

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to its rules, the Austintown Board of Education of the Austintown Local Schools met in the Austintown Middle School Cafeteria at 4:30 PM Work Session, and 5:00 PM Regular Session on Thursday, January 14, 2021. In light of the Ohio Department of Health's 3/22/20 Stay At Home Order and the Attorney General's 3/13/20 opinion, the Board members appeared via video or teleconference with the meeting live streamed in the Austintown Middle School Cafetorium.

Board Members

Mr. Don Sherwood, President  
Mrs. Robin Krempasky, Vice President  
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Member  
Mr. Harold Porter, Member  
Mrs. Kimberly Smrek, Member

Administration

David Cappuzzello, Superintendent  
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

2021-1/14-1 Call to Order

The Work Session was called to order at 4:00 PM with all members present.

2021-1/14-2 Work Session

- Board Policy - RK
- District Projects - MBostian
- Diversity - DC

2021-1/14-3 Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

2021-1/14-4 Recall to Order

The Regular Session was recalled to order at 5:00 PM with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Vision/Mission Statement was read by Mr. Porter

2021-1/14-5 Staff Recognition

- Falcon Fives - 5 Star Step Up to Quality Award Winner  
Holly Welch, Director of Falcon Fives

2021-1/14-6 Building Reports

Building Reports were given from the following building administrators:

Fitch Timothy Kelty, Building Principal  
AMS Emily Guarineri, Assist. Principal

AIS Tim Pappagallo, Assist. Principal  
AES Holly Welch, Assist. Principal

2021-1/14-7 Agenda Approval

Mrs. Krempasky moved to approve the agenda for the 1/14/2021 Board of Education Regular January session. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-8    Public Comment - Limited to no more than 3 min. per speaker, 30 minutes total (Board Policy BDDH; KD)  
None

2021-1/14-9    Treasurer's Consent Report

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the following Items A-F by Consent Action\*:

- A. Minutes from the Board of Education Meetings held on 12/17/20
- B. Approve the December, 2020 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- C. Approve the December, 2020 Month End Financial Report
- D. Approve Fiscal Year 2021 Amended Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources.
- E. Approve (Exhibit A) Purchase Orders over \$15,000, and Transfers for the month as submitted
- F. Donation to the District
  - \$1,000 from Anonymous Donor in memory of Irwin and Diane Gittlin
  - \$330 from Austintown Basketball Boosters for Practice Jerseys
  - \$986 from austintown Basketball Boosters for Freshman Uniforms
  - \$100 from Marine Corps League Det. No.494 for Fitch Concert Choir

The following donations are designated for Student Meal Charges:

- \$500 from Greenwood Chevy
- \$200 from Century 21 Lakeside Realty
- \$500 from Austintown School Employees Credit Union
- \$50 from Farmers National Bank
- \$50 from Anonymous Donor

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-10    Superintendent's Consent Report

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Personnel Item A by Consent Action\*:

- A. Personnel
  - a. Resignations
    - Mallory Silvestri, resignation from Head Boys Tennis Coach effective 12/4/2020; personal
    - Michael Fiorenza, Sweeper Cleaner effective 1/7/21; personal
  - b. Resignation for purpose of retirement
    - Sue DeToro, Secretary; effective 2/1/21 after 23 years of service
    - Arlene Curran, Secretary; effective 2/1/21 after 25 years of service
  - c. Transfers - OAPSE Personnel
    - Sarah Tharp from AES Food Service 3-hour to AIS Food Service 3-hour (10:30 AM - 1:30 PM) replacing Pat Biggs; effective 1/4/21
  - d. Appointment of OAPSE Bargaining Unit Personnel
    - Louis Pagliaro, Bus Driver effective 1/4/21
    - Jennifer Agnone, AIS Food Service worker 2.5 hours (10:45 AM - 1:15 PM) replacing Kristi Grimm; effective 1/5/21

- Katelyn Thornton, AES Food Service worker 3 hours (10:45 AM - 1:45 PM) replacing Sarah Tharp; effective 1/13/21
- e. Appointment of Long Term Teaching Substitute
  - Kelsey Schuster, AMS Intervention Specialist; effective 1/6/21
- f. Appointment of MVRCOG Personnel
  - Nicole Morrison, Bus Washer for the 2020-2021 school year
- g. Athletic Supplementals  
 The following positions were offered to school employees and no employee made application:
  - Robert Jones, Assist. Freshman Softball Coach; 5.5% (MOU)
  - Becki Spalding, Assist. Freshman Softball Coach; 5.5% (MOU)
  - John Drummond, Assist. Freshman Baseball Coach; 5.5% (MOU)
- h. Appointment of Athletic Event Workers; \$12.50 per hour
  - Melissa Keish; effective 12/17/20
- i. Appointment of Classified Substitute Personnel effective 1/4/2021
  - Brenda Markley            Paraprofessional
  - Austin Mraz                Custodial
  - Alisha Harris               Custodial
  - Elizabeth Tomory          Food Service
  - Julie Hamilton             Food Service
- j. District Intern
  - John Andamasaris with Athletic Trainer Daniel Wedding per Youngstown State University Agreement; effective 1/5/21
- k. Leave Requests
  - Andrew Overman, Transportation; extended unpaid sick leave through 1/31/21
  - Pamela Spears, Transportation; extended sick leave from 1/4/21 - 2/1/21
  - Jaclyn Senich, AMS Teacher; unpaid leave effective 1/25/21-4/1/21
  - Kylee Herberger, FHS Teacher; FMLA leave effective 1/4/21 - 3/8/21
  - Carly Griffin, AIS Teacher; FMLA parental leave effective 1/4/21-4/12/21
  - Kerry Blakeman, AES Teacher; special request for unpaid leave 3/25 and 3/26/21

Mrs. Krempasky seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

#### 2021-1/14-11 COVID-19 Exemption for Ohio ES - 2020-2021

Mrs. Krempasky moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the Covid-19 Exemption in OhioES for all educators for the 2020-2021 Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System. Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-12 Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to direct the Superintendent to notify the Ohio Department of Education that the Austintown Local School District will again be an Open Enrollment district in the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, No; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-1).

2021-1/14-13 Building Use Permit -Vex Robotics Competition/MCESC

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve co-hosting the Vex Robotics Competition, along with the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, in the Fitch gymnasium on Friday, February 12, 2021 from 7:30 AM-4:00 PM. Proceeds collected from the event will be split between Austintown Fitch and the MCCTC to benefit robotics projects. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-14 Service Agreement - Suburban School Transportation Company (SSTC) 2020-2021

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the service agreement by and between Suburban School Transportation Company, Inc. ( SSTC) and the Austintown Local School District for pupil transportation on an as needed case by base basis effective 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-15 Memorandum of Understanding-Kent State College Credit Plus Program 2021-2022 SY

Mrs. Krempasky moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and between Kent State University and the Austintown Local School District to participate in the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) with Kent State University. This agreement is in effect for the 2021-2022 academic year. Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-16 Tournament Site Confirmation - Wrestling at Fitch High School

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Tournament Site Confirmation Agreement by and between the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Austintown Local School District for the D1 Sectional Wrestling tournament to be held at Fitch High School on February 27, 2021. All Covid 19 restrictions and tournament regulations will be followed. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-17 OHSAA Tournament Site Agreement- Terms and Conditions 2020-2021 SY

Mrs. Krempasky moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Agreement by and between the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Austintown Local School District in accordance with the OHSAA Tournament Site Agreement General Terms and Conditions for the 2020-2021 school year for Wrestling. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-18 Day, Date, Time, and Location of the February 2021 Regular Session Board Meeting

Mrs. Smrek moved that the next Board of Education meeting be Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Austintown Middle School Cafeteria for a 4:00 PM Work Session to be followed by a 4:30 PM Regular Session. Mrs. Krempasky seconded the motion as the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2021-1/14-19 Treasurer's Comments2021-1/14-20 Superintendent's Comments2021-1/14-21 Board Member's Comments2021-1/14-22 Adjournment

Mrs. Krempasky moved to adjourn at 5:33 PM. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Krempasky, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).



Mr. Sherwood, President  
Austintown Board of Education



Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer  
Austintown Board of Education

Those in Attendance: Thomas DeLuca, Jr.