

MINUTES  
Ashland City School District Board of Education – Regular Meeting  
November 23, 2020

The Ashland City School District Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Ashland City School District Administrative Offices, 1407 Claremont Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. Zack Truax, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. **ROLL CALL**, Dr. Fred Gingrich, Mr. Dustin Kruty, Mr. Zack Truax, Mr. Brandon Wells and Dr. James Wolfe were present.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zack Truax, Board President
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED 2020-11-114** Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Wells to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
  - A. **PI Renewal** – Congratulated and thanked the Community for supporting the levy renewal.
  - B. **Ashland County Community Foundation**
    - **Athletic Endowment Funds** – Jim Cuttwright and Ev Devaul addressed the Board about the formation of endowment fund and presented plaques for football in honor of Denny Humrichouser. Wrestling program to commemorate Barry Ferguson. Boys soccer program to honor Hans “Joe” Marker. They also spoke about existing funds.
    - **Jazz Band Fund** – Ev Devaul spoke about the formation of a Jazz Band endowment fund and the fundraising efforts to reach a goal of \$15,000.00.
  - C. **Canvas Update** – Ben Spieldenner updated the Board about the resources available to teachers, parents and students.
  - D. **Ohio Schools COVID Evaluation** – Mrs. Bartlett gave an update on the COVID evaluations. Spoke about student testing for COVID.

Mr. Wells questioned about the students in direct contact who are participating in athletics.

Mr. Truax as had parents thank the Board for allowing students to remain in the classroom.

Dr. Wolfe commented there is no evidence of transmission student to student.
  - E. **Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon** – Options are still in the planning stages.
  - F. **Edison Project** – Architect is working on the bid package for next spring for asbestos removal.
  - G. **Calendar Committee** – Two proposals are presented for consideration. Calendar committee preferred calendar 1A.
  - H. **Other** – Meeting schedule to be approved in January.
- V. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Diane Bonfiglio, Parent of Ashland students, asked the Board to reconsider non-quarantine of students who have been in close contact to COVID positive people.

Jamie Parsons – Parent/Wife of Ashland student/teacher. Putting students/parents at risk of getting the virus. Use prudent judgement for additional activities.

Adam Schulte, Teacher, other schools are isolating students. Consent has not been given by the students/parents not in the study.

Maiya Gradey, Parent. Asked the Board to follow the state guidelines and have the students isolate.

**VI. FINANCIAL/BUSINESS REPORT**

**A. Treasurer’s Consent Calendar As Amended 2020-11-115** Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Truax to approve the Treasurer’s Consent Calendar.-Motion carried 5-0.

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 (October 2020) as presented.

2. Minutes

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

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3. Then and Now Certificate

Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 Approve the authorization of a Now and Then Certificate as per Ohio Revised Code for the following purchase orders:

Tri County ESC	P.O. #2201078
Tri County ESC	P.O. #2211268

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.

**B. Five-Year Forecast 2020-11-116** Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Truax to approve the Treasurer’s recommendation of the five-year forecast and assumptions FY21-FY25 as presented. (EXHIBIT A) Motion carried 5-0

**C. Construction Bonds 2020-11-117** Mr. Kruty motioned; second by Mr. Wells to approve the Board President’s recommendation of a Resolution to begin the Construction Bond Refunding process. (EXHIBIT B) Motion carried 5-0.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Superintendent's Consent Calendar 2020-11-118** Mr. Wells motioned; second by Dr. Wolfe to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

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 C)
- b. Written Education Plan (WEP) for Gifted Students writing (EXHIBIT C)
- c. Supplemental Duty Contract Resignations for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- d. Supplemental Duty Contract Adjustments for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- e. Supplemental Duty Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year. (EXHIBIT C)
- f. Substitute Teachers/Home Instructors for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- g. Contracted Service for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT C)
- h. Volunteers for the 2020-2021 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. Classified Transfers (EXHIBIT D)
- b. Classified Substitutes for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
- c. Other Classified for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
- d. Special Duty Contract Adjustment for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)

- e. Special Duty Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
  - f. Game Workers for the 2020-2021 School Year. (EXHIBIT D)
  - g. Volunteers for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
  - h. Stipend for the 2020-2021 School Year (EXHIBIT D)
3. Program/Other
- a. Approve a contract to enter into an agreement with Mansfield City Board of Education for Intervention Specialist services for a Sherman Elementary student (EXHIBIT E)

**B. Gymnastics Participation 2020-11-119** Mr. Wells motioned; second by Dr. Gingrich to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Ontario Local School District student, McKenna Gorbett, to participate in gymnastics on behalf of and representing the Ontario Local Schools through Ashland City School District and Ashland High School Gymnastics as permitted by the Ohio High School Athletics Association (OHSAA) rules and guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

**VIII. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- A. Public – None**
- B. Board Members**

– Dr. Wolfe appreciates parent’s concerns. The Administration can change protocol if there were any problems with the participation of students.

-Mr. Wells echoed Dr. Wolfe’s comments. He made a motion to discuss the evaluation. Dr. Wolfe added that the evaluation should be discussed at every meeting.

-Dr. Wolfe made a motion to discuss the evaluation at every meeting until the pandemic is over.

-Mr. Kruty seconded the motion. Motion was not accepted and the agenda will address the evaluation.

-Dr. Marrah stated the students are following protocol, cleaning and sanitizing the buildings.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION– 2020-11-120** Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Truax 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)   D   as listed above.

Entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.  
Executive Session Ended at 8:55 p.m.

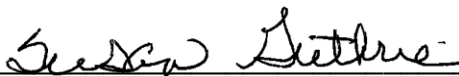
**X. ADJOURNMENT 2020-11-121** Dr. Wolfe motioned; second by Mr. Wells to adjourn the November 23, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

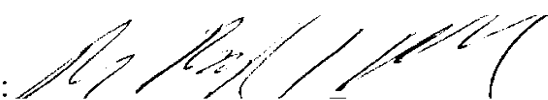
Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

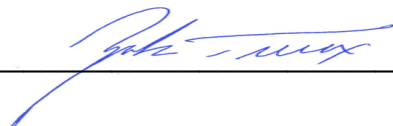
Certificate Section 5705.412, Revised Code

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

  
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Superintendent of Schools

  
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President Board of Education

  
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Zack Truax, Board President

  
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Susan Guthrie, Treasurer

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

December 3, 2020  
December 10, 2020  
NO December Work Session  
December 21, 2020  
January 11, 2021

Art Showcase  
Senior Citizens Luncheon  
  
Regular Meeting  
Organizational Meeting

Archer Auditorium 6:00 p.m.  
AHS 11:00-1:00  
  
**Archer Auditorium** 6:30 p.m.  
Administrative Offices 6:30 p.m.