

MINUTES  
Ashland City School District Board of Education – Regular Session  
February 24, 2014

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Ashland at the Ashland High School Library, 1440 King Rd. Dr. James Wolfe, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mr. William Gravitt, Mrs. Lindsey Saffle, Dr. James Wolfe were present
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Wolfe, Board President.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2014-02-030** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gravitt to approve the agenda with removal of Mr. Tim Eagle, Assistant Wrestling Coach from Exhibit B. –Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
  - A. **Student Recognition** - Dr. Marrah complimented the Ashland High School Musical and thanked the students and Mr. Wasowski for their success.
  - B. **Update on calamity dates** - Dr. Marrah commented on the calamity day issue pending due to discussions with legislation.
- V. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**  
No discussions took place.
- VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION 2014-02-031** Mr. Gravitt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to move to executive session. –Motion carried 5-0.

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 respect to a public employee or official:
  1.  Appointment
  2.  Employment
  3.  Dismissal
  4.  Discipline
  5.  Promotion
  6.  Demotion
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  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, A3, A4 as listed above.

The Board of Education, Dr. Marrah, Mr. Knabe, and Mrs. Deppert entered into executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Executive session concluded at 7:26 p.m.

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION 2014-02-032** Dr. Wolfe made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to accept to terminate Mrs. Cathy Goetz, bus driver of Ashland City Schools. –Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Wolfe apologized to the family of the young boy involved with a bus incident in January 2014.

**VIII. FINANCIAL/BUSINESS REPORT 2014-02-033** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Saffle to approve the Treasurer’s consent calendar. –Motion carried 5-0.

**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 2014) as presented.

- 2. Minutes

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

Organizational Meeting/Work Session	January 6, 2014
Special Meeting	January 14, 2014
Regular Meeting	January 29, 2014

- 3. Then and Now Certificate

Ohio Revised Code 5705.41\_Approve the authorization of a Then and Now Certificate as per Ohio Revised Code for purchase (purchase order 2141720) with Mid Ohio ESC. Issuance determines funds were THEN available at the time of the allowable expense and the amounts of purchases are necessary to meet the obligation (at the time of the order or contract) and is NOW lawfully appropriated and available for such purpose.

- 4. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

**IX. NEW BUSINESS 2014-02-034** Mr. Gravitt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing to approve the Consent Calendar. –Motion carried 5-0.

**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. **Certificated Retirements (EXHIBIT A)**
  - b. **Certificated Leave-of-Absence 2013-2014 school year (EXHIBIT A)**
  - c. **Substitute Teachers/Home Instructors for the 2013-2014 school year (EXHIBIT A)**
  - d. **Administrative Contract (EXHIBIT A)**
  - e. **OAA Tutors for 2013-2014 (EXHIBIT A)**
  - f. **Certificated Stipends for 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. **Transfers (EXHIBIT B)**
  - b. **Classified Resignation (EXHIBIT B)**
  - c. **Classified Substitutes (EXHIBIT B)**
  - d. **Special Duty Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year (EXHIBIT B)**
  
3. **Items Removed for Separate Consideration**

Dr. Marrah congratulated Mr. Heimann on his retirement and thanked him for his service. He also congratulated Mr. White in accepting the Middle School Principal position.

- B. Approval of Resolution for Construction Documents and Bids 2014-02-035** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve a Resolution to accept Construction Documents for a new auditorium. (EXHIBIT C) –Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ewing clarified the first musical will be held in the new auditorium the 2016-17 school year. He further discussed the timelines for the auditorium.

Dr. Marrah again thanked the donors for their generosity with contribution for the construction of the new auditorium.

Dr. Wolfe commented the Board of Education was appreciative of the lead donor. He further commented on the need for the district to match funds and announced the acceptance of donations for such purpose.

- C. Segment One Scope of Work Adjustment Resolution- 2014-02-036** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gravitt to approve a Resolution acknowledging Ohio School Facilities Commission Scope of Work Adjustment (Segment One) and acknowledging the obligation to contribute the district's proportional share of actual cost overruns in certain circumstances. (EXHIBIT D) – Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Marrah commented on the resolution for the adjustment to delete the site safety allowances for each building; thus permitting other alternates to be used

as needed for the construction project.

X. **DISCUSSION**

A. **Superintendent’s Update on Construction**

Dr. Marrah commented on the need to meet for the acceptance of the construction bids.

Dr. Wolfe announced the special meeting to be held on March 5, 2014 at 7:00 at the Ashland City Schools Central Office to plan to accept the bid for construction.

XI. **BOARD REPORTS**

A. **Facilities Committee** Mr. Ewing provided an updated of the most recent buildings and grounds committee to include document scanning, building projects, and the potential of acquisition of newer computer equipment. He thanked Dr. Marrah, and Mr. Knabe for their efforts with the involvement of the construction progress.

XII. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

A. **Public** - Mr. Dan Rueger congratulated Mr. Heimann with his retirement and wished him well. He further congratulated all staff retiring.

B. **Board Members** – Dr. Wolfe recognized Mr. Heimann with his retirement. He thanked him for his efforts, congratulated him with his success at Ashland City Schools. Dr. Wolfe complimented Mr. White as the new Middle School Principal and looked forward to working with him.

Dr. Wolfe made final closing comments on reviewing compensation packages for the administration team and the exempt staff. He further announced, to correct Mr. Rueger’s statement quoted in the local Times Gazette, the Ashland City Teachers Association commented the teachers had received increases within the last 8 years.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION 2014-02-037** Mrs. Saffle made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gravitt to move to executive session. –Motion carried 5-0.

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The Board of Education, Dr. Marrah, Mr. Knabe, and Mrs. Deppert entered into executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Executive session concluded at 8:20 p.m.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT 2014-02-038** Mr. Gravitt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to adjourn the February 24, 2014 regular meeting. –Motion carried 5-0.

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.

02/24/2014

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Treasurer

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Superintendent of Schools

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President, Board of Education

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Dr. Wolfe, President

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Gina Deppert, Treasurer