

Austintown Board of Education

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Work Session 3:00 PM
Regular Session 5:00 PM

Central Office Conference Room
Austintown Middle School Cafeteria

700 S. Raccoon Rd.
800 S. Raccoon Rd.

Board Members

Mrs. Kim Smrek, President
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Vice President
Mr. Fred Marcum, Member
Mr. Harold Porter, Member
Mr. Don Sherwood, Member

Administration

David Cappuzzello, Superintendent
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

Vision and Mission Statement of the Austintown Schools

The Austintown Local School District is a united community with a proud legacy and a progressive approach to education. We provide an inspiring education that strengthens and prepares our students for unlimited future opportunities.

1. Call to Order

Time: _____

Mr. Marcum, P/A; Mrs. Mock, P/A; Mr. Porter, P/A; Mr. Sherwood, P/A; Mrs. Smrek P/A

2. Work Session Topics for Discussion

- Virtual VELLO - KM
- Facilities-KS
- Calendar 2022-2023 SY-KS
- Graduation 2023-KS

3. Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

- ____ Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee
- ____ Investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student
- ____ To confer with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- ____ To prepare or conduct negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- ____ To consider legal matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes
- ____ To consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, or production techniques.
- ____ To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education

Motion to recess for Executive Session made by _____ at ____:____ AM/PM Seconded by _____

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

4. Recall to Order

Returned to Regular Session at ____:____ AM/PM

- Pledge of Allegiance and Vision/Mission Statement Read by: _____

5. Agenda Approval

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the agenda for the 2/17/2022 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

6. Public Comments - Speakers limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker; 30 minutes total-BDDH:KD

7. Building Reports

Austintown Fitch High School -Sal Maiorana, Assistant Building Principal

Austintown Middle School - Emily Guarnieri, Assistant Building Principal

Austintown Intermediate School - Dr. Dorothy Reppy, Assistant Building Principal

Austintown Elementary School - Cathy Dorbish, Building Principal

8. TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the following Items A-C by Consent Action:

A. MINUTES

1. Organizational Meeting held on 1/13/2022
2. Regular Session held on 1/13/2022

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. January, 2022 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
2. January, 2022 Month End Forecast Report
3. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and Transfers for the month as submitted
4. 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.

C. DONATIONS

1. 4000 facemasks from Shepherd of the Valley for distribution within the Austintown Local School District
2. \$55.50 from Jones and Associates to Fitch Choir for Online Store
3. \$250 from Orvill Simons, Jr. to Athletics towards scoreboard purchase
4. \$500 from Austintown Basketball Boosters to Athletics towards scoreboard purchase
5. \$200 from Austintown Fitch Girls Basketball Boosters towards scoreboard purchase
6. \$50 from American Legion Post 177 to Fitch Concert Choir
7. \$1,500 from Austintown Mat Boosters to Athletics towards TVs, stands, cable, and scoreboard purchases

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Items A-B by Consent Action:

A. PERSONNEL

1. District Resignations

- a. Dane Smith, Sweeper Cleaner; effective 2/4/2022; job change
- b. Aubrey Martin, Food Service; effective 2/25/2022; personal
- c. Jason Pavone, Sweeper Cleaner; effective 1/31/22; job change
- d. Andrew DeNiro, AMS Assistant Football Coach effective 2022-2023 SY
- e. Cathy Brancaccio, AMS Gr. 7 and 8 Cheerleading Coach effective 2022-2023 SY

2. District Resignations - Retirement

- a. Jeffrey A. Gessler, Physical Education Teacher; retirement after 23 years of service; effective 8/1/2022
- b. Sandra Thorndike, Special Education Director; retirement after 35 years of service; effective 7/1/2022

3. LEAVE REQUESTS - Contractual

- a. Sarah Ziemianski Unpaid leave for the rest of the 2021-2022 school year
- b. Jolene Mang Unpaid leave until 5/1/2022
- c. Susan Roberts Unpaid days 3/28/22, 4/25/22, and 4/26/22

4. APPOINTMENTS-Bargaining Unit

AEA

- a. Revision of Salary Column from M to M30 for Michael Hornyak, K-12 Art Teacher; first approved on 5/20/21 agenda

OAPSE

- a. Michael Parise Bus Driver, 9 month, 3.5 hours per day effective 2/8/2022
- b. Michelle Powell Bus Driver, 9 month, 3.5 hours per day effective 2/16/2022
- c. Hannah Meech Food Service at AIS, 9 month, 3 hours per day, replaces Krista Dunlap effective 2/8/2022
- d. Heather Scott Paraprofessional-Lunch/Recess Monitor at AIS, 9 month, 5.75 hours per day, replaces Heather McGahagan effective 2/14/2022

5. SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS - ACADEMIC

- a. Renee Houser District Coordinator of Summer School 2022; 10%

6. SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS - ATHLETIC

- A. 2022-2023 SY Athletic Supplemental Positions held by AEA Members (*) denotes % plus earned longevity; (**) denotes maximum longevity has been reached

FITCH

- a. Julie Williams Head Cheerleading Advisor; 12%
- b. Robert Lape Head Boys Cross Country Coach; 19.5%**
- c. Amy Diefenderfer Head Girls Cross Country Coach; 19.5%**
- d. Melissa Pezzuolo Danceline Advisor; 8%
- e. Seth Steiner Football Offensive Assistant Coach; 15%**

- f. Joseph McMahon Football Co-Defensive Coordinator Coach; 15.5%*
- g. Nico Mancuso Football Co-Defensive Coordinator Coach; 12.5%
- h. Anthony Parker Football Head Coach; 23%*
- i. Samantha Marscio Head Girls Soccer Coach; 19%*
- j. Mallory Silvestri Assistant Girls Tennis Coach; 9%
- k. Steven Ward Head Girls Tennis Coach; 13%*
- l. Jody Bartlett Head Volleyball Coach; 23%**

AMS

- m. John Hudson Head Boys Cross Country Coach; 13%*
- n. Melody Ward Head Girls Cross Country Coach; 10%
- o. John Burd Head Football Coach; 15%**
- p. Brian Forgac Assistant Football Coach; 12%*
- q. Alexis Rice Grade 8 Volleyball Coach; 10%
- r. Alexis Rice Grade 7 Volleyball Coach; 10%

7. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

- a. Brian Dew Fitch ESSER III Grant-funded Math Intervention Tutor; \$20/hour effective 1/18/2022
- b. Sydney Ferguson AIS Title I Grant- Funded Aide; not to exceed 5.75 hours per week, \$16.50 per hour effective 2/18/2022
- c. Kari Knight Home Instruction Tutor; limited to 3-4 hours per week; effective 2/16/22 for the balance of the 2021-2022 school year

8. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

Non-Teaching

- a. Brian Crump Transportation Sub Bus Aide; effective 2/7/2022
- b. Michelle Powell Transportation Sub Bus Aide; effective 2/15/22

9. VOLUNTEERS

- a. Cara Hahn Wheelchair Basketball
- b. Mason Suchora Golf

B. Student Camps

- 1. Fitch Softball Travel Ball Skills Camp for Grades 6, 7, 8 in the Fitch Gyms
3/7/22 from 5-6:30 PM; 3/9/22 from 6-7:30 PM; 3/11/22 from 6-7:30 PM
Cost \$30 Contact: Steve Ward, Coach
- 2. Falcon Softball Youth Camp
3/12/22 and 3/13/2022 from 9-11 AM for ages 8 and 9 year olds
3/12/22 and 3/13/22 from 11-1 PM for ages 10,11, and 12 year olds
Cost \$30 Contact Steve Ward, Coach

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

10. AGREEMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Agreement by and between **ACCESS** and Austintown Local Schools (User)

Whereas, ACCESS agrees to furnish and User agrees to purchase application services, as outlined in Exhibit A, and

Whereas, User agrees to obtain, at its own expense, any computer and electronic equipment necessary for receipt of services at its facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Agreement shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$91,995.13.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

11. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and between **Eastern Gateway Community College** and **Austintown Fitch High School** to participate in their Dual Credit Program allowing high school students to enroll in college level courses offered by Eastern Gateway Community College, and simultaneously to earn credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or certificate. The term of this MOU is one (1) year commencing on May 31, 2022 for the 2022-2023 Academic year.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

12. RESOLUTION-United Way VELLO

Approve the following resolution

Whereas, **VELLO**, is a program funded by *United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley* and the Austintown Board of Education as outlined below, and

Whereas, VELLO is an innovative online tutoring program that gives students an extra dosage of reading. VELLO uses safe and locked down technology to facilitate 1:1 reading sessions between a volunteer and a student through screen sharing and audio in their classroom guiding them as they read, and

Whereas, VELLO works to support a classroom and teacher (s) with literacy resources and caring vetted volunteers to guide students in a 1:1 virtual setting.

Therefore Be It Resolved, effective 2/14/2022 for the balance of the 2021-2022 school year and continuing into the 2022-2023 school year and beyond, the Austintown Board of Education approves participation in the VELLO program.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

13. RESOLUTIONS

The Austintown Board of Education does hereby approve the following resolutions:

1. *Whereas*, The Austintown Board of Education approves the resolution establishing **educational requirements for substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year**, and

Whereas, the issuance of a substitute teaching license requires an applicant to meet certain educational requirements which minimally include a post-secondary degree, and

Whereas, on October 28, 2021, Governor DeWine signed into law Ohio Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) as emergency legislation providing that the Board may employ a person who does not hold a post-secondary degree as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school provided that they meet specific requirements provided for in Section 4(B) of SB 1, and

Whereas, the Austintown Board of Education will require the individual to possess an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education, or complete at least two years of coursework at an accredited institution of higher education (defined as forty-eight (48) semester hours or seventy-two (72) quarter hours; or is a graduate of a high school and possesses post-secondary certification that meet district requirements, or is a high school graduate and has completed continuing education units that meet the district requirements.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Austintown Board of Education agrees to employ substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with the provisions and all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised code and any amendments thereto specific to Section 1 and Section 2 of this resolution,

2. *Whereas*. The Austintown Board of Education approves authorization for the **Ohio Schools Council (OSC) to advertise and receive school bus bids** on the Austintown Local School District's behalf for the purchase of four (4) conventional school bus chassis and bodies, and one (1) 9-Seater Transit Van.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Austintown Local Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the OSC to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the said Board per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of four (4) conventional school bus chassis and bodies, and one (1) 9-Seater Transit Van.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised Unpaid Meal Charge Policy effective 2/17/22 as presented.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

16. Public Meetings for March, 2022

Work Session

Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Regular Session

Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

17. Treasurer Comments

18. Superintendent Comments

19. Board Comments

20. Adjournment

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____; Time: ____:____ PM

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N