

**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 at Austintown Middle School at 3:00 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2022 for a Work Session and at 5:11 PM for the February Regular Session.

Board Members

Mrs. Kimberly 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

2022-2/17-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM with all members present.

2022-2/17-2 Work Session-Topics for Discussion

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

2022-2/17-3 Executive Session

Mrs. Mock motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:13 PM for the purpose of discussion with regards to

1. Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee. No action was taken.
2. To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:11 PM with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Vision/Mission Statement were read by Mr. Porter.

2022-2/17-5 Agenda Approval

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the agenda for the 2/17/2022 Board of Education Regular Session.

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

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

2022-2/17-6 Public Comments

Tami Franklin Daughter at AIS

2022-2/17-7 Building Reports

Austintown Fitch High School -Sal Maiorana, Assistant Building Principal

Austintown Middle School - Robin Vickers, Building Principal

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

Austintown Elementary School - Cathy Dorbish, Building Principal

2022-2/17-8 Treasurer's Consent Items

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the Treasurer's Consent Items:

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

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

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

2022-2/17-9 Superintendent's Consent Items

Mrs. Smrek moved 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

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-10 Agreements

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to 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.

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

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

2022-2/17-11 Memorandums of Understanding

Mr. Marcum moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to 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.

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

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

2022-2/17-12 Resolution-United Way VELLO

Mrs. Smrek moved to 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.

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Abstain; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-0-1).

2022-2/17-13 Resolutions

Mrs. Mock moved to 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.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-14 OHSAA 2022-2023 Membership

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-15 Revised Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the revised Unpaid Meal Charge Policy effective 2/17/22 as presented.

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-16 Public Meetings for March, 2022

Mr. Sherwood moved to approve the following day, date, time, and location for the Austintown Board of Education's public meetings:

Work Session: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM in the Board Office Conference Room

Regular Session: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the Austintown Middle School Cafetorium

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

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

2022-2/17-17 Treasurer's Comments - None2022-2/17-18 Superintendent's Comments - None2022-2/17-19 Board Comments2022-2/17-20 Adjournment

Mrs. Mock moved to adjourn at 5:35 PM.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion as the vote resulted as follows:

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


Mrs. Smrek, President
Austintown Board of Education
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
Austintown Board of Education

Those in Attendance - Regular Session: Sandra Thorndike, Lauren Wolfgang, Tami Franklin, Janet Banko, Kristin Havaich, Gianna Franklin, Alivia Franklin, tamara Deeley