

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

The Austintown Board of Education met pursuant to its rules on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM for a Work Session w/Executive Session at the Central Office and at 5:30 PM for a Regular Session at Austintown Middle School.

Board Members

Mr. Alex Benyo, President  
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Vice President  
Mr. Kenneth Jakubec, Member  
Mr. Harold Porter, Member  
Dr. David Ritchie, Member

Administration

Superintendent Vincent Colaluca  
Assist. Superintendent Jeremy Batchelor  
Treasurer MaryAnn Herschel  
Assist. Treasurer A.J. Ginnetti

2017-1/11-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM with all members present.

2017-1/11-2 Executive Session

Mrs. Mock motioned to recess to Executive Session at 1:05 PM for discussion with regards to employment of personnel. Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0). The Board returned to Work Session at 4:30 PM with all members present

2017-1/11-3 Work Session - Topics for Discussion

- 1) Open Enrollment - Committee Report - Documents - Guidelines
- 2) District Survey - Brittany Bueno

The Board recessed at 5:00 PM for the Organizational Meeting at Austintown Middle School. The Organizational meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. The Organizational Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

2017-1/11-4 Recall to Order - Regular Session

The Regular Session was called to order by the newly elected President Alex Benyo, at 5:25 PM at Austintown Middle School. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Mission Statement were read.

2017-1/11-5 Student Recognition

Fitch Football Team - Top 5 ranking as an OHSFCA Academic All-Ohio team.

2017-1/11-6 Presentation

Fitch Auditorium Renovation - Tracy Kaglic, Ray Jaminet, and Phil Jaminet,

2017-1/11-7 Building Reports

FHS - Assist. Principal Mike Sauner  
AIS - Assist. Principal Angel Owens

AMS - Building Principal Jim Penk  
AES - Building Principal Tom Lenton

2017-1/11-8 Department Reports

Jeremy Batchelor, Assistant Superintendent

2017-1/11-9 Agenda Approval

Mr. Jakubec motioned to amend the agenda with Addendum #21 and Addendum #22. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-10 Public Speak Segment #1 - Specific Item on 1/11/17 Agenda

No speakers

2017-1/11-11 Treasurer's Report\*

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the following Items A-D by Consent Action\*:

- A. Approve minutes from 12/14/16 Board of Education meeting
- B. Approve monthly Financial Statement for December, 2016
- C. Purchase Orders over \$5,000, and Transfers for the month as submitted.
- D. Authorize the Treasurer to request advances from the Mahoning County auditor's office from the current collection of taxes for the first and second half collection of the current year.
- E. Correction: Approve the resolution for the Board of Education to reserve the right of approval for the purchase of certain goods or services (*excluding* utilities, fuel and food products) in excess of the \$5,000 with the provision that in exceptional circumstances, due to Board meeting dates, approval may be granted by the Board President or Vice President.

Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-12 Superintendent's Report\*

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Items A and B by Consent Action\*

- A. Personnel
  - 1. Resignations:
    - a) Carlo Trafficante, AMS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach effective 12/28/16
    - b) Alan Mikovich, Fitch Assistant Football Coach; effective 11/1/16
  - 2. Appointments:
    - a) Kathy Zatchok, Bus Driver; effective 12/19/16
    - b) Carol Kuchta, Math Lead Teacher supplemental at AES; 5%; effective 12/14/16
  - 3. Transfers:
    - a) Jim Gibson from Sweeper Cleaner at AES to Custodian at AMS; 12 month; 8 hours (4:00 PM - 12:00 AM); replacing Scott Packer; effective 1/2/17

- b) Jaclyn Iagulli from Sweeper Cleaner at AES/AIS to Paraprofessional/Bus Aide at AES; 9 months; 5.75 hours/day; (6:45 AM to 12:30 PM); replacing Kathy Wolfe; effective 1/2/17

4. Leave of Absence

- a) Peggy Gannon, 1.75 days of unpaid leave; effective 1/9/17

5. Intervention Tutors - \$16 per hour; limited to no more than 5.75 hours per day or an average of 28.75 hours per week; effective 1/2/17

- a) Alyssa Lanzo                      AIS
- b) Mary Wundrow                      Fitch

6. Long Term Substitute Teaching Personnel

- a) Megan Page for Laura Mistovich at Fitch; effective 12/2/16
- b) Abigail Cook for Amanda Laird at AMS; effective 1/11/17

7. 2016-2017 Event Staff Workers:

Pay will vary by assignment, level, and length of contest (Varsity/Junior Varsity/Freshman); approximately \$10/hour; \$20-\$100 per event:

- a) Dr. Jim Shina
- b) Dr. JJ Stephancin
- c) Dr. Christopher Raymond
- d) Jacob Cappezuto

8. Athletic Supplementals

- a) Steve Ward, Fitch Head Softball ; 18%
- b) Jerry Bruff, Fitch Assist. Softball; 11%
- c) Randy Rininger, Fitch Assist. Boys Tennis; 9%

The following supplemental positions were offered to school employees and no employee made application. Percentages for non-AEA personnel are based on the Non-Degreed, 0 years experience salary amount:

- d) Julie Walker, AMS Girls Head Track Coach (Red); 10%
- e) Robert Jones, Fitch Co-Assist. Softball; 5.5%
- f) Becki Spalding, Fitch Co-Assist. Softball; 5.5%

9. Academic Supplemental

- a) Angela Baker      New Hire Mentor for Darla Little; 2%

B. Student Trip

- a) Fitch Baseball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate in the Mingo Bay Baseball Classic Tournament 4/7/17 to 4/14/17; transportation provided by parents; all expenses paid by Baseball Boosters organization through fundraising activities; parent and coaches to be used as chaperones. Contact Person: Head Coach Joseph Paris

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-13 Bus Washing Bid

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the recommendation to award the bus washing bid to Dan Morar, III in the amount of \$6500 to be paid through the MRCOG in five (5) monthly installments of \$1300 each; effective January 2, 2017 through May 31, 2017. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-14 OSBA Media Honor Roll

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the recommendation to recognize the following reporters to the 2016 OSBA Media Honor Roll for their ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of reporting on the Austintown Local Schools:

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| Amanda Tonoli | The Vindicator |
| Kate Keller   | WFMJ           |
| JT Whitehouse | The Town Crier |

Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-15 Open Enrollment for 2017-18

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the recommendation 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 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, No; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (4-1). A public forum for the community is scheduled for January 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Fitch Auditorium for questions and answers regarding Open Enrollment.

2017-1/11-16 OSBA Web Based Policy Conversion Service

Mrs. Mock motioned to approve the recommendation for renewal of the OSBA Web Based Policy Conversion Service which provide board policy review, modification, materials, distribution, document conversions, and customized manual on CD-ROM at a fee of \$1550 for one year from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-17 Mahoning Valley Skywarn

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the recommendation for Mahoning Valley Skywarn to use the Fitch auditorium for the purpose of tornado spotting training with a meteorologist from the Cleveland National Weather Service on Wednesday, 4/19/17 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Building use fees will be waived for this community service training. Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-18 Resolution-Security Detail Pay Rate for FOP

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the resolution

*Whereas* an agreement has been reached between the Austintown Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 126 and the Austintown Board of Education regarding the rate of pay for Security Details for police officers at school functions including security details during the school day and all after school functions and events.

*Therefore be it resolved* pending approval by the Austintown Board of Education the rate of pay for Security Details shall \$25.00 per hour effective for five (5) years effective 2/1/17 to 1/31/22.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-19 Resolution-Booster Organization Operations

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the resolution

*Whereas* all 501.C3 non-profit booster organizations and school support groups may operate and be permitted to use the school's name and district logo as they seek student enrichment and strive to reach educational goals, and

*Whereas* the following booster organizations and school support groups shall provide annual financial reports for money that flows in and out of the club coffers, and

*Whereas* the Austintown Board of Education shall not oversee the financial operations of booster organizations or school support groups.

*Therefore be it resolved that* the following groups, any existing group, or any group that comes into existence during the upcoming school year be approved in accordance with adopted Board Policy KMA – Relations with Booster Organizations, and the Booster Organization Handbook:

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| Austintown Boosters | Choir Parents        | Girls Basketball |
| (Falcon Forward)    | Falcon Swim Team     | Girls Soccer     |
| Band Parents        | Boosters             | Girls Volleyball |
| Baseball Boosters   | Fitch Bowling        | Mat Boosters     |
| Boys Basketball     | Fitch Pitch Boosters | Touchdown Club   |
| Boys Soccer         | Football Parents     |                  |

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-20 Resolution-Issuance and Sale of Bonds

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the resolution providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$3,780,000 for the purpose of refunding for debt charges savings certain of the school district's outstanding classroom facilities improvement bonds, Series 2010B (Federally Taxable - Build America Bonds - Direct payment), Dated September, 1 2010. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-21 Addendum #1Dr. Ritchie Legacy Foundation

Mrs. Mock motioned to approve the resolution

*Whereas* it is the intention of this Board of Education to establish the Dr. David Ritchie Legacy Foundation, and

*Whereas* the vision, mission, and goal of the Dr. David Ritchie Legacy Foundation will be to recognize and contribute to the promotion of his example of strong leadership, unselfish community service, and commitment to realizing academic excellence in the Austintown Schools for students, staff and faculty.

*Therefore let it be known* that from this day forward the Dr. David Ritchie Legacy Foundation will be established.

Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-22 Donation to Dr. Ritchie Legacy Foundation

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the resolution to accept the donation of \$2,000 from Mr. Jay Morgan in the name of the Dr. David Ritchie Legacy Foundation. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-23 Date, Time, Location for February 2017 Regular Session Board Meeting

Mrs. Mock motioned to approve Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM at Austintown Middle School for the February regular session of Board of Education meeting. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

2017-1/11-24 Public Comments Segment 2 - Topic of Speakers Choice

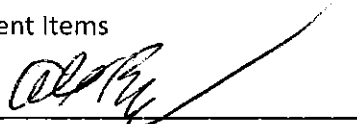
No speakers

2017-1/11-25 Board Comments

2017-1/11-26 Adjournment

Mr. Jakubec motioned to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Benyo, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The vote carried (5-0).

\*Consent Items



Alex Benyo, President  
Austintown Board of Education



Mary Ann Herschel, Treasurer  
Austintown Board of Education

Those in Attendance: Barb Tomic, Sandra Thorndike, Nicole Ruggles, Sue Bonanno, Tami Franklin, Kristin Havaich, Bonnie Sovik, Andrea Fabrizio, Debra Shelley, Kerry Blakeman, Tamara Deeley, Kelley Ferguson, Thomas Lenton, Robin Vickers, Timothy Kelty, Janet Polish, Alan Pflug, Christian Torres, Leah Beatty, Eben Byers, Jr., Chrystal Lordi, Allison Dillon, Faith Abend-Meyer, James Scott, Thomas Lenton, Jim Penk, Angel Owens, Kay Wilson, Gerry Williams, Rachel Smith, Randy Smith, Jr., William Hollis, Stephanie Foley, Cynthia Clemens, Grace Offerdahl, Maddie Hynes, Ashley Klepec, Lauren Good, Mike Sauner, Mollie Richard, Wendy Lin, Payton Ciolli, Nick D'Amico, Briasia Martin, Rodneqwa Beebs, Hunter Klaus, Trevor Hykes, Michala S (illegible), Selby Johnson, Keith Johnson, Jacob Ruscitti-Smith, Rebecca Kielbasa, Emily Haggerty, Taylor Eckelberger, Samantha Tofil, Tyler (illegible), Heidi Jo Thomas