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Ashland City School District Board of Education –Regular Meeting
February 23, 2015

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for the Regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Ashland High School Little Theatre, 1440 King Rd. Dr. James Wolfe, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL-** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mrs. Lindsey Saffle, and Dr. James Wolfe were present. Mr. Gravitt was absent.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. James Wolfe, Board President.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2015-02-026** Mr. Lefelhoc made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Saffle to approve the agenda as presented.-Motion carried 4-0.
- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

A. Testing Update

Dr. Marrah reviewed the progress implemented with the required testing.

Dr. Wolfe commented on the choice to opt out of testing.

Dr. Marrah discussed the graduation requirements associated with the testing. He further commented on a potential policy update to address the issue.

Mr. Ewing commented the opt out option is genuinely not an opt out feature because it is tied into graduation.

Dr. Wolfe commented on the results being factored into the overall test results and impact into the district scores and performance ratings.

Dr. Marrah discussed opting out of testing option and the understanding pertaining to graduation, impacting decisions for parents.

B. Other

Dr. Marrah thanked Mr. Rosenbluh, Mr. David Kitchen, and the maintenance, and custodial staff for their dedication for the upkeep of the facilities during the difficult winter.

Mr. Kral thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Marrah for the newly constructed auditorium. He commented on the future schedules and performances for the opening of the new auditorium. Mr. Kral discussed the potential performances to be held for the region in the near future. He further discussed the following student recipient awards and the results of the Solo and Ensemble performances for the students:

OMEA East Central Regional Orchestra
Barat Venkataramany
Sarah Walker
Kimberly Powell
Abby Shiffley
Genevieve Gray
Logan Markle
Matthew MacDonald

OMEA District 10 Honors Band
Logan Markle
Kevin Kweon
Genevieve Gray
Noah Boyd
Matthew MacDonald

OMEA District 10 Solo & Ensemble
The AHS Music Department collectively scored 2 ratings of Good, 15 ratings of Excellent & 22 ratings of Superior

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Mansfield Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition
15 people auditioned including Barat Venkataramany & Logan Markle
Logan Markle won

ALL-State Honors Concert Band
Logan Markle

ALL-State Honors Jazz Band
Leif McFrederick
Gabe Kral

Pianist Eugene Cho was selected as the first ever HS student to solo with the Ashland Symphony Orchestra. He'll be performing Friday, March 6th with them as part of a free performance for the students of the community, and [on](#) Saturday, March 7th at 4pm. Both performances are in the Hugo Young Theatre at Ashland University.

Mr. Kral publicly thanked the Ashland County Community Foundation Association for the award of their grant to the music department.

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS
No discussions took place.

VI. FINANCIAL/BUSINESS REPORT 2015-02-027 Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc 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 Reports (January 2015) as presented.

2. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the following Board meeting(s) as presented by the Treasurer:

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3. Tax Rates and Amounts

The Treasurer recommends approval of the following resolution accepting tax amounts and rates:

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Ohio Revised Code 5705.34-5705.35) (EXHIBIT A)

4. Consolidation of Funds

Approve the consolidation of:

018 900A Alternative School Support Fund \$446.35 and 018 900I
Intervention Center Fund to the 018 900H High School Support Fund
200 906H to 018 900H=\$2.48
200 914H to 018 900H=\$91.02

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200 926H to 018 900H=\$42.59
200 905H to 018 900H=\$29.77

5. Records Retention Schedule

Approve an Addendum to the current Records Retention Schedule (RC-2).
(EXHIBIT B)

6. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

VII. NEW BUSINESS 2015-02-028 Mrs. Saffle made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing 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. Administrative Contract Renewal (EXHIBIT C)
- b. Substitute Teachers/Home Instructors for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- c. Supplemental Duty Contracts for 2014-2015 (EXHIBIT C)
- d. Certificated Stipends for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- e. PARCC Test Prep Tutors for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- f. Honorarium for the Musical for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT C)

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. New Hires for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
- b. Transfer for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
- c. Honorariums for the Musical for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
- d. Special Duty Contracts for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT D)

3. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

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- B. Ashland Public Library Trustee Appointment 2015-02-029** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the re-appointment of Sandra Hedlund-Tunnell to serve as trustee on the Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees for a term that will expire on December 31, 2022.-Motion carried 4-0.
- C. Natural Gas Sales Program Agreement 2015-02-030** Mr. Lefelhoc made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve entering into a natural gas contract beginning July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016 and July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017 with Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) and Direct Energy Business Marketing. The current contract with MEC/Constellation expires June 30, 2015. Five (5) energy suppliers submitted RFP's and Direct Energy was the lowest natural gas supplier. (EXHIBIT E)-Motion carried 4-0.
- D. Approval of Resolution for Construction – Urgent Necessity 2015-02-031** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the declaration of urgent necessity, waiving certain bidding requirements, and authorizing solicitation of costs for an addition (4 classrooms) on the elementary school and contracting to perform the work. (EXHIBIT F)-Motion carried 4-0.
- E. Approval of Elementary Attendance Zone Change – 2015-02-032** Mr. Lefelhoc made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Saffle to approve the Elementary Attendance Zone change as discussed. (EXHIBIT G)-Motion carried 4-0.
- F. Annexation of Montgomery Property 2015-02-033** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the annexation of the Montgomery Elementary School property to the City of Ashland (final annexation not before July 1, 2015). (EXHIBIT H)-Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION

Dr. Marrah reminded the Board of Education of a tour of the High School auditorium for the March regular meeting.

Dr. Wolfe commented on the success of high school boys basketball team and extended an invitation to the Friday game. The team is currently 19-1. He further discussed the competition cheer team performing at the Friday evening basketball game.

Mr. Lefelhoc complimented the band performances during the games.

IX. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Facilities Committee** - Mr. Ewing commented the smooth progress of the construction meeting and the furniture bids being posted.
- B. Health Care** - Dr. Wolfe commented on the need for a future healthcare meeting. He further commented the M.O.U. being accepted by OAPSE, but not accepted by the teachers association.

Mrs. Barb Phillips, OAPSE President, thanked the Board of Education, for their efforts with the memorandum of understanding and continuing to provide access to affordable healthcare for the support staff employees.

Dr. Wolfe thanked Mrs. Phillips and commented he continued to look forward to working with her and the OAPSE association.

X. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- A. Public** - Mrs. Barb Phillips, OAPSE President, thanked the Board of Education, for their efforts with the memorandum of understanding and continuing to provide access to affordable healthcare for the support staff.

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B. Board Members -

Dr. Wolfe made closing comments of the positive changes for the students with Ashland City Schools. He further complimented the athletic and music programs. In conclusion, Dr. Wolfe commented on the Culture of Connections activity organization *outreach* to many students.

Dr. Wolfe also complimented Dr. Marrah in his role as Superintendent, being a difficult position. He further commented that Dr. Marrah is making decisions for what is best for the students.

Dr. Marrah thanked Dr. Wolfe for his positive comments. He further discussed the successful performance of the high school musical. He thanked Mrs. Wolbert for her leadership with the performance and showcasing the talent of the students.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2015-02-034 Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Saffle to move to executive session. –Motion carried 4-0.

Whereas, as a public board of education may hold an 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 respect to a public employee or official:
 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) A2, B, D as listed above.

The Board, Dr. Marrah, Mr. Knabe, and Mrs. Deppert entered into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Knabe, and Mrs. Deppert left executive session at 8:01.

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Executive session concluded at 8:20.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT 2015-02-035** Mrs. Saffle made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to adjourn the February 23, 2015 regular meeting.-Motion carried 4-0.

Certificate Section 5705.412, Revised Code

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.

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Treasurer

Superintendent of Schools

President, Board of Education

Dr. Wolfe, President

Gina Deppert, Treasurer