

Northwest Local Schools

January 10, 2022 Organizational Meeting

The Northwest Board of Education held the Organizational Meeting in the High School Commons at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Mrs. Julia Barkey, Mr. Victor Colaianni, Mrs. Rita Gearheart, Mr. James Gindlesberger, Mr. Adam Tohill, Superintendent Dr. Shawn Braman, Treasurer Dan Levengood and Assistant Treasurer Stef Fakelis.

MISSION STATEMENT

We educate, motivate and inspire each student to achieve his or her highest potential.

VISION STATEMENT

Northwest Local School District: A premier learning organization – the gateway to opportunities

Ohio 38th District Representative Bill Roemer led the swearing in of new board member Adam Tohill and re-elected board members Victor Colaianni and James Gindlesberger.

Mr. Colaianni appointed Mr. Gindlesberger to act as Temporary Chairperson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Gearhart nominated and Mrs. Barkey seconded Mr. Gindlesberger for the office of President.

Mr. Tohill nominated and Mr. Colaianni seconded Mr. Colaianni for the office of President. Mr. Colaianni deferred the nomination.

01.22 Mrs. Gearhart moved that the Northwest Local Board of Education **called for the election of the office of President**. Mrs. Barkey seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mr. Colaianni, aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Gindlesberger was elected to the office of President.

At this time the meeting was turned over to newly elected President James Gindlesberger.

Mrs. Gearhart nominated and Mrs. Barkey seconded Mr. Colaianni for the office of Vice-President.

02.22 Mr. Colaianni moved that the **nominations for the office of Vice-President be closed and moved for the election of office**. Mrs. Gearhart seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mr. Colaianni, abstain. Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motion carried.

03.22 Mr. Tohill moved that **Mr. Colaianni be elected to the office of Vice-President**. Mrs. Gearhart seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mr. Tohill, aye. Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mr. Colaianni, abstain. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motion carried.

Regular Board of Education meetings were set as follows:

- a. Date 4th Monday
- b. Time 7:00 p.m.
- c. Number 12 plus additional as needed
- d. Place To be determined

Mr. Colaianni was appointed as Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Board Association

Mrs. Gearhart was appointed as Student Achievement Liaison.

Mr. Colaianni moved that the Northwest Local Board of Education **approve the following resolutions:**

04.22 Approve the **bond executed by Dan Levengood, in the amount of \$50,000**, and that the cost of such bond be paid for by the school district from the general fund.

05.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to make the payment of salaries and bills** within the designated appropriations.

06.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds for 2022.**

07.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to invest daily balances** with the interest going to the General Fund.

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08.22 **Approve a resolution authorizing and requesting the advancement of local taxes** from the Stark and Summit Auditors for the tax year 2021 payable in 2022 in accordance with O.R.C. section 321.34.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF LOCAL TAXES FROM THE STARK AND SUMMIT COUNTY AUDITOR FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 PAYABLE IN 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. SECTION 321.34.

WHEREAS, the **STARK and SUMMIT** County Auditor has requested that local authorities request advancement of local taxes annually by resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the **STARK and/or SUMMIT** County Auditor's Office is hereby authorized and requested to advance any and all local taxes to the Northwest Local School District for the year 2021, payable in 2022, to the extent appropriate and feasible.

SECTION 2. That the Treasurer of the Board be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Auditor of **STARK and SUMMIT** County, Ohio.

SECTION 3. That this resolution was adopted and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the reason that the Northwest Local School District is dependent on the immediate advance of the tax funds to balance its budget in 2021 and 2022, and shall take effect upon its adoption by The Board, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

09.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as deemed necessary** to meet the obligations, as needed, pending receipt of revenues.

The Board of Education hereby determines that it may be necessary to borrow money in the anticipation of collection of current revenues, and

Whereas, said Board is authorized by law to borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of the collection of such revenue, which is deemed appropriated for the payment of such notes at maturity.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in anticipation of the receipt of such money and for the purpose of meeting payment of current operating demands, this Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District borrow as permitted by statute with interest at the prevailing rate for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

It is Further Resolved, the Treasurer arrange for the borrowing of such amount under the conditions herein noted, and that he be and is authorized to execute and deliver notes therefore to secure the same, and place the money thus obtained to the account of the proper fund in the Treasury of the School District.

10.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to establish a Service Fund** in accordance with O.R.C. 3315.15.

11.22 **Authorize the Treasurer to make transfers**, with Board approval, as deemed necessary throughout 2022.

12.22 **Establish the maximum amount of a blanket purchase order at \$25,000.00** and the limit on a super blanket purchase order at \$300,000.00

Mrs. Barkey seconded the motions and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mr. Colaianni, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motions carried.

Mrs. Gearhart moved that the Northwest Local Board of Education **approve the following resolutions:**

13.22 **Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment** directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this article shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

14.22 **Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations** which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

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15.22 **Authorize the Superintendent or his designee to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.**

16.22 **Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the prevailing wage coordinator for the school district.**

17.22 **Authorize the Superintendent, as the Board's designee, to approve tuition students.**

18.22 **Authorize the Superintendent, as the Board's designee, to approve the release of a student to another district for transportation.**

19.22 **Authorize the Superintendent, as the Board's designee, to approve students applying for enrollment under the Grandparent Exception law.**

20.22 Authorize the Superintendent to **approve professional leave** that does not exceed a cost of \$700 to the general fund of the district.

21.22 **Authorize the Superintendent to notify those administrators whose contracts are expiring of their opportunity to meet with the board in accordance with O.R.C.**

22.22 **The Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to select and employ legal counsel** and to initiate legal action to protect and/or defend the interests of the Board/District. Such actions may include but are not limited to appeals of tax issues, workers' and unemployment compensation, litigation and actions before administrative agencies.

Mrs. Barkey seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mr. Colaianni, aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motions carried.

23.22 Mr. Colaianni moved that the Northwest Local Board of Education **compensation for board members remain the same as per the Ohio Revised Code.** Mrs. Gearhart seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mr. Colaianni, aye. Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mrs. Barkey aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motion carried.

24.22 Mr. Colaianni moved that the Northwest Local Board of Education **adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 7:17 p.m.** Mrs. Barkey seconded the motion and upon the roll call the result was as follows: Mr. Colaianni, aye. Mrs. Barkey, aye. Mrs. Gearhart, aye. Mr. Tohill, aye. Mr. Gindlesberger, aye. Motion carried.

President James Gindlesberger

Treasurer Dan Levensood