

November 18, 2024

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 November 18, 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

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It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the Board adopt the Agenda for November 18, 2024.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

ROLL CALL: Barrickman, yes; Klingensmith, yes; Nesbitt, yes; Niemi, yes; Ortiz, yes; Saikaly, yes; Waid, 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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A. It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Mr. Niemi that the minutes of the regular October meeting as sent to all board members prior to this meeting be approved and their reading be dispensed with.

**MINUTES**

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

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

**FINANCIAL  
REPORTS/BILLS/  
FIVE-YEAR  
FORECAST**

**B. Premier Savings Deposits**

**Premier Savings Withdrawal**

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RedTree Investment Group

10/31/2024 October Interest Added to Investments \$18,735.31

Star Ohio

10/31/2024 October Interest Added to Investments \$30,980.74

Average Interest Rate for October from Huntington Premier Savings: 2.797%

October Interest Earned from Premier Savings: \$9,090.04

Total All Funds Invested as of 10/31/2024: \$15,595,357.56

Interest Earned FTD as of 10/31/2024: \$174,791.49

Comments: Mrs. Elly went over the updated reports. Dr. Barrickman and Mrs. Ortiz recommended doing it this way quarterly. Mr. Wludyga asked about still doing the paper board folders.

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

D. That the Five-Year Forecast for FY2025-FY2029 be approved.

Comments: Mrs. Elly went over the Five-Year Forecast with the Board.

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

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E. Other – Mrs. Elly provided a handout regarding the amount paid for construction to date. Mrs. Elly informed the Board that she is looking into Bonefish and went over the cost with the Board.

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

a. Employment

1. It is recommended that Rebecca Harvey be extended a one-year 224 day (prorated) limited contract as Administrative Secretary beginning December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and place her at Step 12, on the non-bargaining salary schedule, pending satisfactory criminal records background check in accordance with ORC 3319.083. (Resume Enclosed)

b. Employment – Workforce Development

1. It is recommended that Janette Wright be issued a part-time contract as STNA Coordinator for 2024-2025, on an as needed as scheduled basis set by the Superintendent, at \$31.00 per hour pending sufficient student enrollment, in accordance with ORC 3319.11(1) and 3319.11(e).
2. It is recommended that Nicole Torres-Serrano be issued a full-time contract for the Youth Opportunities Program as Special Grants Aide beginning November 11, 2024 to June 30, 2025 at \$18.00 per hour, pending satisfactory criminal records background check and proper certification, in accordance with ORC 3319.11 and 3319.11(e). (Resume Enclosed)

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:

Scott Buehler	Substitute Teacher
Elaine Kisha	Substitute Teacher
Jennifer Spencer	Substitute Teacher
Richard Trigg	Substitute Teacher

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

- a. It is recommended that the Board accept the following donations. Letters of appreciation will be forwarded.
1. The following companies have donated cash/services for student training in Precision Machining & Manufacturing for the Robobot Contest:

Austinburg Machine, Inc.	\$250.00
Fenton Manufacturing, Inc.	\$500.00
WeCALL, Inc.	\$750.00

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2. Erie Concrete & Steel Supply (ECONSTEEL) donated 2,000 pounds in scrap materials and supplies to the Career Technical Exploration program for educational and training purposes.
3. The Lincoln Electric Company donated ten (10) auto darkening welding helmets to the Career Technical Exploration program for educational and training purposes.
4. Raymond Builders Supply, Inc. donated one (1) cube of standard brick to the Construction Technologies program to be used for educational and training purposes.

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

**YO! WORKSITE  
AGREEMENTS**

**3. 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.

A & W  
ACTS  
America's Best Value Inn  
Ashtabula County Animal Protective League  
Ashtabula County District Library  
Carter Lumber  
Cedars Motel  
Char-Chlo Inc.  
Conneaut Human Resource Center  
Conneaut Township Park  
Country Neighbor  
Dream Center  
Dublin Down  
F.H.I.I.T LLC  
G.O. Ministries  
Goodwill  
Guyreino's Deli  
H2O Missions  
Hairapist  
Hampton Inn  
Healthy Vibes  
Hemp Wick  
Jefferson Community Center  
K9 Kutz

Kelly's Gardens  
La Casa De Frida  
Lake Vibes  
Malcolm Douglas, Atty.  
Martinis  
Metal Massage  
Minnie Miracles  
Pasta Oven  
Rae-Ann Geneva  
Salvation Army  
Spiderweb  
State Street Auto  
Sunset Transportation  
YMCA

Comment: Dr. Barrickman asked if this is an annual thing? Mr. Wludyga answered that some are, yes.

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

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

## INVENTORY

### 4. Items to be Removed from Inventory (Enclosed)

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.

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

### 5. Revised Policies – First Reading (Enclosed)

### 6. Annual Nutrition Report (Enclosed)

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

LEGISLATIVE

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**REPORT**

They have returned and started acting on a few of the bills.

They are trying to add a lot to the bills, but not a lot on the career tech side, more to do with PreK-12.

Mr. Saikaly brought up that there is a lot of discussion on HB8, the bathroom bill, but not much on education.

There is some talk about the way we run the meetings and about how we go into Executive Session. It must be very specific.

They have returned for the lame duck session.

HB216 – There have been hearings on the House side. They can request investigation of school compliances.

HB432 – Is for alternative pathways for career tech teachers to become licensed.

House Primary:

HB411 – This will increase base salary to \$50,000.

SB104 – Single sex bathrooms ready to go to the governor.

HB 496 – Deals with the laws regarding property taxes and the county auditors responsibility.

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1. Sophomore Showcases Thursday, November 21, and Monday, November 25, and Tuesday November 26.
2. Construction Project Update – they have started working on Saturdays.
3. Career Night – December 5, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with an open house.
4. Holiday Dinner – December 12, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is a Holiday “Pasta” Dinner.

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**SUPT’S  
REPORT**

It was moved by Mr. Saikaly and seconded by Mrs. Ortiz that the meeting be adjourned at 10:43 a.m. with a visit to the Adult Nursing Program, and the next Regular Meeting to be held on Monday,

**ADJOURNMENT**

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December 16, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of Building B.

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

Debra Barrickman      Jinady Elly  
President                      Treasurer