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Ashland City School District Board of Education –Organizational Meeting
January 8, 2024

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for the Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Ashland City School District Central Office, 1407 Claremont Ave. Mr. John Teevan Board President Pro Tempore, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. OATH OF OFFICE – NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Treasurer will swear in the following individuals as newly elected Board of Education members:

Mr. Summers
Mr. Wash

II. ROLL CALL Mrs. Gina Deppert, Mrs. Pam Mowry, Mr. Greg Summers, Mr. John Teevan, and Mr. Robert Wash were present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Pro Tempore Mr. Teevan.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (O. R. C. 3313.14)

A. Nominations for President. Mr. Teevan was nominated for President. There were no other nominations.

B. Election of President. 2024-01-001 – Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mrs. Deppert to close nominations and elect Mr. Teevan as President of the Board of Education for 2024. Motion carried, 5-0. Mr. Teevan assumed the chair as President.

C. Nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Mowry was nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations.

D. Election of Vice President. 2024-01-002—Mrs. Deppert motioned; second by Mr. Wash to close nominations and elect Mrs. Mowry as Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2024. Motion carried, 5-0. Mrs. Mowry assumed the chair as Vice-President.

V. APPOINTMENT TO ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES CAREER CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Appointment 2024-01-003 Mrs. Deppert motioned; second by Mrs. Mowry to appoint Rick Ewing to the Ashland City School District seat on the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center Board of Education, effective January 2024, for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES (O.R.C. 3313.15)

2024-01-004 Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mr. Wash to approve the dates of Regular Board Meetings and Work Sessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Work Sessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. as follows, to be held at the Ashland City School District Administrative Offices unless otherwise noted. Motion carried 5-0.

2nd Monday of each month – work Session 5:30 P.M. *If needed
4th Monday of each month – Regular Session 5:30 P.M.

JANUARY 22, 2024	JULY 22, 2024
FEBRUARY 12, 2024	AUGUST 12, 2024 *
FEBRUARY 26, 2024	AUGUST 26, 2024
MARCH 11, 2024	SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 *(TBD)
MARCH 25, 2024	SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
APRIL 2024 (TBD)	

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APRIL 22, 2024	OCTOBER 14, 2024 *
MAY 6, 2024 (1 st Monday)	OCTOBER 28, 2024
MAY 20, 2024 (3 rd Monday)	NOVEMBER 2024 NO WORK SESSION
JUNE 10, 2024*	(OSBA Conference)
JUNE 24, 2024	NOVEMBER 25, 2024
JULY 2024 NO WORK SESSION	DECEMBER 2024 – NO WORK SESSION
	DECEMBER 16, 2024 (3 rd Monday)

VII. BOARD SERVICE FUND (O.R.C. 3313.15) 2024-01-005 Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mr. Summers to approve a Board Service Fund of \$5,000 from which reimbursement can be made to Board Members and the official representatives of the Board for expenses incurred for meetings wherein they represent the Ashland City School District.-Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS 2024-01-006 Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mrs. Deppert to adopt the following standing authorizations to allow for efficient financial management and full execution of duties by the Treasurer, Board President, and Superintendent.-Motion carried 5-0.

1. Advances on Tax Settlements: Authorization for the Treasurer to secure advances on local taxes from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.
2. Investment of Inactive Funds: Authorization for the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever such funds are available in accordance with the District Investment Policy. The Depository Accounts are with Huntington Bank.
3. Payment of Bills: Authorization for the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when, if applicable, the merchandise has been received in good condition.
4. Borrowing Authority: Authorization for the Treasurer and Board President to borrow funds, if needed, within the limitations established by state and federal laws.
5. Issuing Purchase Orders: Authorization for Administration to issue Purchase Orders within adopted appropriations.
6. Employment of Staff: Authorization for the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
7. Accepting Resignations: Authorization for the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
8. Agents of the Board: Authorization to designate and authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, and the Treasurer to act as agents of the Board of Education in the application of all grants; to authorize the completion of all grant applications; and to authorize the Treasurer to

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appropriate funds for grants awarded, including the advancement of funds for later reimbursement when required by grant terms, without further Board approval.

9. Debt Service Resolution: Authorization for the Treasurer to complete all necessary fund-to-fund transfers to pay debt obligations.
10. Donations to the Ashland City School District Resolution: Authorization for the Superintendent and Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.
11. Appropriation Resolution Modifications: Authorization for the Treasurer to modify the appropriation resolution to re-direct funds previously appropriated to other appropriation accounts as requested by the Superintendent or his designee, provided that total fund appropriations are not increased and that the modifications are presented to the Board for ratification on or before the last day of the fiscal year.
12. Five-Year Financial Forecasts: Authorization for the Treasurer to file amended Five-Year Financial Forecasts with the proper State authorities.
13. Blanket Purchase Orders: Authorization of a blanket purchase order pursuant to Section 6320 of the Ashland City School District Board Policy, the Board hereby Authorizes the issuance of "blanket" purchase orders (certificates) by the District Treasurer, in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.
14. Beverages and Meals as a Public Purpose: The Board of Education authorizes, as a public purpose, the provision of meal and/or beverages to employees and attendees during meetings as a means of improving efficiency as authorized by the Superintendent.

IX. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 TAX BUDGET 2024-01-007 Mrs. Deppert motioned; second by Mrs. Mowry to approve the Treasurer's recommendation of the budget covering the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 be adopted, and that the Treasurer be directed to submit copies as required to the Ashland County Budget Commission. Public hearing was held at 12:00 Noon on January 3, 2024–Motion carried 5-0.

X. MINIMUM WAGE 2024-01-008 Mr. Wash motioned; second by Mr. Summers to approve a change in the classified substitute pay rate to \$10.45 per hour. This rate increase is in accordance with the State of Ohio minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2024. The substitute categories that will be affected are CBI, COE, ISD Parapro, Noon Duty, Bus Duty, Summer Workers in addition to Casual Field Technicians. Motion carried 5-0.

XI. NUTRITION STANDARDS POLICY 2024-01-009 Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mrs. Deppert to approve a nutrition standards policy that considers the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.814 and governs the types of food and beverages that may be sold on the premises of the Ashland City School District. Motion carried 5-0.

XII. PUBLIC RECORD TRAINING (BOARD OF ELECTION CYCLE) 2024-01-010 Mrs. Mowry motioned; second by Mr. Wash to approve the Treasurer as designee, or other designees as appointed by the Treasurer, to attend Public Records Training on behalf of the Board of Education members as required by ORC 109.43. Motion carried 5-0.

XIII. LEGAL COUNSEL 2024-01-011 Mr. Wash motioned; second by Mrs. Mowry to approve employment of the following legal firms for use on an as needed basis:

Bricker & Graydon LLP

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Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.
Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A.
Squire Patton Boggs
Bob DeSanto

Motion carried 5-0.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION– 2024-01-012 Mrs. Deppert motioned; second by Mrs. Mowry to enter Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0.

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) E as listed above.

Entered Executive Session 5:50 p.m.
Executive Session Ended 7:55 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT 2024-01-013 Mr. Teevan motioned; second by Mrs. Mowry to adjourn the 2024 Organizational meeting at 7:55 p.m. –Motion carried 5-0.



Mr. John Teevan, President



Kyle Klingler, Treasurer

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IMPORTANT

January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	NO SCHOOL	
January 22, 2024	Regular Board Meeting	Administrative Offices	5:30 p.m.
January 24, 2024	State of the City Address	Archer Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
February 12, 2024	Work Session	Administrative Offices	5:30 p.m.
February 26, 2024	Regular Board Meeting	Administrative Offices	5:30 p.m.