

Special Meeting 2/28/22

Board President Jessica Bryant called this special meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Ms. Bryant led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Jessica Bryant, Ms. Debbie Drummond, Ms. Becky Gannon, Mr. Brady Harrison, and Ms. Jamie Murphy

No motion or second were given as the opening roll call is not commonly a resolution.

2022-033 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOARD MINUTES FROM BOTH THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2022, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022.

Ms. Murphy moved to adopt resolution 2022-033. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

At this time, Mr. Steve Easterling, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following items:

- Board policy updates.
- Recent trip to the National ESEA Distinguished School awards conference held in New Orleans, LA on February 16-19, 2022.
- Recent parent-teacher conference attendance.
- Proposed 8th Grade Washington, D.C. field trip.
- Proposed draft of the 2022-2023 school calendar.
- Upcoming Southeast Region Spring OSBA Conference.
- Recent newsletter from the Gallia-Vinton ESC.
- Proposed high school coursebook changes for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Facial coverings on school buses.

2022-034 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES (NEOLA VOLUME 40, NUMBER 1, AND VOLUME 40, NUMBER 2):

POLICIES: 0169.1, 1439, 1530, 1616, 1617, 2271, 2370.01, 3216, 3217, 4216, 4217, 4439, 5111, 5111.02, 5200, 5336, 5350, 5464, 5511, 5516, 5630.01, 5722, 5772, 6110, 6114, 6325, 6423, 7217, 7300, 7450, 8330, 8400, 8462, 8500, 8600, 8651, 8740

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES: 1530, 1630.01, 2260, 2271, 2370.01, 3430.01, 4430.01, 5111, 5111.2, 5200, 5330.04, 5511, 5516, 5722, 6423, 7450, 8330, 8462, 8600

DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF THESE CHANGES SHALL REMAIN ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Ms. Bryant moved to adopt resolution 2022-034. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-035 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 16-19, 2022. ALL ASSOCIATED TRIP REVENUE/EXPENSES WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL FUND (200-9057). REFERENCE PRIOR BOARD RESOLUTION 2021-028 DATED MARCH 8, 2021.

Ms. Drummond moved to adopt resolution 2022-035. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

At this time, Mr. Bradley Miller, Treasurer, updated the Board on the following items:

- Financial ramifications related to the new natural gas pipeline that partially runs within district property lines. Tax year 2020 actual Public Utility (PUPP) valuation for the district was \$10,704,130. Tax year 2021 actual Public Utility (PUPP) valuation for the district was \$34,026,370. This represents a \$23,322,240 increase in valuation, due in large part to the aforementioned new natural gas pipeline. The impact on the school district in actual real dollars is detailed below. Generally speaking, as local PUPP values increase, state aid decreases.

FILED FORECAST	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
State Line Item No and Description					
1.010 General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$1,260,360	\$1,283,400	\$1,295,392	\$1,296,256	\$1,317,960
1.020 Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$223,130	\$228,280	\$233,430	\$238,580	\$243,730
1.035 Unrestricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$10,699,981	\$10,812,503	\$11,053,444	\$11,245,798	\$11,793,113
1.040 Restricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$1,531,161	\$1,677,322	\$2,255,297	\$2,613,575	\$3,052,486
1.050 Property Tax Allocation	\$254,379	\$257,831	\$261,849	\$262,350	\$266,031
Type Total Revenue	\$13,969,011	\$14,259,336	\$15,099,412	\$15,656,559	\$16,673,320
WITH NEW PUPP VALUES	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
State Line Item No and Description					
1.010 General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$1,260,360	\$1,283,400	\$1,295,392	\$1,296,256	\$1,317,960
1.020 Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$465,332	\$703,568	\$708,718	\$713,868	\$719,018
1.035 Unrestricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$10,699,981	\$10,748,496	\$10,860,547	\$10,862,234	\$11,314,180
1.040 Restricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$1,531,161	\$1,675,221	\$2,248,983	\$2,601,107	\$3,037,000
1.050 Property Tax Allocation	\$254,379	\$257,831	\$261,849	\$262,350	\$266,031
Type Total Revenue	\$14,211,213	\$14,668,516	\$15,375,489	\$15,735,815	\$16,654,189
DIFFERENCE	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
State Line Item No and Description					
1.010 General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.020 Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$242,202	\$475,288	\$475,288	\$475,288	\$475,288
1.035 Unrestricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$0	(\$64,007)	(\$192,897)	(\$383,564)	(\$478,933)
1.040 Restricted State Grants-in-Aid	\$0	(\$2,101)	(\$6,314)	(\$12,468)	(\$15,486)
1.050 Property Tax Allocation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Type Total Revenue	\$242,202	\$409,180	\$276,077	\$79,256	(\$19,131)

- Proposed alternative tax budget for FY22.
- Revision to the permanent appropriations and amended certificate financial documents for FY22.
- Selection of financing and a construction contractor for the potential new extracurricular activity buildings next to the middle school/high school. Specifically, Mr. Miller, in accordance with Board Resolution 2022-026 dated 2/7/22, has determined that it is in the best interest of the school district to enter into a lease purchase transaction with JP Morgan Chase Bank at a cost not to exceed \$3,100,000.00, with a 15-year term. Executed copies of said lease purchase transaction shall remain on file in the office of the Treasurer. Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. “shopped” the financing on behalf of the school district. Also, Mr. Miller updated the Board on an upcoming Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding the solicitation and selection of a construction contractor for said project. Qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. on March 29, 2022.
- New Funds/Special Cost Centers needed to account for both the lease purchase debt service and the capital project expenses, as they relate to the potential new extracurricular activity buildings next to the middle school/high school.
- Transfer needed from the General Fund to the newly created lease purchase debt service fund to pay the first interest payment due on 6/1/22 (\$13,113.13).
- January 2022 month-end financial reports.
- Recent notification received from the Auditor of State’s office that they might not be able to offer the district a contract for services to compile the district’s annual financial statements (Local Government Services) moving forward because of staffing issues. If the Auditor of State’s office is unable to provide these services, the district will most likely need to engage with an IPA.
- STAR Ohio (.17%) vs. Peoples Bank (.15%) interest rates and future investment decisions for idle cash.
- Recent letters received from the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas and the Lawrence County Treasurer’s office regarding forfeited property that is located within school district territory. Pursuant to ORC 5723.01(A), the school district has a right to file a petition to acquire said properties, because it is a political subdivision in which the property is located. Given both properties’ location and condition, Mr. Miller advised the Board to pass on attempting to acquire said properties.
- House Bill 51 (Virtual Board Meetings) and potential payment of past board meetings that members have attended virtually.
- The possibility of exploring pricing on procuring and installing backup generators at both the Board of Education offices and all three school buildings for the purpose of having electric, phones, and internet access in the event of a power outage. The current generators at the school buildings only service emergency lighting, HV/AC, alarms, and other essential systems.
- “Award Acceptance and Statement of Assurances” documentation submitted to the Ohio Department of Education for \$272,810 of School Bus Purchase Program grant

money. Mr. Miller has formally advertised for bids for the purchase of four new buses. The bid deadline is Friday, March 11, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

- Updated depository agreements and securities pledged/pooled collateral agreements with Peoples Bank. Mr. Miller felt this was necessary due to Citizens Bank now being Peoples Bank.
- Cindy Scott’s (High School Librarian) application and approval of \$325.00 of LSTA “Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors” (COBAA) grant money for the high school library.

2022-036 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO FILE THE 2021-2022 ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET WITH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE. SIGNED/APPROVED DOCUMENT WILL REMAIN ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER.

Ms. Bryant moved to adopt resolution 2022-036. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-037 RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDED CERTIFICATE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR TO BE FILED WITH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE. SAID DOCUMENTS SHALL REMAIN ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER.

Mr. Harrison moved to adopt resolution 2022-037. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-038 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO CREATE FUNDS/SPECIAL COST CENTERS “LEASE PURCHASE 2022 DEBT SERVICE FUND” (002-9922) AND “FIELDHOUSE/MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FUND” (003-9922) TO ACCOUNT FOR BOTH THE LEASE PURCHASE DEBT SERVICE AND THE CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL NEW EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY BUILDINGS NEXT TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL.

Ms. Murphy moved to adopt resolution 2022-038. Ms. Drummond seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-039 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER:

From		To		Amount
Fund Name	Account Code	Fund Name	Account Code	
General Fund	001-7200-910-0000	Lease Purchase 2022	002-5100-9922	\$ 13,113.13

Ms. Murphy moved to adopt resolution 2022-039. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-040 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE TREASURER FOR JANUARY 2022: CASH RECONCILIATION AS OF 1/31/22, SUMMARY OF ALL FUND/SPECIAL COST CENTER BALANCES, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CHECKS, RECEIPTS, BANK STATEMENTS, DETAILED LISTING OF ALL CURRENT INVESTMENTS, COMPARISONS OF GENERAL AND GRANT FUNDS BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL, AND A REVENUE/EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS FOR THE GENERAL FUND. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ADDITIONAL DETAILED FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE ON FILE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER.

Ms. Murphy moved to adopt resolution 2022-040. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-041 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PEOPLES BANK OF IRONTON, OH FOR GENERAL DEPOSITORY BANKING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AND EXTENDING THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027. SAID RESOLUTION APPROVES BOTH THE "APPLICATION/AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS" AND "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS" DOCUMENTS AS PROVIDED BY PEOPLES BANK. SIGNED/EXECUTED COPIES OF SAID AGREEMENTS SHALL REMAIN ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER.

Mr. Harrison moved to adopt resolution 2022-041. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-042 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER BOTH THE EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Ms. Drummond moved to adopt resolution 2022-042. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

The time was 6:24 P.M.

Mr. Steve Easterling, Superintendent, and Mr. Bradley Miller, Treasurer, were invited into executive session at 6:24 P.M.

Mr. Easterling was excused from executive session at 6:44 P.M.

Mr. Easterling was invited back into executive session at 7:03 P.M.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:04 P.M. with all members present.

2022-043 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF ALEX BARE FROM HIS SUPPLEMENTAL POSITION OF HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ASSISTANT TRACK COACH FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ms. Murphy moved to adopt resolution 2022-043. Ms. Drummond seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-044 RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY SYDNEE CARPENTER AS A PART-TIME/AS-NEEDED AIDE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AT A RATE OF \$12.50/HOUR. THIS RESOLUTION IS TO BE RETROACTIVE TO FEBRUARY 10, 2022.

Mr. Harrison moved to adopt resolution 2022-044. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-045 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF ABBY BARE FROM HER FULL-TIME POSITION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

Ms. Bryant moved to adopt resolution 2022-045. Ms. Drummond seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-046 RESOLUTION EMPLOYING BRITTANY WORKMAN AS A PARENT TRANSPORTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, PENDING COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK, AT THE BOARD-ADOPTED RATE OF PAY OF \$18.00/DAY REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEING TRANSPORTED.

Ms. Bryant moved to adopt resolution 2022-046. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

2022-047 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING UNPAID VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2021-2022 APPLICABLE SEASON PENDING COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK:

TREVOR BARRETT	MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
RICKY WYNN	MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
DONNIE TURNER	MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL
RANDALL KITTS	MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL
DEAN MADER	MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL
CALVIN HANKINS	HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Ms. Drummond moved to adopt resolution 2022-047. Ms. Gannon seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

Ms. Drummond moved to adjourn. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. All members voted yes.

The time was 7:08 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Dawson-Bryant High School.