

ASHTABULA COUNTY TECHNICAL & CAREER CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The meeting of the Ashtabula County Technical & Career Center Board of Education was called to order by President Barrickman on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

Present: Debra Barrickman, Barbara Klingensmith, Eric Nesbitt, William Niemi, Jamie Ortiz, Gus Saikaly, Harlan Waid, Supt. Wludyga, Treasurer Elly, LPN/RN Coordinator Stephanie Miller, Joselyn Ortiz, Joseph Ortiz, Liam Wludyga

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It was moved by Mrs. Klingensmith and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt that the ADOPT AGENDA Board adopt the Agenda for February 19, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, 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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Mrs. Miller presented information about the Super Rapids Grant. The the total grant was \$391,000.00, which will be used for the purchase of new technology. Twenty four computers, TV screens for projection, virtual reality dissection table, virtual reality headsets, virtual reality hospital care, and new desks & chairs were some of the items purchased.

SUPER RAPIDS  
GRANT

Mr. Wludyga commented it is a tremendous upgrade for the program. Mrs. Miller did a great job maximizing the grant. Mr. Wludyga also commented that our program is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ohio and was recognized by a proclamation certificate from Senator O'Brien.

Dr. Waid asked for an update on the Mike Rowe Works Program. Mr. Wludyga answered we are currently working on lesson 7 of 12. Things are going well and he will provide an update at next month's meeting.

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It was moved by Mrs. Ortiz and seconded by Mrs. Klingensmith that the MINUTES minutes of the regular January meeting as sent to all board members prior to this meeting be approved and their reading be dispensed with.

Corrections: Mr. Niemi and Mr. Saikaly added to Oath of Office.

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

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

FINANCIAL  
REPORTS

Premier Savings Deposits

Premier Savings Withdrawals \$750,000.00

Huntington MMAX Deposits

1/31/2024 January MMAX Interest Added to Investments \$4,109.47

Average Interest Rate for January from Huntington Premier Savings: 2.981%

January Interest Earned from Premier Savings: \$13,582.74

Average Interest Rate for January from Huntington MMAX: 3.7%

January Interest Earned from Huntington MMAX: \$4,109.47

Total All Funds Invested as of 1/31/2024: \$9,337,859.78

Interest Earned FTD as of 1/31/2024: \$131,906.79

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

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Mr. Saikaly that bills for January be approved. Vouchers were presented to Board members for their review.

**BILLS**

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

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It was moved by Mrs. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board approve the following new funds:

**NEW FUNDS**

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|---------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. GRIT Program           | 019-9300 | \$312,777.00 |
| 2. GRIT Summer Program    | 019-9400 | \$139,332.31 |
| 3. Skills Trainer Project | 499-9124 | \$11,400.00  |

Dr. Barrickman asked what GRIT stands for. Mrs. Elly answered Growing Rural Independence Together.

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

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Mr. Wludyga, Mrs. Elly, and Ms. Shean met with Sarah Fowler Arthur at the Legislative Conference.

**OFFICIAL  
CORRESP**

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

**PERSONNEL**

1. That the Board accept the resignation of Ta'liyah Hunt, Personal Growth Advisor, effective February 9, 2024.
2. That Connie Allen be issued a full-time contract as yO! Personal Growth Advisor beginning February 5, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at \$16.50 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e).
3. That the following Workforce Development personnel be issued contracts for 2023-2024, on an as needed as scheduled basis by the Superintendent, at the rate listed below pending proper

certification and satisfactory criminal records background check in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e):

Edward Joyce	Machine Trades Instructor	\$22.00/hour
John Tuosto	CNC Instructor	\$22.00/hour

- That the following Workforce Development personnel be issued contracts for 2023-2024 as PRN Instructors, on an as needed as scheduled basis by the Superintendent, at \$25.00 per hour pending proper certification and sufficient student enrollment and satisfactory criminal records background check in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e):

Mallory Moyer

- That the following be issued contracts as substitutes in the areas listed, on an as needed as scheduled basis for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the non-bargaining salary schedule and, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.083:

Shari Esselstyn     Substitute Teacher

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

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It was moved by Mrs. Ortiz and seconded by Mr. Saikaly that the Board approved the following out-of-county/state field trips.

**OUT OF COUNTY/  
STATE FIELD TRIP**

- Horticulture - FFA Floriculture Districts - 3/6/2024 Carrollton, OH
- Horticulture - FFA State Convention - 5/2-5/3/24 Columbus, OH

ROLL CALL:    Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, 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:

**STUDENT JOB  
SITE/DONATIONS/  
YO WORKSITES**

- That the Horticulture program complete a landscaping project for the Grand River Conservation Campus in Rock Creek.

2. That the Board accept the following donation. Letter of appreciation will be forwarded:

Carter Lumber donated paints, stains and other miscellaneous items to the Career Technical Exploration program valued at \$4,500.00 to be used for educational purposes.

3. That the Board enter into agreements to provide work experience for Youth Opportunities students. Funds will be provided pending approval of contract with Area 19/NOCCOG for the Youth Opportunities Program:

H2O Missions, Inc.  
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ROLL CALL: Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes.  
Motion carried.

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The Board had the first reading of the 2024-2025 Calendar.

**2024-2025**  
**CALENDAR**

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It was moved by Mrs. Klingensmith and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz that the Board approve the removal of several pieces of equipment that are 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: Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes.  
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc. for the CTE Expansion Project.

**BUEHER**  
**GROUP**  
**AGREEMENT**

Mr. Wludyga commented that this is the official agreement.

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

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Mr. Niemi went over the legislative report with the Board.

**LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT**

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1. Pasta Dinner Review

**SUPT'S  
REPORT**

Mr. Wludyga provided a handout

2. SkillsUSA Regional/State Conference & Eclipse Planning

State Conference is April 9, 2024. The students will be leaving the morning of April 8, 2024. Regional conference will be held at Mahoning County Career & Technical Center on February 23, 2024. Automotive Technology will compete in Canton on February 24, 2024, Carpentry will compete in Richfield, and Electricity will compete on February 22, 2024.

3. Ohio Senate Recognition of Knoedler Program

Mr. Wludyga shared the certificate with the Board.

4. A-Tech Facilities Expansion

There will be bi-weekly meetings. Two Fridays ago, a full day of meetings were held with the Buehrer Group. A decision was made to add a bay door and move some doors.

One week ago, utilities came and utility lines were located.

A flow test was performed and a sprinkler system cannot be supported. There will be a three-hour firewall between buildings.

RFQ is due for commissioning, construction and material testing and hazardous materials today at noon. We received six or seven requests for it.

5. B Building Roofing Projects

Mr. Wludyga provided a handout.

6. City of Conneaut Residential CRA Application - Ryan Marcy - 5 years/40%
7. Mr. Wludyga presented Mrs. Klingensmith with a plaque recognizing her and thanking her for being Board President in 2023.

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 a.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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President

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Treasurer