

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
February 27, 2012

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Carrie Snyder
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. A-25

Discussion

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A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 8, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District tax levy, at the primary election to be held on March 6, 2012, and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Robart stated that this legislation is for the renewal of an existing levy, and not for a new one. He felt this school board administration, along with the prior one, has been doing a good job. *The Plain Dealer* has endorsed the levy, as has the *Falls News Press*.

Dr. Nichols, Cuyahoga Falls School Superintendent, was asking for support for Issue 8. It is a 4.75 renewal levy. There are no additional taxes. It equates to 4.02 effective mills and is \$3.3 million of the District's \$48 million budget. He is asking for Council's endorsement to continue collecting those funds. He could not take any credit for what the previous Administration did over the past several years in overcoming financial difficulties. This levy was originally passed in 2002 and was last renewed in 2007. 71% of the monies collected go into the classroom, which is one of the highest rates in the region. In FY-2011, there are only four school districts that achieved a higher rating than the Cuyahoga Falls School District. As a resident and parent, he gave his complete commitment to insuring the absolute best for the kids. Mr. Walters thanked him for the good job he is doing.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out A-25 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Snyder. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.