

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, March 18, 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, Krista Shean, Michael Thornton, Shaelynn Ballard, Bailey Dickson

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It was moved by Mrs. Klingensmith and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the **ADOPT AGENDA** Board adopt the Agenda for March 18, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Saikaly, yes; Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, 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. Ballard and Ms. Dickson gave a PowerPoint presentation about The National Youth Employment Coalition. **NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

Dr. Waid asked how many come from south county. Mrs. Ballard answered 35 from Grand Valley last month. Dr. Waid asked if we have a satellite place. Mrs. Ballard answered that they are working on a site at Mustang Stable and added the south county presence is growing. There is also access to Country Neighbor and all of the public libraries. Mrs. Ortiz asked what the big 6 are. Mrs. Ballard answered:

- Attitude
- Cell Phones
- Social Media

- Initiative
- Drugs
- Relationships

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

Corrected spelling from Jocelyn to Joselyn.

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 Dr. Waid that the financial reports and bills for February including the following investments be approved and that the Board approve resolution to accept the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the Necessary Tax Levies and Certify them to the County Auditor for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024. FINANCIAL REPORTS, BILLS, AND AMOUNTS & RATES

Premier Savings Deposits

Premier Savings Withdrawals

RedTree Investment Group Deposits

2/29/2024 February Interest Added to Investments \$14,417.95

Average Interest Rate for February from Huntington Premier Savings: 2.982%

February Interest Earned from Premier Savings: \$11,714.53

Total All Funds Invested as of 2/29/2024: \$9,348,168.26

Interest Earned FTD as of 2/29/2024: \$158,039.27

Dr. Waid asked about the farm revenue and activity at the farm. Treasurer Elly stated more details and an update will be provided at next month's meeting.

Dr. Waid asked about scholarship amounts and if we thought there would be more applicants if the awards were higher. Mr. Wludyga answered he will look into this and provide an update next month.

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

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Treasurer Elly informed the Board of the movement of funds from MMAX, MBS, and Premier Savings to RedTree and Star Ohio.

REDTREE & STAR OHIO

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Mr. Wludyga shared an email of congratulations from Mary Kate Hastings of the Office of Lt. Governor Jon Husted.

OFFICIAL CORRESP

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

- a. Precision Machining North Competition 3/15/2024 Brecksville, OH.
- b. SkillsUSA State Competitions 4/8-4/10/24 Columbus, OH

OUT OF COUNTY FIELD TRIPS, DONATIONS, WFD TUITION RATES, CALENDAR, INVENTORY, AND INTERTEK PSI AND OSBORN AGREEMENT

Dr. Waid asked when the robot competition is. Mr. Wludyga answered April 27 at Lakeland Community College. Dr. Barrickman asked how many years we have placed first. Mr. Wludyga answered we have won 5 of the last 7 years.

That the Board accept the following donation. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded.

- 1. BWX Technologies, Inc. donated a variety of tooling valued at approximately \$4,000.00 to the Engineering Academy to be used for educational purposes.

Mr. Wludyga commented that the crate was amazing with a lot of valuable equipment. Dr. Waid asked how they got with us. Mr. Wludyga answered Ms. Shean and I visited their facility and told a story about their welding booth. Dr. Waid asked where the facility was. Mr. Wludyga answered Euclid.

That the Board approve Workforce Development tuition rates for 2024-2025 as presented.

That the Board approve the second reading of the proposed 2024-2025

school calendar.

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.

That the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Intertek PSI and Osborn for Environmental Services for the CTE Expansion Project.

Mr. Wludyga stated that we need to make sure we do not have asbestos. We will be reviewing the updated drawings from the architects and keep moving forward. Everyone is pleased with our progress. We are planning to have a groundbreaking ceremony in early June. Currently working on picking a date for that first week after school is out.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

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1. High School Enrollment Projections

**SUPT'S
REPORT**

Ms. Shean stated that we have 503 applications. 413 are placed and those that are not placed are waitlisted. 8 programs are full, 4 are almost full, so possibly 12 will be full in the next couple of weeks. Everything looks really good. Ms. Shean also shared stories of how impactful the delivery of the acceptance letters is. The kids are really emotional about getting into A-Tech. Ms. Shean added that signing night is on April 11, 2024, and the hype around coming here is super exciting.

2. Student Wellness & Success Funds Report

Mr. Wludyga provided a handout that will be posted on the A-Tech website.

3. SkillsUSA State Conference/Eclipse Plan

Mr. Wludyga provided a handout that outlined the plan for the SkillsUSA trip since it will occur during the eclipse.

4. Construction Project Update

Mr. Wludyga stated that the next step is to review the updated drawings. We are working with the utility lines, the main one being gas. We are working with Dominion to see if we should move the main line or branch off with another one.

5. Mike Rowe Works Update

Mr. Wludyga provided a handout. We are now into the final lesson. We are currently the largest school they are working with. Mr. Wludyga is still working to get Mike Rowe to visit campus. Mrs. Ortiz asked what our count is. Mr. Wludyga answered 600 plus students and that all Career Tech labs will complete the program. Starting next year, the Juniors will complete it each year. We are the first high school in Ohio to do it.

6. City of Conneaut Residential CRA Application - Adam & Alissa Holdson - 5 year/40%

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It was moved by Dr. Waid and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code. **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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Board President declared return into regular session at 11:24 a.m. with the **RETURN** Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

March 18, 2024

President

Treasurer