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Ashland City School District Board of Education –Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 TAX BUDGET – Public hearing on the Tax Budget began at 6:55 p.m. No public comments were made. Tax Budget hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for the Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Ashland City School District Central Office, 1407 Claremont Ave. Dr. James Wolfe, Board President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mrs. Lindsey Saffle, Mr. William Gravitt, and Dr. James Wolfe were present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. James Wolfe, Board President Pro Tem.

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

A. Nominations for President. Mr. Ewing nominated Mr. Gravitt for President. There were no other nominations.

B. Election of President. 2017-01-001 –Mr. Ewing motioned; second by Mr. Lefelhoc to close nominations and elect Mr. Gravitt as President of the Board of Education for 2017. Motion carried, 4-0. Mr. Gravitt abstained. Mr. Gravitt assumed the chair as President.

C. Nominations for Vice President. Mr. Lefelhoc nominated Dr. Wolfe for Vice President. There were no other nominations.

D. Election of Vice President. 2017-01-002—Mr. Lefelhoc motioned; second by Mrs. Saffle to close nominations and elect Dr. Wolfe Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2017. Motion carried, 5-0. Dr. Wolfe assumed the chair as Vice-President.

IV. APPOINTMENT TO ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES CAREER CENT BOARD OF EDUCATION 2017-01-003 Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Gravitt to appoint Rick Ewing, Bryan Lefelhoc and Lindsey Saffle to the Ashland City School District seats on the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center Board of Education, effective January 2017, for a three-year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

V. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES (O.R.C. 3313.15) 2017-01-004 Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mrs. Saffle to approve the dates of Regular Board Meetings and Work Sessions as follows, to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Ashland City School District Central Office unless otherwise noted –Motion carried 5-0:

2nd Monday of each month – Work Session * - If needed
 4th Monday of each month – Regular Session

JANUARY 23, 2017	JULY 24, 2017
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 *	AUGUST 14, 2017 *
FEBRUARY 27, 2017	AUGUST 28, 2017
MARCH 13, 2017 *	SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 *
MARCH 27, 2017	SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
APRIL 3, 2017 *	OCTOBER 9, 2017 *
APRIL 24, 2017	OCTOBER 23, 2017
MAY 8, 2017 *	NOVEMBER 13, 2016 No Work Session
MAY 22, 2017	(OSBA Conference)
JUNE 12, 2017 *	NOVEMBER 27, 2017
JUNE 26, 2017	DECEMBER 11, 2017 *
JULY 10, 2017 *	DECEMBER 18, 2017

VI. BOARD SERVICE FUND (O.R.C. 3313.15) 2017-01-005 Mrs. Saffle motioned; second by Dr. Wolfe 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.

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VII. STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS 2017-01-006 Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Ewing 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 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

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Treasurer, in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.

VIII. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 TAX BUDGET 2017-01-007 Mr. Lefelhoc motioned; second by Mrs. Saffle to approve the budget covering the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (Fiscal Year 2018) be adopted, and that the Treasurer be directed to submit copies as required to the Ashland County Budget Commission. –Motion carried 5-0. (EXHIBIT A)

IX. OHIO SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (OSBA) MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON 2017-01-008 Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Ewing to approve the membership in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for 2017, as well as subscriptions to the Briefcase and School Management News, for a total cost of \$6,116.00 (may vary dependent upon enrollment figures provided by the Ohio Department of Education), and to appoint the following Board members as Legislative Liaison and Student Achievement Liaison for 2017 –Motion carried 5-0:

Legislative Liaison

Will Gravitt

Student Achievement Liaison

Dr. James Wolfe

X. DISCUSSION

A. AHS/AMS STEM

B. 2017-2018 Proposed Calendar – Mr. Lefelhoc questioned the day after New Year (Jan. 2nd) to return to school. Dr. Wolfe favors proposal #2.

C. Fall Third Grade Tests

D. Other – Mr. Gravitt would like Mr. Perry, Superintendent at Ashland Co. West Holmes Career Center, to present at a future Board meeting.

Dr. Wolfe requested Board Members bring 3 or 4 goals they would like to see achieved in order for the Board to develop goals for the year.

XII. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS


A. Public - Melissa Clevenger, ACTA President, Spanish Teacher, commented on the calendar proposals stating “reasons for proposal #3 to allow more days to prepare for testing”.

B. Board Members – Mr. Ewing thanked Dr. Wolfe and Mr. Gravitt for taking the leadership positions.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 2017-01-009 Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Lefelhoc to adjourn the 2017 Organizational meeting at 7:20 p.m. –Motion carried 5-0.



Mr. William Gravitt, President



Susan Guthrie, Treasurer

REMINDER: Regular Meeting – January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.