

MINUTES
Ashland City School District Board of Education – Regular Meeting
October 26, 2015

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Ashland Middle School Library, 1520 King Rd. Mr. William Gravitt, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL** Mr. Rick Ewing, Mr. Bryan Lefelhoc, Mr. William Gravitt, and Dr. James Wolfe. Mrs. Lindsey Saffle was absent.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. William Gravitt, Vice-President.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2015-10-159** Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - A. **Kindergarten Camp – Linda McKibben, Krist Manley, Tari Mole** – Linda recognized Tari Mole’s role in making this program successful. Krist said 155 attended and was pleased with the turnout and felt the program was very successful. Tari said the program makes a huge improvement in the kid’s confidence when they start school.
 - B. **Goal Meetings- Watch List** – Dr. Marrah informed the Board that staff had met and created the “watch List”. This list is very important to be created early; it identifies students that may need intervention. The District’s goal is to have early identification and to implement intervention as soon as possible to continue student learning growth.
 - C. **November Work Session** – The November Work Session has been changed from November 9, 2015 to November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
 - D. **Other** – Dr. Marrah reminded all present that the School District does have a levy on the ballot and it is a renewal, no new taxes.
- V. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- VI. **FINANCIAL/BUSINESS REPORT 2015-10-160** Mr. Lefelhoc made the motion; seconded by Mr. Ewing 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 (September 2015) as presented.
- 2. Minutes
Approval of the minutes of the following Board meeting(s) as presented by the Treasurer:

- Regular Meeting September 30, 2015
- Work Session/Special Meeting October 12, 2015
- 3. Items Removed for Separate Consideration

B Five-Year Forecast 2015-10-161 Mr. Lefelhoc motioned; second by Mr. Ewing to approve the Five-Year Financial Forecast as presented. (EXHIBIT A)-Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer, Sheryl Shaw Stewart, presented to the Board on the financial status of the School District. The School District is projected to have a cash balance in the fifth year of the forecast and the Treasurer felt the District has a healthy financial outlook.

Board Member Mr. Lefelhoc commented on the School Districts ability to make some tough decisions to keep the District going in the right direction. He wants to challenge the Board to start thinking of ways now to avoid future deficits; "a little less spending now makes a difference in a big way".

VII. NEW BUSINESS 2015-10-162 Dr. Wolfe 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. Certificated Resignation (EXHIBIT B)
 - b. Certificated New Hire for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
 - c. Amended One-Year Limited Contract for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B) <salary adjustment>
 - d. Certified One-Year Leave of Absence for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
 - e. Substitute Teachers/Home Instructors for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
 - f. America Reads Coordinators for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
 - g. Resident Educators for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
 - h. Extended Days for the 2014-2015 School Year (EXHIBIT B)

- i. Supplemental Contract Resignation for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)
- j. Supplemental Contract Adjustment for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B) <salary adjustment>
- k. Supplemental Contract for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT B)

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. Classified Transfers for 2015-2016 (EXHIBIT C)
- b. Classified Resignations for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- c. Classified Substitutes for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- d. Special Duty Contracts for 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- e. Game Workers for the 2015-2016 School Year (EXHIBIT C)

3. Program/Other

Approve an out-of-state trip for the AHS Marching Band, Sweet 16, AHS Choirs, AHS Orchestra and their respective directors on March 19 – 24, 2016 to Orlando, Florida to perform and tour at the Walt Disney World Property and in and around Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Ewing asked if there was an organization helping facilitate the trip, Dr. Marrah said yes.

4. FY16 Elementary School Based Therapist Services

Approve an agreement with Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to provide elementary school based therapist services for the 2015-2016 school year. (EXHIBIT D)

5. Items Removed for Separate Consideration - none

B. Purchase of Micro/Mini Bus 2015-10-163 Mr. Ewing motioned; seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase one (1) micro/mini bus multi-passenger vehicle from Cardinal Bus Sales at a total cost of \$42,356.00. Sealed bids were received on October 16, 2015. Bids are on file in the Business Office. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Resolution for State Issue 3- 2015-10-164 Mr. Ewing made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lefelhoc to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt a resolution opposing Issue 3. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Marrah asked students to stay drug free and this resolution is important to support that.

Dr. Wolfe stated that it is a very restrictive change and there is no benefit to ill patients. He said he would prefer to wait and have the law done right.

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. BOARD REPORTS

A. Building and Grounds

Board member Mr. Lefelhoc updated the Board on the Building and Grounds committee meeting he attended. One of the items discussed was transportation and he felt that early year issues were worked out. Overall the opening of the new buildings have improved transportation services and saved the District money.

Board Member Mr. Ewing stated that the new buildings look wonderful and wanted the public to know that the administration is aware that there are some projects remaining to be completed; the flag poles have been ordered and will be installed soon.

B. Health Care Committee

Dr. Wolfe updated the Board on the health care committee he attended. Dr. Wolfe stated that he was surprised that the transition has been more difficult than expected; contributing to the difficulty was the transitioning to a managed care administrator as opposed to a pass-through administrator, providers unwilling to sign-up, and employees being put in the middle. He stated the hardest decision is yet to come; deciding in the spring to continue with the current administrator or change.

Dr. Wolfe also wanted to make it perfectly clear to the staff, administration, board members and community that he serves on the health care committee to offer his expertise only; he has never benefited from this membership or made decisions that would benefit himself. Since he has heard those accusations being made, he felt he should resign from serving on the health care committee.

Board member Mr. Ewing expressed his gratitude for his service and stated his disappointment in his resignation and hoped that something could be worked out since Dr. Wolfe is such an asset to have on the committee.

X. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

A. Public – Richard Conkle, who is running for the School Board, discussed the three wrestling coaches on the agenda and whether it is a cost saving measure.

B. Board Members

Dr. Wolfe thanked Mr. Tom McNaull for his commitment to Ashland City Schools. He thanked the Alumni Foundation for their District support and felt the importance to embrace this organization and interface with them.

Dr. Wolfe discussed that the School District and OAPSE will be negotiating soon and we are looking at discussing a new paradigm.

Dr. Wolfe discussed that there will be a renewal levy on the ballot and the passage of the renewal would not increase property tax bills.

Dr. Wolfe discussed how fortunate the School District is to have community members willing to serve on the Board and praised the current board members for their dedication.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2015-10-165 Dr. Wolfe made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing 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:

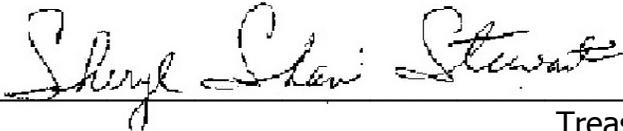
- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the checkmarked items with respect to a public employee or official:**
 1. Appointment.
 2. Employment
 3. Dismissal
 4. Discipline
 5. Promotion
 6. Demotion
 7. Compensation
 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- 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.

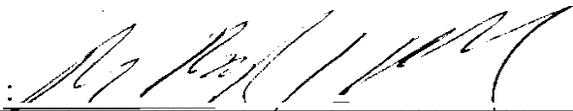
XII. ADJOURNMENT 2015-10-166 Mr. Gravitt made the motion, seconded by Dr. Wolfe to adjourn the October 26, 2015 regular meeting.-Motion carried 4-0.

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.

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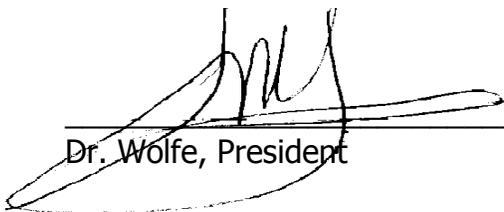
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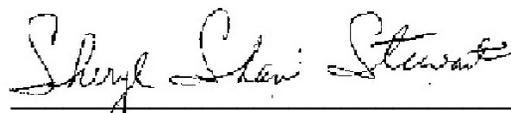
Superintendent of Schools



President, Board of Education



Dr. Wolfe, President



Sheryl Shaw Stewart Treasurer