

ASHTABULA COUNTY TECHNICAL & CAREER CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

The meeting of the Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center Board of Education was called to order by President Klingensmith on December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

Present: Debra Barrickman, Sally Fisher, Barbara Klingensmith, Gus Saikaly, Eric Nesbitt, William Niemi, Harlan Waid, Supt. Wludyga, Treasurer Elly, Krista Shean

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It was moved by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Dr. Barrickman that the Board adopt the Agenda for December 18, 2023. **ADOPT AGENDA**

ROLL CALL: Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes. Motion carried.

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Treasurer Elly certified Compliance with Meeting Requirements Rules. **MEETING COMPLIANCE**

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The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Ms. Fisher gave a presentation on Platt R. Spencer. Mr. Wludyga presented Ms. Fisher with a Board member award and thanked her for her time on the Board. **SALLY FISHER**

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It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Dr. Barrickman that the minutes of the regular November meeting as sent to all board members prior to this meeting be approved and their reading be dispensed with. **MINUTES**

ROLL CALL: Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Niemi and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the financial reports for November including the following investments be approved:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Premier Savings Deposits

None

Premier Savings Withdrawals

None

Huntington MMAX Deposits

11/30/2023 November MMAX Interest Added to Investments: \$8,168.35

Average Interest Rate for November from Huntington Premier Savings: 2.99%

November Interest Earned from Premier Savings: \$5,455.48

Average Interest Rate for November from Huntington MMAX: 3.7%

November Interest Earned from Huntington MMAX: \$8,168.35

Total All Funds Invested as of 11/30/2023: \$6,575,157.12

Interest Earned FTD as of 11/30/2023: \$90,804.07

ROLL CALL: Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the bills for November be approved. Vouchers were presented to Board members for their review.

BILLS

ROLL CALL: Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Barrickman and seconded by Ms. Fisher that the Board approve the following new funds:

NEW FUNDS

- 1. Talent Ready Grant 012-9024 - \$41,523
- 2. Ohio Work Ready Grant 012-9124 - \$30,416
- 3. Super Rapids Grant 499-9024 - \$391,000

Dr. Waid asked what kind of equipment will be purchased with this grant. Mr. Wludyga answered we will be purchasing a touch screen table, beds, computers, and training mannequins. A revamp to a lot of the equipment that has become dated over the years. Mr. Nesbitt asked how much did Youngstown and Kent receive this year. Mr. Wludyga answered Youngstown received \$902,000 and Kent received \$1.1 million.

Dr. Barrickman asked about CTX funds. Mrs. Elly answered that we received \$50,000 and will also receive an additional \$15,960 in supplemental CTX funding.

ROLL CALL: Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board approve joining the Ohio School Boards Association at an annual membership fee of \$3,895.00. These are legal expenditures in accordance with ORC 3313.171 and 3313.87. It is recommended the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay these fees.

OSBA
MEMBERSHIP

ROLL CALL: Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board approve the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund membership at an annual fee of \$250.00 for calendar year 2024. This is a legal expenditure in accordance with ORC 3313.171. It is recommended the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay this annual fee.

LEGAL
ASSISTANCE
FUND

ROLL CALL: Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Wludyga shared an email from representative Sarah Fowler Arthur regarding teaching eligibility of public safety officers.

OFFICIAL
CORRESP

Mr. Wludyga commented that he appreciates that she is so responsive.

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It was moved by Mr. Niemi and seconded by Mr. Saikaly that the Board approve the following:

**PERSONNEL
RESIGNATION**

1. That the Board accept the resignation of Tiffany Stills, Personal Growth Advisor Aide, effective November 16, 2023.
2. That the Board accept the resignation of Mary Hackathorn, EMRP Program Coordinator, effective December 19, 2023.

Dr. Barrickman asked what EMRP stands for. Mr. Wludyga answered Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting.

ROLL CALL: Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the Board approve the following:

**PERSONNEL
EMPLOYMENT**

1. That Amber Burns be issued a supplemental contract beginning January 3, 2024 through June 30, 2024 as A.I. Coach at \$19.50 per hour on an as needed as scheduled basis set by the Superintendent in accordance with ORC 3391.083.
2. That Kayla Mook be issued a full-time contract for the Youth Opportunities Program as EMRP Coordinator beginning January 3, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at \$16.50 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.083.

ROLL CALL: Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board approve the following:

**OUT-OF-
COUNTY/
STATE FIELD
TRIPS**

- a. Engineering Academy - 1/4/24 - Euclid, OH

ROLL CALL: Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Dr. Barrickman that the Board accept the following donation. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded:

DONATIONS

1. Wecall Inc. donated \$750.00 for student training in the Precision Machining & Manufacturing program for the Robot contest.

ROLL CALL: Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Dr. Barrickman that the Board enter into agreements with the following to provide work experience for Youth Opportunities/TANF program students.

YO! WORKSITE AGREEMENTS

Classic Finds
Jefferson Recreation Center
Village of North Kingsville

ROLL CALL: Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Saikaly that the Board approve the removal of several pieces of equipment that is beyond repair and no longer usable for operational needs. It is the Superintendent's recommendation that since the value is below \$2,000 that the Board authorizes the removal of said items from the District's inventory and authorizes the Superintendent to dispose of or cannibalize said items.

INVENTORY

ROLL CALL: Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt the Board

BRICKER

authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Construction Counsel Engagement with Bricker Graydon LLP to assist with construction advice related to capital improvement projects.

GRAYSON LLP

Mr. Saikaly asked if they include any review of the plans. Mr. Wludyga answered yes and they work closely with the OFCC and work with construction projects. That is why we chose them. Mr. Saikaly asked about oversight on the project. Mr. Wludyga answered the construction manager at risk would oversee the project.

ROLL CALL: Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Dr. Barrickman and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an Agreement with Buehrer Group for Design Professional Services.

BUEHRER GROUP

ROLL CALL: Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Saikaly, yes. Motion carried.

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Dr. Waid went over the legislative report with the Board.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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1. Career Night Report

SUPT'S REPORT

Ms. Shean shared that Career Night was December 7, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. We have 135 signatures going to multiple programs. The parents loved it.

Mr. Nesbitt asked what the most popular program was. Ms. Shean stated that Power Sports was most popular followed by Small Animal Care.

Mr. Saikaly asked if we see an increase in numbers from what the kids were doing in previous years. Ms. Shean answered yes. Although she only has last year to compare from her experience. This year we saw whole families and more families go through.

2. Holiday Dinner

Ms. Shean stated that it was a huge success. The kids were excited to volunteer this year.

3. Canned Food Drive

Ms. Shean informed us that the school raised \$3,600 and collected 10,239 items.

Mr. Saikaly asked where do these items go? Ms. Shean answered that they go out to needy families. We helped 15 families this year.

4. Facility Project Update

Mr. Wludyga provided an update on the Facility Project.

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It was moved by Ms. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the meeting be adjourned at 11:39 a.m. with the next Budget Hearing, Organizational & Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

ADJOURNMENT

ROLL CALL: Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Fisher, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes. Motion carried.

President

Treasurer