

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

The Austintown Board of Education met pursuant to its rules on Tuesday, January 13 , 2015 in Regular Session at Austintown Middle School, 800 S. Raccoon Road beginning at 6:15 PM.

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

2015-1/13-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM with all members present.

Student Recognition..... Tyler Hewlett, Ohio Division I Co-Defensive Player of the Year

Presentation..... Jack Kidd, Class of 1962 presented proclamations of gratitude to Mal Culp, Vince Colaluca, Board Members past and present who assisted on the Veterans Memorials at Fitch.

Assistant Superintendent Report..... Jeremy Batchelor began with the quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."; testing window for Performance Based Tests (PARRC) for Math and ELA and (OCBA) for Science and Social Studies starts 2/16/15; District Testing Calendar is attached to the Teaching and Learning Page on our website; Waiver Day Training on PARRC and AIR test navigation as well as differentiation and guided reading will be 1/23/15; next LPDC meeting is 1/20/15 at AMS beginning at 3:15 PM; the district website has updates on sports schedules and school delays/closings with regards to inclement weather; thanked Mal Culp and his team on the renovation of a restroom at Fitch to accommodate specific needs of students; the APD K-9 conducted a lockdown search of the high school in December which yielded no drugs.

Building Reports

AES..... Assistant Principal Tim Kelty reports Grades 1-2 are fully engaged in benchmarking for Math with iREADY, Green Team gives presentations for Gr. 2, Ford Nature Center gives presentations for Gr. 1, Limo Lunch representing AES building fundraiser will be 1/16/15 at Quaker Steak and Lube in Austintown, welcomed Cindy Todd to the AES family as new Food Service Manager.

AIS..... Building Principal Jeff Swavel commends AIS PTA for help with Christmas room parties 12/19/14, Winter Academies will start in early February, announced birth of twin girls on 12/30/14 to Mrs. Castronova and husband as well as a son born to Mrs. Doherty and husband on 1/10/15, winter fundraising campaign begins 1/14/15, winter student-led conferences will be Thursday 2.5.15 along with annual book fair.

AMS..... Assistant Principal Joanie Jones reports 6th grader Madison Rios-Johnson will represent AMS in the Vindicator Spelling Bee, runner up was 8th grader Trevor Sicilia. 8th grader Justin Long finished third, the music department entertained at nursing homes, Leonard Kirtz and Masco Workshop over the holidays; PARCC testing is one month away and 340 students have yet to pick up their chromebooks.

FHS..... Building Principal Chris Berni commended custodians Tom Deluca and Ray Gordon for going above the call of duty clearing walkways, drives, and entrances during the recent inclement weather to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors to the building, Speech and Debate team competed in Sylvania, Ohio January 9 and 10 with five students prequalifying for the state tournament

Public Comment Segment 1 in Items Specific to January 13, 2015 Regular Session Agenda

No speakers

2015 1/13-2 Agenda Approval

Mr. Jakubec moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Session of January 13, 2015. 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. (5-0).

2015 1/13-3 Treasurer's Report

Dr. Ritchie, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, moved to approve the following Items A-D by consent action*:

- A. Financial Statement for December, 2014
- B. Purchase Orders over \$5000 and transfers as submitted
- C. Minutes from the 12/17/14 Work Session w/Executive Session followed by the Regular Session
- 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.

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. (5-0).

2015 1/13-4 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Jakubec moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Item A by consent action*:

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations:
 - a) Correction: Bruce Montgomery, resignation effective 7/31/15
 - 2. Transfers:
 - a) Cindy Todd from Food Service, 9 month, 7 hours at AELC to Food Service, Cafeteria Manager, 9 month, 8 hours at AES effective 1/5/15; (6:30 AM to 2:30 PM)
 - b) Brandi Warburton from Food Service, 9 month, 3.75 hours at Fitch to Food Service, 9 month, 5.75 hours at AES effective 1/5/15; (6:45 AM to 12:30 PM)
 - c) Angie Mraz from Bus Driver to Transportation AV Tech, 10 months, 5.75 hours; effective 1/8/15; (5:30 AM to 11:15 AM); pending 20 day probation period ending 2/3/15
 - 3. Supplementals:
 - a) Jody Baylor, assumption of Lead Teacher-Special Education effective 9/17/14; percentage pro-rated until the end of the leave of absence for Regina Sylvester.

The following position was offered to school employees and no employee made application:

 - b) Joseph Chepke, Freshman Baseball Coach; 11%
 - 4. Leave of Absence:
 - a) Leeann Burns, extension of unpaid parental leave from 1/16/15 through the remainder of the 2014-15 school year; expected return to work at the start of the 2015-16 school year.
 - 5. RTI Tutors for 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) Ashley Lines AIS
 - 6. Student Trips:
 - a) Fitch Track & Field team to qualifiers to New York City for the New Balance Indoor Track & Field National Championships Thursday, 3/12/15 through Monday, 3/16/15. Transportation to be provided by parents and coaches who will also serve as chaperones. This trip is self funded through self-pay, booster support and student

fundraisers; missed days of school are within parameters of adopted board policy.

- b) Fitch Drill Team to compete at the OASSA Regionals at Minerva High School, Minerva, Ohio on Sunday, February 8, 2015; transportation to be provided by parents and coaches who will also serve as chaperones. This trip is self funded at no expense to the District; no days of school will be missed.

- 7. Approve the following Event Staff workers at athletic events for the 2014-15 school year. *Short hour employees cannot exceed an average of a 28.75 combined hours per week from regular hours and event hours. Winter Event Staff workers are paid between \$10 and \$45 depending on the assignment:

- a) Tracy Parker
- b) Ken Kilpatrick

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. (5-0).

2015 1/13-5 Open Enrollment

Mr. Chine moved 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 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, No; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. (4-1).

2015 1/13-6 OSBA Web Based Policy Conversion Services

Mr. Jakubec moved to approve the recommendation for renewal of Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Web Based Policy Conversion Services which provide board policy review, modification, materials, distribution, document conversions, and customized manual on CD-ROM at a fee of \$1550 from January 1 to December 31, 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. (5-0).

2015 1/13-7 Resolution-Booster Organizations

Dr. Ritchie moved approve the resolution:

Whereas the all 501.C3 non-profit booster organizations and school support groups may operate for the 2015 calendar year effective 1/1/15 to 12/31/15 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:

Austintown Boosters Corp. (Falcon Forward)	Fitch Bowling
Band Parents	Football Parents
Baseball Boosters	Girls Basketball
	Falcon Swim Team Boosters
	Fast Pitch Boosters

Boys Basketball Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer Girls Volleyball

Mat Boosters
Touchdown Club Choir Parents

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 1/13-8 Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF)

Mr. Jakubec moved, to approve the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) proposal resolution

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development has made available \$45 million through the Local Government Innovation Fund to local governments for projects that promote efficiency, collaboration, and shared services; and

WHEREAS, \$9 million is available as grant funding for feasibility studies; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing is recognized as a vital economic driver to the Mahoning Valley regional economy; and

WHEREAS, partners have identified the need for an Advanced Manufacturing Training Center to serve the Mahoning Valley region to maximize the use of equipment and resources among providers to ensure students have access to equipment needed to acquire the skills needed by regional manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, partners have decided the Center should be located in the City of Youngstown; and

WHEREAS, the City of Youngstown is coordinating a proposal for a feasibility study to evaluate various potential locations within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Austintown Local Schools agrees that it is in their best interest to participate in this grant proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Austintown Local Schools Board of Education that:

Section 1. The Austintown Local Schools Board of Education fully supports this grant application.

Section 2. The Austintown Local Schools Board of Education agrees to participate in the feasibility study if awarded grant funding.

Section 3. The Austintown Local Schools Board of Education understands that there are no other obligations incurred by participating in this grant proposal.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Abstain; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried. (4-0-1).

2015 1/13-9 Time, Date and Place for February Regular Session Board Meeting

Dr. Ritchie moved to approve Wednesday, 2/11/15 beginning at 5:30 PM in Austintown Middle School for the February Regular Session. 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 1/13-10 Comments Segment 2 – Topic of Speaker's Choice

Jannine McGinnis..... Parent-Student relationship

2015 1/13-11 Board Comments

Mrs. Mock..... Congratulated achievements of Fitch alumni William Price and current Fitch student Tyler Hewlett on their outstanding athletic accomplishments; commended the dedication of the payroll secretaries who worked over the Christmas break to ensure the payroll would go out on schedule; gave an update on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee, encouraged all to support our winter academic and athletic events.

Dr. Ritchie..... Congratulated Tyler Hewlett on his being named Ohio Division I Co-Defensive Player of the Year; thanked Jack Kidd and the Class of 1962 for their energy, drive, and spirit making the Veteran's Memorial a reality;

Mr. Chine..... Congratulated both Tyler Hewlett and William Price on their achievements on the football fields of Fitch and Ohio State; mentioned the upcoming Josh Hephner Wrestling Tournament on 1/23 and 1/24/15

Mr. Jakubec..... congratulated the Robotics Team on their successful statewide Lego Competition at AMS, commended athletic accomplishment of Tyler Hewlett

Mr. Porter..... none

Mrs. Herschel..... handed out certificates from OSBA to Board members in recognition of their service to their district

Mr. Colaluca..... thanked retirees for their service to our school district, thanked the Class of 1962 again for their dedication and hard work on the Veterans Memorial, recognized Mr. Zimmermann for his foresight to start the Robotics program with has contributed to the interest in STEM curriculum and the Mahoning Valley Manufacturing Coalition; encouraged those students and parents who have not picked up their Chromebooks to set up an appointment to get them.

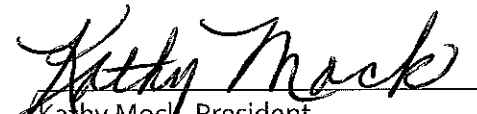
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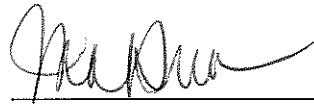
Mr. Jakubec moved to recessed to Executive Session at 7:15 PM for the purpose of discussion with regards to discipline of personnel. Mr. Chine seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried. (5-0). No action taken.

Mr. Chine left the Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

2015 1/13-12 Adjournment

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:32 PM with Mr. Chine absent. Mr. Jakubec moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried. (4-0).


Kathy Mock, President
Austintown Board of Education


Mary Ann Herschel, District Treasurer
Austintown Board of Education

Those in attendance: Jack Kidd, Vickie Kidd, Kay Wertman, Cindy Blubaugh, Alexis Fisher, Olivia Jacobs, Jeffrey Norris, Emil Grahovac, Jannine McGinnis, Roger McGinnis, Barb Tomic, Tom Stellers, Robert Connelly, Joanie Jones, Isabella Velasco, Nicole Vitullo, David Schnurrenberger, Casey Fairbanks, Mal Culp, Christian Day, April Solic, Tami Franklin, Kristin O'Neill, James O'Neill, Annette Grahovac