

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Austintown Board of Education met pursuant to its rules on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 for Work/Executive Session in the Central Office beginning at 4:00 PM followed by a Regular Session at 5:30 PM at Austintown Middle School.

Board Members

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

Administration

Mr. Vincent Colaluca, Superintendent
Mr. Jeremy Batchelor, Assist. Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ann Herschel, Treasurer

2015 2/11-1 Call to Order - Work Session

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

2015 2/11-2 Work Session Topics

- Exit Conference for Audit – MaryAnn Herschel

2015 2/11-3 Executive Sessions

Mr. Jakubec motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:20 PM for the purpose of discussion with regard to employment of personnel. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0). No action was taken. The Board returned to Work Session at 5:25 PM with all members present.

2015 2/11-4 Re-Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance- Mission Statement

The Board was recalled to order for the Regular Session at 5:30 PM with all members present. Mr. Jakubec read the Mission Statement.

Student Recognition

AAC Champion Boys Cross Country Team (10 students attended) with Coach Paul Farr
AAC Champion Girls Cross Country Team (3 students attended with Coach Amy Diefenderfer

Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Batchelor.....talked about the new round of state testing to begin 2/18/15; thanked the staff and administration for time and dedication to preparing staff; updated the status of necessary Chromebook adjustments and procedures now in place; explained requirements for the new exemption for Physical Education credit beginning in the 2015-16 school year; encouraged campus involvement with the Fit as a Falcon program, welcomed YSU Interns in the Food Service Department; Food Service is taking care to stock vending machines with healthy snacks and has ordered 2400 frozen fruit cups for upcoming room parties.

Director of Special Programs Bethany Carlson ..spoke about the Wellness Committee Subgroup Meeting for Food Guidelines for Classrooms and explained the new food policy guidelines for Classrooms and PTA's as of 2/1/15; handouts with information on food allergies, what PTOs and PTAs need to know, and a safe snack guide were made available.

Building Reports

AES Assist. Principal Kate Gavalier.....students engage in "100th day" activities; PTA coordinates Valentine room parties; Parent Teacher conferences will be held 3/5/15 including a PTA sponsored Book Fair; Kindergarten registration for 2015-16 school year begins 2/17/15, packets are available at AES between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM M-F and from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on conference night (3/5/15); Kindergarten screening is from 4/20/15 to 4/24/15 by appointment only; AES will hold a Kindergarten Kick Off 3/26/15 starting at 6:00 PM and will provide general information about a typical Kindergarten day, about orientation, and school tour.

AIS Assist. Principal Michael Zoccali.....thanked PTA for outstanding Winter Book Fair; Grade 3 and 4 will celebrate Valentine's Day; all students and staff participated in No One Eats Alone day in recognition of the students at Sandy Hook Elementary and focused on eliminating social isolation and working together; Gr. 5 start the new PARCC and AIR performance based assessments; congratulated Mrs. Kara Pavkovich and Mrs. Heather Landgraver on the births of their children; Spring Fundraiser starts in March to help fund 2nd annual YSU baseball trip to Scrappers Field; Gr.5 will go to Camp Fitch in May; Gr. 5 band students will perform 2/21/15 at Fitch for the Band Booster's Pasta Dinner.

AMS Head Principal Jim Penk thanked Austintown Optimist club for hosting and sponsoring the 8th grade oratorical contest on 2/10/15; winners were Haley Farrow and Dylan Fitz-Patrick. Students and staff are preparing for PARCC and AIR state tests; AMS BLT put together a 12 day block schedule to facilitate students; 200 students per grade level will be tested each day using their Chromebooks; thanked guidance counselors for their efforts in planning and training staff on how to administer the tests. Approximately 100 8th grade students were chosen to take the NAEP National test and will represent AMS I the national test comparing Ohio to students in other states; thanked Mrs. Chine and cafeteria staff with a pizza party for their hard work and dedication.

FHS Assist. Principal Michael Sauner thanked staff, students, department coaches, administrators, Technology Coordinator Tom Ventresco and Technology Coach Stephanie Toporcer for their help during the PARCC trials and preparations; expressed gratitude to the Fitch PTSA for their support, tireless efforts, and constant planning to make each year a special one for our students; thanked Athletic Director Rob Conklin for the impressive organization and turnout at the Josh Hephner Tournament, thanked the custodial staff for doing a great job keeping the two gyms clean, and recognized Coach Powell who will be stepping down after this year for his dedication and contributions to the Fitch Wrestling program at Fitch.

Public Comment Segment 1 Items specific to February 11, 2015 Regular Session Agenda

None

2015 2/11-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Jakubec motioned upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the agenda for the Regular Session of February 11, 2015. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2015 2/11-6 Treasurer's Report*

Dr. Ritchie motioned upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the following Items A-C by consent action*:

- A. Approve monthly financial statement, purchase orders over \$5,000, and transfers for the month of January 2015.
- B. Approve minutes from the following public meetings:
 - 1) 1/13/15 Work Session w/Executive Session
 - 2) 1/13/15 Organizational Meeting
 - 3) 1/13/15 Regular Session
 - 4) 1/29/15 Special Work/Executive Session
- C. Authorize the treasurer to request an amended certificate of estimated resources and approve an amended appropriation resolution.

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

2015 2/11-7 Superintendent's Report*

Mr. Chine motioned upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Items A - C by consent action*:

- A. Personnel
 1. Resignations:
 - a. Ralph Moretti, Tutor effective 1/16/15

- b. Laura Host, Transportation-Driver effective 2/19/15
 - 2. Transfers:
 - Non Bargaining Unit
 - a. Charlotte Litzinger, Tutor; from RTI Tutor at AMS to AYP Tutor at Fitch effective 1/20/15
 - OAPSE
 - b. David Grimm, Transportation-Driver; from Floating Driver to Regular Route Driver effective 2/3/15 replacing A. Mraz
 - AEA
 - c. Steve Wash from Physical Education Grs. K-5 at AES/AIS to Physical Education Grs. 6-8 at AMS effective 2015-16 school year.
 - 3. Appointments:
 - a. Lauren Ohl, Food Service at Fitch; 9 month, 3.75 hour; effective 2/2/15 replacing B. Warburton (9:50 AM – 1:35 PM)
 - b. Tanya Naze, Transportation-Driver(Floating); 9 month, 3.5 hour; effective 2/3/15 replacing D. Grimm
 - c. Vicki Conley, Transportation-Driver; Mid-day run; 4 days per week, 2 hours per day; effective 2/3/15 replacing A. Mraz
 - 4. Supplementals:
 - a. Paul Cassano, Head Boys Track AMS (blue); 10%
 - b. Brian Forgac, Head Boys Track AMS (Red); 10%
 - c. Brad Clyde, Assist. Boys Track AMS (Blue); 9%
 - d. Chris Flauto, Assist. Boys Track AMS (Red); 9%
 - e. Brian Beany, Head Girls Track AMS (Blue); 10%
 - f. Jaclyn Ogilvie, Head Girls Track AMS (Red); 10%
 - g. Jeff Gessler, Assist. Girls Track AMS (Blue); 9%
- The following position was offered to school employees and no employee made application:
- h. Samantha Kozbial, Co-Assist. Softball Coach; 5.5%
 - i. Robert Jones, Co-Assist. Softball Coach; 5.5%
- 5. Volunteers:
 - a. Kevin Callahan Girls Softball Coach
 - 6. Leave of Absence:
 - a. Taylor Cowles; unpaid leave of absence effective 6/1/15 to 6/5/15; personal
 - b. Amy Diefenderfer; unpaid parental leave tentatively set for 4/27/15 through 5/1/15; dates of unpaid parental leave are dependent on the arrival of the baby.
 - c. Karen Bradley, unpaid medical leave effective 1/29/15; tentative return to work date 3/2/15
 - d. Rebekah Cefalde, unpaid parental leave effective 4/27/15 until the end of the 2015-16 school year.
 - e. Debbie Mackey, unpaid medical leave effective 1/26/15 to 2/12/15
 - f. Patricia Reider, unpaid leave of absence effective 3/16/15 for a period of three years until the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

7. Falcon Pride Online / HOPE Tutor for the balance of the 2014-15 school year; (\$16.00 per hour, limited to no more than 7 hours per day; 4 days per week; not to exceed 28.75 hours per week):
 - a. Rachel Hanni HOPE
 8. RTI Tutor for the balance of the 2014-15 school year; (Limited to 640 total hours or 112 days per school year); \$16.00 per hour; limited to no more than 5.75 hours per day; not to exceed 28.75 hours per week)
 - a. Lauren Cobb AMS
 9. Intervention Tutor for the balance of the 2014-15 school year; \$16.00 per hour; limited to no more than 5.75 hours per day; not to exceed 28.75 hours per week)
 - a. Jamie Diemert AIS
 10. Home Instruction Tutor for the balance of the 2014-15 school year; as needed basis at a rate of \$18.10 per hour for AEA members:
 - a. Tina Kubacki AEA
 11. Saturday School Monitor; \$18.10 per hour limited tone monitor per Saturday; no more than 4 hours per Saturday on a rotation basis:
 - a. Joleen Libert (Sub)
 12. Student Trips:
 - a. Robotics Club to travel by Charter Bus to the Wolstein Center in Cleveland, Ohio 3/26/15 to 3/28/15 for competition. This trip is self-funded; advisors and parents will serve as chaperones; days missed from school are within in parameters of board approved policy.
 - b. Robotics Club to travel to Cincinnati, Xavier College to complete April 2-4, 2015 for competition. This trip is self-funded; transportation provided by advisors and parents who will serve as chaperones; day missed from school is within parameters of board approved policy.
 13. Youth Camps:
 - a. 2015 Fitch Little Volleyball Little Spikers Program for girls in the Austintown Local School District entering Grades 3 to 6; Austintown Middle School every Sunday starting 9/13/15 and ending 10/4/15; cost \$50
 - b. 2015 Fitch Volleyball Camp for girls in the Austintown Local School District; Grades 5 and Grade 6; Austintown Fitch Gym starting 6/18/15 to 6/19/15; cost \$50
 - c. 2015 Fitch Volleyball Camp for girls in the Austintown Local School District; Grades 7 and Grade 8; Austintown Fitch Gym starting 6/25/15 to 6/26/15; cost \$50
 - d. Softball Skills Camp for girls in Grades K-5 on 3/14/15; Cost: \$15 (\$10 when registering two children, \$5 for three children); T-shirts provided. Location: AMS gyms
 - e. Softball Skills Camp For girls in Grades 6-8; 3/14/15 and 3/21/15 Cost: \$20 (\$15 when registering two children, \$10 for three children); T-shirts provided. Location: AMS gyms
- B. Approve the recommendation for 88 sixth grade students in Royal Blue House at AMS to travel on three school buses, along with 9 adult chaperones, to the Carnegie Natural History Museum in Pittsburgh, PA on 5/18/15; travel expenses in the amount of \$700 were paid through the *Target Field Trip Grant*; remaining travel expenses to the district are \$622; scholarships reduced student paid admission

fees from \$9 to \$7; adult chaperones given free admission. Departure is 8:30 AM and return is 2:00 PM; day missed from school is within adopted board policy.

- C. Approve the recommendation to employ Frank Palocyi as a Dual Enrollment Class/Intro to Statistics instructor at Fitch High School effective 1/12/15 to 5/15/15 at a flat fee of \$2400; limited to three days per week.

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

*End Consent Items

2015 2/11-8 Donation-General Motors Lordstown for Robotics

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the recommendation to again accept a \$1,000 donation from General Motors Lordstown in support of the robotics club. Mr. Chine seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2015 2/11-9 Impractical to Transport

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the resolution to declare transportation impractical for the following identified student as presented pursuant to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code 3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. This resolution follows careful evaluation of all other available options prior to consideration of impracticality.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School Selected</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>
Mathew Luknis	7 th	St. Rose	Jill & Donald Luknis
Julianna Frengler	7 th	St. Rose	Neil & Pamela Frengler

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

2015 2/11-10 Memorandum of Understanding- Tentative 2015-16 School Calendar

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Austintown Local School District and the Austintown Education Association to modify the Agreement in effect from 8/29/12 to 8/29/15 by adjusting the start date of the 2015-16 school year to August 21, 2015 and approve the tentative school calendar for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2015 2/11-11 American Legion Memorial Post 301 Memorial Day Service

Mr. Chine motioned to approve the recommendation for the Austintown American Legion Memorial Post 301 to hold Memorial Day services at Fitch High School on Monday, May 25, 2015 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Fees have been waived. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2015 2/11-12 Time Date and Place for March Regular Session

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5:30 PM for the next regular board meeting. Mr. Chine seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2015 2/11-13 Public Comments Segment 2 - Topic of Speaker's Choice

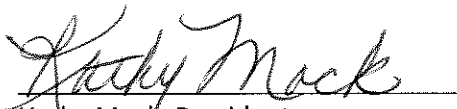
Raymond Hartsough.....Chromebooks-legality
Mandy Maloney Richmond Student Led Conferences at AIS
Lori Steward Online District Survey

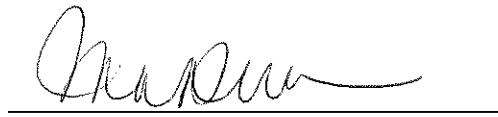
2015 2/11-14 Board Comments

Mr. Jakubec congratulated accomplishments of Cross Country Coach Paul Farr and Coach Amy Diefenderfer for their AAC Championships.
Mr. Porter suggested public wait until an investigation is complete before forming an opinion regarding Hall of Fame issues.
Dr. Ritchie.....thanked General Motors for their generous donation to our Robotics Club; was pleased our District Financial Audit was 100% good with no problems or issues.
Mr. Chine remarked how pleased he is with the positive press our students are getting for the good and positive things they are doing and accomplishing.
Mrs. Mock.....praised the 5th Grade Boys Basketball team for raising \$1500 for a sick classmate battling cancer; parent/teacher conferences are 2/12/15; 6th annual PINK GAME is 2/14/15 at Fitch; Band Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is 2/21/15; Souper Supper is 3/4/15 from 5-7 PM at Fitch
Mrs. Herschel.....pleased with the Perfect results of the audit of "No Findings" and "No Comments"
Mr. Colaluca.....congratulated our Cross Country coaches and runners on their AAC Championships; thanked General Motors for their donation to Robotics and commended the students on their successful competitions; praised our maintenance and custodial staff for their amazing efforts and jobs well done keeping the campus clear of ice and snow; praised Tom Ventresco and his technical crew with making adjustments for our wireless capabilities and adapting an outdated building to today's technology demands; thanked guidance counselors for their input with new testing requirements.

2015 2/11-15 Adjournment

Mr. Chine motioned to approve the recommendation to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Mr. Jakubec seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).


Kathy Mock, President
Austintown Board of Education


Mary Ann Herschel, District Treasurer
Austintown Board of Education

Those in Attendance: A. Diefenderfer, Kathleen Gavalier, Raymond Hartsough, Barb Tomic, Mandy Maloney Richmond, Eben Byers, Jr., Thomas DeLuca, Jr., Lori Stewart, Rosalind Yount, Jaladah Aslam, Cynthia Clemmens, Krystal Clemens, April Solic, Michael Zoccali, Tascin Brooks, David Daichent, Fawne Marciano, Robin Krempasky, Jan Nelson, Janie Boano, Jennifer Miller, Heido Jo Thomas, Cara Carrol, Mary Ellen Leskovec, Annette Grahovac