

## Support Staff Council Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

The Support Council met on August 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Office conference room. Council members present were: Tammy Baker, Tammy Taylor, Jennifer Maynard, Michelle Hollingsworth, Ed Eary, Jackie Tolson, Tammy Osborne, Jo Willis, and Richard Harden.

### Welcome:

Mr. Harden welcomed all Support Council members and called the meeting to order: Council members re-introduced themselves and updated everyone on their summer activities.

### Communications:

- Mr. Harden noted that the Board of Education was meeting that night (August 25) to set the property tax rate for 2017. Superintendent Kathy Fields had asked the Board to adopt a rate that would produce a 4% increase in property tax revenue, amounting to an additional \$600,000 (approximately) for the School District. Note: At its meeting later that day, the Board adopted a rate producing a 3% increase in property tax revenue.
- The District is in the process of forming a District Needs Assessment Committee to review proposed budget items for the District. This committee will be composed of representatives from the School Board, the Superintendent, Principals, other administrators, Certified & Support Staff Councils, the Council of Councils, and CARE. Jennifer Maynard volunteered to serve on this committee as a representative from the Support Staff Council.
- Items from the transportation department:
  - Some bus routes are seeing increases in the number of student riders. It has been reported that buses on a few routes are filled to capacity with some students having to stand in the bus aisle. The same situation occasionally happens on the shuttle buses between the high schools and JCTC. While state law permits this practice, some bus drivers are concerned about potential safety issues for students if buses have to make sudden stops or sharp turns. Mr. Bellman is to be informed of any “filled to capacity” situations.
  - Shuttle buses from JCTC are experiencing difficulty returning students to EJHS at the end of the day. Parents are blocking the bus lane by parking in the driveway. Bus drivers would like Principals and/or the SRO to address this issue.
  - Bus Drivers expressed concern about how their pay would be adjusted after the initial timing of routes at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Harden confirmed with the Payroll Officers that each driver would receive a “lump sum” pay adjustment if the length of their work days had increased, and that any adjustments would be made as quickly as possible.

### Other:

- If there are questions or issues that need to be discussed at the next Support Council meeting, please email those to Richard Harden in advance at: [richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us](mailto:richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us).

The next meeting of the Support Council will be **Thursday, September 22** at 9:00 a.m.