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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 Waid on February 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Building B.

Present: Debra Barrickman, William Niemi, Jamie Ortiz, Gus Saikaly, Harlan Waid,
Supt. Wludyga, Treasurer Elly, Logan Pringle (Higley Construction),
Anna Deeter

Absent: Barbara Klingensmith

ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Barrickman and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board adopt the agenda for February 17, 2025.

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

MEETING COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Elly certified Compliance with Meeting Requirements Rules.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS/GUESTS

1. Logan Pringle gave the Board an update on the construction project.
2. Anna Deeter introduced herself and told the Board about teaching at A-Tech.

Comments: The Board asked her some questions about her position.

MINUTES

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS/BILLS/APPROVAL OF TAX BUDGET

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

B. Premier Savings Deposits

<u>Premier Savings Withdrawal</u>	\$500,000.00
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<u>RedTree Investment Group</u>	
1/31/2025 January Interest Added to Investments	\$14,601.18

<u>Star Ohio</u>	
1/31/2025 January Interest Added to Investments	\$27,887.25

Average Interest Rate for January from Huntington Premier Savings:	2.069%
January Interest Earned from Premier Savings:	\$1,909.76

Total All Funds Invested as of 1/31/2025:	\$12,774,057.75
Interest Earned FTD as of 1/31/2025:	\$370,965.15

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

D. Approval of New Fund

1. Culinary Arts Awards 007-9310

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

E. Other – Mrs. Elly presented the FY24 Auditor of State Award to the Board.

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OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Whudyga met with David Thomas and Sarah Fowler Arthur while he was in Columbus attending the CTE Legislative Seminar.

PERSONNEL

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

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

a. Employment—Resignation

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Marsha Croft, Pymatuning Valley Middle School Intro to Computers instructor, effective May 30, 2025, due to retirement.

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

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

b. Employment

1. It is recommended that Sandra Castrilla be issued a part-time contract as Student Support Services for the 2024-2025 school year, on an as needed as scheduled basis, not to exceed two days per week at Step 4 on the Miscellaneous Services non-bargaining salary schedule, in accordance with ORC 3319.083.

c. Employment—Continuing Contracts (Enclosed)

1. It is recommended that Suzanne Pratt, Visual Design & Imaging Instructor, be extended a continuing contract in accordance with the Teachers Negotiated Agreement effective February 17, 2025.
2. It is recommended that Stacey Parker, Academic instructor, be extended a continuing contract in accordance with the Teachers Negotiated Agreement effective February 17, 2025.

d. Employment—Workforce Development

1. It is recommended that the following Workforce Development personnel be

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issued contracts for 2024-2025, 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):

Gregory Strubbe	Fire/EMT Instructor	\$22.00/hour
William Strubbe	Fire/EMT Instructor	\$22.00/hour

2. It is recommended that Philip Prosser be issued a part-time contract as Aspire Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year at \$22.00 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e).
3. It is recommended that Agnes Prosser be issued a part-time contract as yO! GRIT Aide for the 2024-2025 school year at \$18.00 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e).
4. It is recommended that Casie Campbell be issued a part-time contract as yO! Job Monitor for the 2024-2025 school year at \$16.00 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e).
5. It is recommended that Amber Burns, yO! Data Specialist, be issued a \$1,800.00 stipend for increased hours and assistance with career pathways data. All costs paid out of yO!/GRIT funding.

e. Employment—Substitute Personnel

1. It is recommended that the following be issued a contract as substitute in the area 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:

Thomas Kornbau	Substitute Teacher
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ROLL CALL: Waid, yes; Barrickman, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes;
Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIPS

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

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2. Out-of-County/State Field Trips

a. Horticulture/Power Sports/Small Animal	February 20, 2025	Carrollton, OH
b. Precision Machining – North SkillsUSA	February 28, 2025	Brecksville, OH
c. Horticulture – FFA Floriculture DE	March 5, 2025	Magnolia, OH
d. SkillsUSA – State Competition	March 17-19, 2025	Columbus, OH
e. Horticulture – FFA State Contests	March 28-29, 2025	Nelsonville, OH

Comment: Magnolia, OH is southeast of Canton.

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

DONATIONS

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

3. Donations

- a. It is recommended that the Board accept the following donations. Letters of appreciation will be forwarded.
 1. T & C Discount Deals donated twenty-nine (29) hoverboards to the Engineering Academy to be used for educational purposes.
 2. Roaming Rock Marina has donated the below two (2) outboard engines to the Power Sports & Outdoor Equipment program for educational purposes:
 - a. Mercury 150 Optimax
 - b. Evinrude 60
 3. Montrose Chevrolet GMC has donated the below five (5) riding lawn mowers to our Power Sports & Outdoor Equipment program for educational purposes:
 - a. Cub Cadet AGS2150
 - b. Ariens 00
 - c. Troy Bilt Xp
 - d. Huskee SLT 400
 - e. Craftsman 101250040

Comments: Dr. Barrickman asked about the hoverboards and Mr. Wludyga replied that the Engineering Academy will disassemble and reassemble them to make things out of them.

Montrose bought Loudermilk Tractor & Cycle.

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

APPROVE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES WORKSITE AGREEMENTS

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

4. Approve Youth Opportunities Worksite Agreements

- a. The Superintendent recommends that the Board enter into an agreement to provide work experience for Youth Opportunities/TANF program students.

Grand Valley Local School District
a. G.V. Food Services
b. G.V. Maintenance
c. G.V. Technology Department
Orlando Brothers

Comments: Dr. Waid asked if yO! has a hub at Grand Valley. The reply was given that there is only the hub in Ashtabula. We transport our students there.

Dr. Barrickman asked if there is a program for young mothers. Mr. Wludyga replied there is and it is called Steps to Success.

Mr. Saikaly asked what the students will be doing at the Grand Valley worksites. Mr. Wludyga replied they will be doing a variety of jobs and they would also connect with Grand Valley's CBI program.

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

NEW, REVISED & REPLACEMENT POLICIES – SECOND READING

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

5. New, Revised & Replacement Policies – Second Reading

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

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INVENTORY

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

6. Items to be Removed from Inventory

We have several items of instructional nature, several pieces of equipment that are beyond repair or obsolete and no longer usable for instructional or for operational needs. It is the Superintendent's recommendation that since the aggregate valued amount of these items 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:

<u>TAG NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
09094 (WHITE TAG)	LINCOLN PRO CUT 40 PLASMA CUTTING MACHINE
04939 (WHITE TAG)	TRUCK DRIVING SIMULATOR

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

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Niemi reported the 135th General Assembly reintroduced some bills that didn't make it through the last General Assembly.

They are really focusing on the budget. Governor DeWine had a press conference and spoke about the implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP). It will go to the House and Senate and they will make changes to it. We need to be sure we talk to our Representatives and Senator and make sure the FSFP stays because schools are relying on it.

Sarah Fowler Arthur and David Thomas issued a bill to waive 19 hours of AACS students' instruction time due to the roof collapsing. It has passed the Education Committee and will move on to the House and Senate.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Waid – ESC Board PD original date March 11th has been changed to March 24th, but it could possibly be changing again.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1. SkillsUSA Regional/State Conference –
43 students will be participating on 3/18-3/19 in Columbus.
2. A-Tech Facilities Expansion –
Logan Pringle at the beginning of the meeting.
3. City of Conneaut Residential CRA Applications
 - a. Joseph & Lorrie DeNunzio – 5 years/40%
 - b. Renee & Cameron Murchison – 5 years/40%
 - c. Carl & Maryann Anthony – 5 years/ 40%

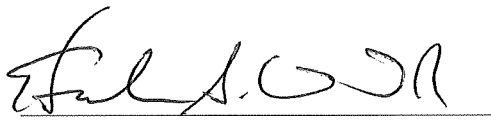
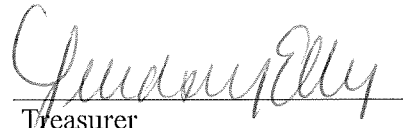
Comment: Mr. Wludyga is delivering testimony tomorrow in Columbus in front of the House of Education Committee regarding the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) at 3:00 or 3:15 p.m. Mr. Wludyga will propose the formation of a committee to study funding Career Tech Facilities. There have only been two career centers funded over the past decade. The goal is to develop a framework for more career centers to be funded for construction projects.

Last week the County Auditor came and talked with the Small Animal Care Students, Early Childhood Education students and Preschool kids. All the preschool kids participated in the coloring contest.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Niemi and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m. and the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, March 17, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

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

	
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