

MINUTES
Ashland City School District Board of Education – Regular Session
July 22, 2013

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013 at the Ashland High Library, 1440 King Rd. Mr. Tom Lavinder, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Bob Hill, Dr. James Wolfe, Mr. Tom Lavinder. Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc was absent.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lavinder Board President.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2013-07-099** Dr. Wolfe made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve the agenda. – Motion carried 4-0.

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. **Honors/Donation Items** – There were no discussions at this time.
- B. **Comments/Correspondence** - Dr. Marrah commented on fall sports beginning for the 2013-14 school year.

V. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No discussions took place.

- VI. **FINANCIAL/BUSINESS REPORT 2013-07-100** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to approve the Treasurer’s Consent Calendar. – Motion carried 4-0.

A. **Treasurer’s Consent Calendar**

Note: Items under the Treasurer’s Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board member requests an item be clarified or removed from the calendar for separate action.

The Treasurer recommends the following actions:

- 1. Financial Report
Approval of the Financial Report (June 2013) as presented.
- 2. Minutes
Approval of the minutes of the following Board meeting(s) as presented by the Treasurer:

Special Meeting	June 3, 2013
Regular Meeting	June 24, 2013
- 3. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

- VII. **NEW BUSINESS 2013-07-101** Dr. Wolfe made the motion seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the consent calendar. – Motion carried 4-0.

A. **Consent Calendar**

Note: Items under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board member requests an item be clarified or removed from the calendar for separate action.

The Superintendent recommends the following actions:

1. Certificated/Licensed Personnel

Approve the personnel and/or contract recommendations detailed in the exhibit items listed below as per the dates, terms and other applicable conditions specified and pending completion of all state, local and district requirements.

- a. Retirements/Resignations (EXHIBIT A)
- b. Certificated New Hires/One-Year Non-Renew Contracts for 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT A)
- c. Substitute Teachers/Home Instructors for the 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT A)
- d. Certificated Extended Time Contracts 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT A)

2. Support Staff

Approve the personnel and/or contract recommendations detailed in the exhibit items listed below as per the dates, terms and other applicable conditions specified and pending completion of all state, local and district requirements.

- a. Special Duty Contracts for 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT B)
- b. Classified Transfers for 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT B)
- c. Classified Substitutes for 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT B)

3. Program/Other

4. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

B. Approve a tax abatement with Chesterland Productions, LLC. (EXHIBIT C) 2013-07-102 Mr. Lavinder made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to approve the tax abatement with Chesterland Production, LLC.-Motion carried 4-0.

C. Administrative, Supervisory and Exempt Employee Salaries 2013-07-103 Mr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve a motion to freeze the salaries of Ashland City School District's administrative, supervisory and exempt employees' salaries at their current experience step effective August 1, 2013.-Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Wolfe commented the step freeze would be implemented until further notice.

D. St. Edward School 2013-07-104 Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve employment of Lynn Metzger at St. Edward School as a part-time salaried remedial tutor for the 2013-2014 school year. Funding for this employment will be provided from the Auxiliary Services Allocation.-Motion carried 4-0.

E. OFCC Construction Project 2013-07-105 Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to approve the schematic design phase of the OFCC Construction Project. (EXHIBIT D) – Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Marrah discussed the schematic design being procedural.

Mr. Ewing reiterated the status of the budget concerning the construction project. He further commented on the process to align the budget involving the core committee team and identification of potential savings. He expressed his confidence in the Architects to assist with this process.

F. **Asphalt Paving 2013-07-106** Mr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve the following Permanent Improvement projects awarded to Sarver Paving Company:

- Ashland High School Staff Lot \$49,500.00
- Taft Elementary School – Main Drive and Parking \$18,000.00
- Edison Elementary School – Driveway \$ 8,250.00
- Edison Elementary School – Parking Lot \$19,000.00

Sealed bids were received in the Treasurer’s Office on July 17, 2013 for Asphalt Paving. – Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Knabe reviewed the process of the selection.

Mr. Ewing commented on the high school parking lot in need of repair. Mr. Knabe discussed the possibility of making the repairs.

G. **Wireless Network System 2013-07-107** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the following Permanent Improvement/Title I project awarded to Transition Products, Inc.:

- Equipment \$34,903.29
- Shipping \$ 100.00

Sealed bids were received in the Treasurer’s Office on July 17, 2013 for a wireless network system at Ashland High School, Osborn and Montgomery – Motion carried 4-0.

H. **Laptop Computers and Carts 2013-07-108** Dr. Wolfe made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve the following Title I project awarded to MCPC, Inc. at \$50,120.00.

Sealed bids were received in the Treasurer’s Office on July 17, 2013 for laptop computers and carts.-Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION

No discussions took place.

IX. BOARD REPORTS

A. **Academic Achievement Committee -**
Dr. Wolfe reviewed the preliminary data is showing the district being placed in an Excellence status. He further expressed his excitement for the students' achievement.

Mr. Lavinder thanked everyone for their efforts.

B. **Policy Committee –** Nothing to report.

C. **Finance Committee -** Mr. Hill commented on the fiscal year financial report. He included the deficit spending has narrowed and should continue to decrease dependent upon contract negotiations. Mr. Hill commented the success of the negotiations will be dependent upon the settlement achieved through the negotiations with both associations.

Mr. Lavinder commented on the new biennium budget reflecting on the amount the district should receive a net increase of \$1.2M. The amount increased does not place the district to the revenue receipted where the district was several years ago.

D. **Facilities Committee -** Mr. Ewing commented on the design and construction progress.

- E. **Legislative Report** - Mr. Lavinder commented on the discussions in Columbus of the reformation with the school funding formula still being a work in progress. He further commented on the future rollback/homestead reduction being eliminated and the shift of the burden being placed on the tax payer.
- F. **Health Care Committee** - Dr. Wolfe commented on both associations continuing to make progress of the changes within the revised healthcare plan. He further expressed his appreciation of the cooperative efforts of the committee.

X. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- A. **Public** – No discussions took place.
- B. **Board Members** – No discussions took place.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION 2013-07-109** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to move to executive session. – Motion carried 4-0.

Whereas, as a public board of education may hold a executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. **To consider one or more, as applicable, of the checkmarked items with**
 1. Appointment.
 2. Employment
 3. Dismissal
 4. Discipline
 5. Promotion
 6. Demotion
 7. Compensation
 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- B. **To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.**
- C. **Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.**
- D. **Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.**
- E. **Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.**
- F. **Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.**

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Ashland City School Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on item(s) A1, A2, C, D as listed above.

The Board, Dr. Marrah, Mr. Knabe, Mr. Ross, and Mrs. Deppert entered executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session concluded at 9:15 p.m.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT 2013-07-110** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to conclude the July 22, 2013 regular session. – Motion carried 4-0.

It is hereby certified that the Ashland City School District Board of Education, Ashland County, Ohio, has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

7/22/2013

Treasurer

Superintendent of Schools

President, Board of Education

Tom Lavinder, President

Gina Deppert, Treasurer