](http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/district/foodservice/index.html).
- Strategic Planning Update**  
 Ted Knapke with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) offered insight regarding the importance of a strategic board planning process. Knapke presented information on how the ESCCO may be able to lead the board through a high-level strategic planning process that could focus on the district's current mission and vision. The board will continue this discussion at future meetings.
- First Reading of FY 2011 Budget**  
 The board conducted the first reading of the operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. The budget process is six months long and begins once the board approves [student enrollment projections](#) in November. District administrators develop staffing plans and schools and departments request funds based upon the student enrollment projections. These requests are then scrutinized by building principals and are also reviewed by senior level district administrators. The final budget was presented to the board for a first reading during the meeting. A second reading and board action will take place during the June 29 meeting.

The district is expecting an enrollment of 16,040 students for the 2010-11 school year and has proposed an operating budget of \$144,319,335. During the 2009-10 school year, the district reduced its budget by more than [\\$10.2 million over the next four years](#).

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**Board Work Session- continued**

- **Athletic Handbook Changes**

The board reviewed recommended changes for the 2010-11 school year Athletic Handbook. Olentangy High School (OHS) Athletic Director Jay Wolfe and Assistant Superintendent Linda Martin reviewed the changes for the updated handbook, some of which include:

- updating the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) eligibility requirements;
- providing residence and transfer requirements;
- updating Pay to Participate fees to reflect changes recently approved by the Board; and,
- updating the cancellation procedure for events and/or practices due to inclement weather.

The board will take action on these changes at the June 29 board meeting.

- **Board Policy Services**

Assistant Superintendent Linda Martin continued a discussion regarding a vendor for board policy services. The board previously heard presentations from NEOLA and the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) on their policy update/preparation services.

- **Family and Civic Engagement Plan**

One of the requirements from House Bill (HB) 1 directs school districts to create a Family and Civic Engagement Plan by June 30, 2010. However, as Assistant Superintendent Linda Martin explained, the details associated with this requirement are very vague. Martin informed the board that Olentangy is creating a basic plan that will meet the HB 1 requirements, but the district will also expand this plan once details of the bill are identified.

- **All-Day Kindergarten Update**

Superintendent Wade Lucas, Ed.D., updated the board on the district's request for a waiver on implementation of all-day, every-day kindergarten. The district applied to the Ohio Department of Education for a waiver to delay full implementation for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. Lucas advised the board that ODE has approved the district's waiver plan for the 2010-11 school year and that the district must re-apply for a waiver for each subsequent year of the district's delayed implementation plan. Updated information, including the Olentangy [waiver application](#) and a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document are available online at [www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/district/learning/adkInfo.html](http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us/district/learning/adkInfo.html).

- **Superintendent Evaluation Process**

The board discussed the process and tools they will use to evaluate Superintendent Wade Lucas, Ed.D. Lucas was hired by the board in December 2009 and is completing his first full school year in the district. The board provides regular feedback to Lucas throughout the school year and will develop an evaluation process that focuses on the long-range goals of the district.

*The Board of Education's next meeting is will take place on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the district's Administrative Offices, 814 Shanahan Road in Lewis Center.*