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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 Barrickman on December 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

Present: Debra Barrickman, Barbara Klingensmith, Eric Nesbitt, William Niemi, Jamie Ortiz, Gus Saikaly, Harlan Waid, Supt. Wludyga, Treasurer Elly, Michael Thornton-Ashtabula County District Library, Gavin Smith-AM Higley, Krista Shean, Stefanie Wessell-Gazette Newspapers, Becke Creed-Gazette Newspapers, Brian Haytcher-The Star Beacon, Warren Dillaway-The Star Beacon arrived at 10:10 a.m.

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It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board adopt the Agenda for December 16, 2024.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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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1. Gavin Smith of A.M. Higley gave a presentation regarding the construction project.

**VISITORS/GUESTS**

2. Krista Shean gave a Marketing Campaign Presentation.

3. Mr. Wludyga presented the OSBA Media Honor Roll Award to Stefanie Wessell of Gazette Newspapers.

4. Mr. Wludyga presented the OSBA Media Honor Roll Award to Warren Dillaway of The Star Beacon.

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

B. Premier Savings Deposits

Premier Savings Withdrawal

RedTree Investment Group

11/30/2024 November Interest Added to Investments \$6,150.25

Star Ohio

11/30/2024 November Interest Added to Investments \$28,674.78

Average Interest Rate for November from Huntington Premier Savings: 2.33%

November Interest Earned from Premier Savings: \$4,425.39

Total All Funds Invested as of 11/30/2024: \$13,689,848.18

Interest Earned FTD as of 11/30/2024: \$281,387.57

C. That Bills for November be approved. Vouchers were presented to Board members for their review.

D. That the following funds be approved:

1. Career Tech Ed Equipment Grant 499-9025
2. Super Rapids Grant 499-9125

E. That the Board approve joining the Ohio School Boards Association at an annual membership fee of \$4265.00. 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. (Enclosed)

F. That the Board approve the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund membership at an annual fee of \$250.00 for calendar year 2025. This is a legal expenditure in accordance with ORC 3313.171. It is recommended the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay this annual fee. (Enclosed)

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

FINANCIAL  
REPORTS/BILLS/  
NEW FUNDS  
OHIO SCHOOL  
BOARDS ASSOC/  
OSBA LEGAL  
FUND

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It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the following be approved:

**PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel – The Superintendent recommends the following personnel action:

a. Employment—Resignations (Enclosed)

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Debra Naylor, Administrative Assistant, effective December 9, 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Vanderbilt Robison, Public Safety Instructor, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

b. Employment – Workforce Development (Enclosed)

1. It is recommended that the following Workforce Development personnel be issued contracts for 2024-2025 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 in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e):

Amy Mastaski

c. Employment – Substitute Personnel

1. It is recommended that the following be issued contracts as substitutes in the areas listed, on an as needed as scheduled basis for the 2024-2025 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:

Lindsay Hart

Substitute General Secretary/Switchboard

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 Mrs. Ortiz that the Board approve the following:

**DONATIONS**

2. Donations

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- a. It is recommended that the Board accept the following donations.  
Letters of appreciation will be forwarded.

1. The Mya Women's Center donated \$2,000.00 to the Comfort Zone.
2. Ashtabula Regional Medical Center donated two (2) WOW computer carts to the Nursing Programs.

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 Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Dr. Waid that the Board approve the following:

**REVISED  
POLICIES**

3. Revised Policies – Second Reading (Enclosed)

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

4. New Policy – First Reading (Enclosed)

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

**LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT**

Lame duck sessions meeting and moving some bills along – a few have moved to the Governor's desk for approval.

They anticipate 2 more sessions before the holidays.

HB70 passed and moved on to the Governor's desk – it deals with administering medication to students.

SB293 is about religious instruction time.

HB432 passed and the Governor signed it on Monday.

New leadership expected: Matt Huffman, Speaker of the House  
Rob McColley, Senate President  
Allison Russo, House Minority Leader  
Nickie Antonio, Senate Minority Leader

Comment: Mr. Wludyga mentioned that HB432 is important for us

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because it changes the licensure pathway for Career Tech Instructors.

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1. Career Night Report – 54 Visitors; last year had 135 and 22 applications.
2. Holiday Dinner Report – Handout was given; numbers were down due to the weather.
3. Canned Food Drive Report – it is behind from missing a week of school-four programs qualified for the Holiday Social party as of Friday afternoon.

**SUPT'S  
REPORT**

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

**PRESIDENT  
PRO-TEM**

Dr. Barrickman for the Appointment of President Pro-Tem.

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


Mr. Wludyga presented a plaque to Dr. Barrickman and thanked her for her service.

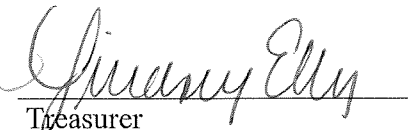
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It was moved by Mr. Niemi and seconded by Dr. Barrickman that the meeting be adjourned at 11:01 a.m. and the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
President

  
Treasurer