

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

The Austintown Board of Education met pursuant to its rules on Monday, November 17, 2014 for the Regular Session beginning at 6:00 PM at Austintown Middle School. The Regular Session was preceded by an Executive Session and Work Session starting at 4:00 PM at the Central Office.

Board Members

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

Administration

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

2014 11/17-1 Call to Order

The November 17, 2014 Board meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM in the Central Office with all members present. The first order of business was an Executive Session to be followed by a Work Session.

2014 11/17-2 Executive Session

Mr. Jakubec motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:08 PM for 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). The Board recessed to a Work Session at 4:37 PM.

2014 11/17-3 Work Session Topics

- APA Communication
- Community Gardens
- Mid-year Evaluations
- Retreat date and topics
- Chrome Books

The Board ended the Work Session at 5:50 PM and recessed to AMS to begin the Regular Session.

2014 11/17-4 Recall to Order -- Regular Session- Pledge of Allegiance-Mission Statement

The meeting was recalled to order for the Regular Session with all members present at Austintown Middle School at 6:05 PM. Mr. Porter read the Mission Statement.

- **Farmers Bank Presentation:** Rick Palmer, Austintown Branch Manager presented a check for \$880 which was the amount raised as a result of 88 employees signing up for a Farmers Bank AF logo debit card.
- **First Energy Presentation:** David Turner, Area Manager of Mahoning and Columbiana County First Energy awarded teacher Danielle Chine a \$500 grant for use in the AMS STEM program.

Department Reports:

- **Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Batchelor** gave an update on the Chrome Book deployment to staff and approximately 900 students; discussed computer software and testing accountability; was excited with the successful and productive family informational meetings that have been scheduled and gave the presentation Conference Night schedule at AMS and Fitch for parents and students, do the related paperwork, and pick up Chrome Books; thanked Superintendent Colaluca, Tom Ventresco and his tech staff, and all the Principals and Secretaries who helped to make the presentations and deployment successful.

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Building Principals Reporting on:

AES – Tim Kelty Book Fair taking place all week, 2nd Grade Thanksgiving plays taking place this week, Parent Teacher Conference night is 11/19/14 from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM; Report Cards distributed on Conference Night; celebratory assemblies for Kindergarten on 11/19/14, 2nd Grade on 11/20/14, 1st Grade on 11/21/14; *Jammin Jammie Day* on 11/21/14 with monies collected going to PTA Special Services for Austintown families; *USMC Toys-for-Tots Campaign* ending 12/12/14 has a donation box in Main Office to collect new, unwrapped gifts for less fortunate children in the Austintown community.

AIS – Mike Zoccali Student led Parent Teacher Conference Night and Book Fair on 11/20/14 with stations planned for families and students on Math, Literacy, and Technology; completion of *5 for 5 Math Challenge* with students reaching their grade level goals getting to “duct tape” their principals to a wall. Thanked PTA for providing Halloween treats; Family Reading Challenge 11/1/14 through 1/4/15; AMS LEGO team will host a benefit pasta dinner for Emily Orlaski, 4th grade AIS student diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer planned for 12/7/14 at AMS.

AMS – Jim Penk Thanked PTA for all they do for the students and staff and demonstrated the new fitness equipment they purchased; complimented his dynamic teaching staff and the male teachers growing beards to show support for prostate cancer research.

AFHS-Michael Sauner Mrs. Kinnick & 16 students traveled to Kalahari Convention Center to take part in a statewide hands-on learning session; Ms. Ann Marie Martin’s Forensic Science class attended a workshop at YSU to observe how forensic scientists investigate crime scenes using different techniques, analysis blood and ballistics; Fitch teachers Mrs. McBurney, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Cardillo, and Mr. Ward collaborate with their students on production of an inspirational video to send to Lauren Hill, the 19 year old terminally ill brain cancer patient intent on playing college basketball at Mount St. Joseph’s, on how she has inspired them.

Public Comment-Segment 1 for Agenda Items – No comments

2014 11/17-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Jakubec motioned upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the agenda for the Regular Session of November 17, 2014. 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)

2014 11/17-6 Treasurer’s Report*

Mr. Chine moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the following Items A & D by consent action*:

- A. Financial Statement for October 2014
- B. Purchase Orders over \$5,000 and Transfers as submitted.
- C. Minutes from the 10/21/14 Executive/Work/Regular Sessions
- D. Authorize the treasurer to request an amended appropriation resolution and an amended certificate of estimated resources from the county auditor.

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)

2014 11/17-7 Superintendent’s Report*

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

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations:
 - a) Natalie Winkle, Food Service Secretary; effective 11/4/14
 - b) Ellic Mitchell, Bus Driver; effective 10/30/14
 - c) Seth Steiner, Head Fitch Girls Track Coach; effective 11/4/14

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- d) Steven Ward, Assist. Softball Coach; effective 10/30/14
- e) Courtney Swegan, Intervention Tutor; effective 11/3/14

2. Transfers:

- a) Victoria Baker from Food Service Cafeteria Manager at AES to 12 month Food Service Secretary pending a successful 20 day probation period effective at the start of the work day on 11/10/14 and ending at the close of the work day on 12/9/14.
- b) Cheryl Bernard from Floating Bus Driver to Regular Route Driver; effective 11/3/14
- c) Dennis Kopinsky from Floating Bus Driver to Regular Route Driver; effective 11/3/14

3. Appointments:

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- a) Kathryn Bliske; Paraprofessional at AIS; 9 month; 5.75 hrs. ; (10:15 AM to 4:00 PM); effective 11/5/14
- b) Kim Lauer; Paraprofessional Crossing Guard at AES; 9 month; 3 hrs. Flex hours; effective 11/5/14
- c) Karen Williams; Floating Bus Driver; effective 10/27/14
- d) Robert Theis; Floating Bus Driver; effective 11/10/14
- e) Shaun Heffner, Sweeper Cleaner at AMS; 9 month; 5.75 hrs. flex time effective 11/17/14
- f) Johnathan Atherton; AV/Comp Technician; 12 month; 5.75 hrs.; effective 11/17/14; (11:15 AM to 5:00 PM) subject to submission of paperwork

4. Leave of Absence:

- a) Stacey Pavlik; Teacher unpaid parental leave effective 10/20/14; anticipated return to work date is 12/8/14
- b) Renee Griswold, Teacher; extend unpaid parental leave through 3/27/15; anticipated return to work date is 3/30/15
- c) Leeanne Burns, Teacher; extend unpaid parental leave through 1/20/15
- d) Jackelyn Pavlich, Food Service Worker; unpaid leave effective 11/1/14
- e) Patricia Thompson, Sweeper Cleaner; unpaid medical leave until physician's release

5. Athletic Supplementals:

- a) Seth Steiner, Fitch Head Boys Track Coach; 18%
- b) Steven Ward, Fitch Head Softball Coach; 18%
- c) Stacie Cepin, Fitch Head Girls Basketball Coach; 24%
- d) Joseph Paris, AMS 8th Boys Basketball Coach (Red); 10%
- e) Anthony Parker, AMS 8th Boys Basketball Coach (Blue); 10%

The following Athletic Supplementals were offered to school employees and no employee made application:

- f) Ross Tice, Fitch Assist. Freshman Wrestling Coach; 11%
- g) Taylor Balog, AMS Head Wrestling Coach (Red); 10%
- h) Joseph Chepke, Fitch Assist. Girls Basketball Coach; 15%
- i) Rex Bosley, AMS 7th grade Girls Basketball (Red); 10%
- j) Darris L. Binion, AMS 8th grade Girls Basketball (Red); 10%

6. Academic Supplementals:

Academic-2nd Year Resident Educator Mentors ; 3%

- a) Tammy Deeley for Sophia Gault
- b) Diane Devine for Nathan Schuler
- c) Cathy Gartska for Troy Balint

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- d) Joya Villani for Iricka Berlinger
- e) Kim Freisen for Danyelle Henin
- f) Ann Billock for Gina Velichko
- g) Marijo Matune for Samantha Giardina
- h) Marijo Matue for Heidi Thompson
- i) Cathy Gartska for Lauren Wolfgang
- j) Michelle Best for Taylor Cowles
- k) Michelle Currie for Katie Ciccone
- l) Sandy Thorndike for Melissa Crump
- m) Heather Wukelich for Carly Bishop
- n) Julie Eggiman for April Hill
- o) Stephanie Toporcer for Justin Kay
- p) Michelle Best for Amanda Laird
- q) Sandy Thorndike for Dawn McDonough
- r) Heather Wukelich for Kristina Pallane
- s) Andrea Reed for Emily Armstrong
- t) Julie Williams for Seth Basista
- u) Christine Kinnick for Chris Karickhoff
- v) Tina Kubacki for Nickolas Mancuso
- w) Jennifer Leugers for Kaytlin Sponaugle

Academic-1nd Year Resident Educator Mentors ; 4%

- x) Andrea Reed for Melissa Haug
- y) Lisa Costello for MarkLitzinger
- z) Amanda Cleghorn for Allison Masters
- aa) Rebecca Caruso for Stacy Pavlik
- bb) Diane Devine for Robert Sheldone
- cc) AprilKing for Randy Tininger
- dd) Geraldine Coates for Kristin Calderon
- ee) Julie Eggiman for Katie Hawkins

Academic-1nd Year Resident Educator Mentors ; 2%

- ff) Kim Freisen for Lori Leecue
- gg) Stephanie Toporcer for Danielle Chine
- hh) Stephanie Toporcer for Jason Freudenberg
- ii) Stephanie Toporcer for Angela Denari

7. Student Trip

- a) Fitch Band to travel to Norfolk, Virginia from 4/23/15 to 4/26/15 for the 62nd Annual NATO Festival to march in the Parade of Nations, attend the VA International Military Tattoo, Bush Gardens and DJ Dinner Dance Cruise; expenses are self paid and days missed from school are within the parameters of board policy.
- b) Camp Fitch Trip for 5th grade students at AIS from 5/18/15 to 5/20/15; fundraisers are planned to offset expenses; teachers, staff, and parents will chaperone.

8. Falcon Pride Online / HOPE Tutors for 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) Paul Oakes FPOL High School Tutor

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9. Intervention Tutor (\$16.00 per hour, limited to no more than 5.75 hours per day; not to exceed 28.75 hours per week)
 - b) Salvadore Bolan AIS
10. Extended Day RTI Tutors at AIS for the 2014-15 school year: (4 hours per week after school; RTI Title One funds; \$18.10 per hour for AEA members; *\$16.00 per hour for non-AEA members)
 - a) Andrea Kleese-Tekac AIS
 - b) Iricka Berlinger AIS
11. Home Instruction Tutors for 2014-15 school year on an as needed basis; number of hours and days to vary according to need; AEA rate at \$18.10 per hour; Non AEA rate at \$16.00 per hour not to exceed an average of 28.75 hours per week:
 - a) Kari Knight (AEA)
 - b) Jennifer Hykes
12. Saturday School Monitors; \$18.10/hour limited to one monitor per Saturday; no more than 4 hours per Saturday on a rotation basis.
 - a) Amanda Krygowski
 - b) Allison Jones
 - c) Julie Williams (Sub)
13. Non-Teaching Subs
 - a) Cynthia G. Clemens Transportation-Driver
14. Volunteers for 2014-15 school year:
 - a) Dorothy DelBoccio AMS Girls Basketball
 - b) Todd Lindberg FHS Girls Bowling
 - c) Cynthia G. Clemens Transportation Office subject to submission of paperwork

Dr. Ritchie seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows for Items A 1) through 6); 8) through 16); and B: Mr. Chine, Yes ; Mr. Jakubec, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Dr. Ritchie, Yes. The motion carried (5-0)

2014 11/17-8 Equipment Purchase – Telescoping Boom Lift

Mr. Chine moved to approve the recommendation to purchase a motorized diesel powered, 4 wheel drive Telescoping Boom Lift with a 60 foot platform height at a price of \$41,000 for the purpose of lighting and banner maintenance, window cleaning and maintenance, scoreboard maintenance, baseball backstop maintenance, and stadium repairs. Purchase of this gently used unit reflects an approximate saving of \$61,000 from that of a new unit. 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)

2014 11/17-9 Board Policy Changes

Dr. Ritchie moved to approve the recommendation to update Board Policy with the following changes as required by Ohio School Boards Association:

JHCD-R-1	Administering Medicines to Students (General Regulations)
IGBEA	Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)
IGBEA-R	Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)
IGBI	Limited English Proficiency
IGBL	Parental Involvement in Education
IGBJ	Title I Programs

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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)

2014 11/17-10 Memo of Understanding – The Classroom

Dr. Ritchie moved to approve the recommendation to form a partnership with Debbie Caggiano, owner and operator of *The Classroom*, for the purpose of managing the Austintown Fitness Center under the direction of the Athletic Director for the common objective to operate the Fitness Center in the most efficient and effective manner for the benefit of the students and membership. *The Classroom* will NOT receive any direct monetary compensation from the school district for managing the operations of the Fitness Center. All activities conducted by *The Classroom* on the premises of the Fitness Center will be with prior approval of the School District. 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)

2014 11/17-11 Indoor Track and Field for 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Jakubec moved to approve the recommendation for Fitch athletes to again participate in Indoor Track and Field for the 2014-2015 season. Indoor Track and Field permits our students to participate in various indoor meets in order to prepare for the upcoming spring season and to receive individual instruction from coaches. 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)

2014 11/17-12 Landers-Lewis Insurance Proposal

Mr. Jakubec moved to approve the recommendation to accept the proposal presented by Landers-Lewis Insurance Agency effective 11/1/14 to 11/1/15 in the amount of \$150,900 for Property, General Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, and Umbrella Coverage. 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)

2014 11/17-13 Time-Date and Place for December Board Meeting

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve Wednesday, December 17, 2014 for the next Regular Session beginning at 5:00 PM at Austintown Middle school. 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)

2014 11/17-14 Public Comments Segment 2 – Topic of Speaker's Choice

Tami Franklin.....Building Issue at AIS

2014-11/17-15 Board Comments

Mr. Chine continues dialogue with interested parties regarding Community Gardens project; attended interesting and educational sessions at the Capital Conference in Columbus; congratulated the football team on a successful season and urged community support at all athletic events; urged parents to review safety procedures with their children in light of the recent bus accident resulting in the accidental death of a 14 year old student in Youngstown.

Mr. Jakubec thanked Band Parents for a great Chili Cook Off event and recognized the great job the instrumental music department for their Veterans Day Concert; FHS Veteran's Day assembly was well done, impressive job by ACTV's Gina Cardillo and staff; recognized our own Mr. Kelty for his meritorious service.

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Mrs. Mock gave a legislative update on HB 629 and SB 373; thanked the booster groups for their support; encouraged community attendance at the many holiday performances K-12; attended and enjoyed the AMS Craft and vendor shot; recognized and congratulated AMS teacher Michelle Best on her Teacher of the Year award; congratulated our football team and coaches; commented on the Chrome Books and how they will prepare our students now and for the future.

Mr. Porter None

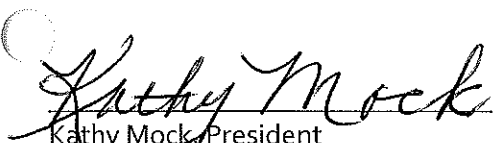
Dr. Ritchie.....great team work by administration, staff and parents getting the Chrome Books in the hands of the staff and students; congratulated Fitch football team and coaches; thanked presenters from Farmers Bank and First Energy for their generous donations and support; wished all a very happy Thanksgiving.

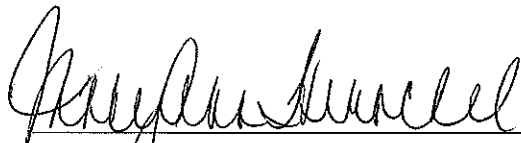
Mrs. Herschel pleased to be part of the Chrome Book deployment and happy to see how excited parents and students are about it; proud to be part of a forward thinking school district.

Superintendent Colaluca is pleased and proud of the overwhelming support and excitement generated by our staff, parents and students over the Chrome Books; explained the necessity of the insurance to cover the cost of damage or loss . With most insurance plans going as high as \$330 per book, most at \$75, Austintown opts for a reasonable fee of \$50.

2014-11/17-16 Adjournment

Mr. Chine motioned to adjourn at 7:30 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: Regular Session – Emil Grahovac, Rick Palmer, Eben Byers, Jr., Robert Connelly, Tami Franklin, Debbie Caggiano, April Solic, Annette Grahovac

*Consent Item