

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

The Austintown Board of Education met pursuant to its rules on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Central Office for a Work/Executive Session followed by the Regular Session at 6:00 PM at Austintown Middle School.

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 S. Colaluca, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Ann Herschel, Treasurer

2014- 2/11-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. All members were present.

2014- 2/11-2 Work Session Topics

- a. Board Policy Update
- b. Bond Issue Update
- c. 2013-14 Student Enrollment Numbers
- d. Superintendent's Evaluation
- e. Student Drug Testing
- f. STEM Presentation – Chris Berni, and Mario Sallee
- g. Director of Instruction Update – Dave Mullane
- h. Building Use

2014- 2/11-3 Executive Session

Mr. Jakubec motioned at 1:45 PM to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with regard to the sale of property, to confer with an attorney concerning pending or imminent court action, and 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)

2014- 2/11-4 Recall to Order-Pledge-Mission Statement

The Board returned to Regular Session with all members present at 6:00 PM at Austintown Middle School. Mr. Jakubec read the Mission Statement.

<u>Employee Recognition:</u>	Mal Culp – Maintenance and Custodial Crews
<u>Booster Club Recognition:</u>	Mat Fans and the Concession Stand Renovation
<u>Student Recognition:</u>	Steve Ward - Arts Festival & Jeans Giveaway

Public Comment:

David Daichendt	Bond Issue
George Rohrbaugh.....	Bond Issue
Larry Cadman.....	Veterans Memorial
Jack Kidd	Veterans Memorial
Kim Smrek.....	Bond Issue
Lori Cavalier.....	Bond Issue
Fred Marcum	Issue Awareness

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Fitch High School – Assist. Principal Tracy Herrholtz.....recognized outstanding achievements of the Fitch Speech and Debate Team, the Lady Falcons basketball team winning the AAC championship, the boys basketball team's win over Lake, the Wrestling Team's EWOL tournament accomplishments, the Girls and Boys bowling teams competition in the final round of the AAC Tournament, and senior Gabby Figueroa who broke her own discus record in her weight division and is now ranked first in the nation.

AMS – Assist. Principal Joanie Jones.....basketball season wrapping up this week with tournament play, seven of the eight teams advance to semi-finals; teaching staff continuing professional development as they continue to complete the district-wide Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) modules; members of the Building Leadership Team (BLT) attended a scheduling conference on 1/29/14 in Columbus; teachers are pleased with and students are taking advantage MobyMax, the online Program which baselines students with a few pretests in Math & Reading.

AIS - Assist. Principal Kelty.....completion of winter benchmark testing reported growth in both Math and Reading from the September benchmark test; Student Led Conferences begin again this week; thanked PTA for the Conference Night meal served to staff; kicked off the magazine fund raiser; Family Literacy night begins 3/4/14 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM; thanked PTA for the purchase of games, videos and other materials for indoor recess activities; thanked teachers for their flexibility in dealing with the weather delays.

AES – Principal Sheila Palombo K-2 conferences were well attended, staff grateful for the dinner provided by PTA; winners from the PTA Reflections Assembly submitted for national competition taking place in April; Small Smiles Dental Program was in the building today to promote good dental hygiene; Valentine's Day room parties are 2/13/14; Kindergarten field trip to Butler Art Museum is 2/25 and 2/26/14; Kindergarten registration packets are available for pick up at AES and AELC.

2014- 2/11-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Regular Session agenda for the Austintown Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. 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- 2/11-6 Treasurer's Report

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer approve the following Items A-C for consent action by the Austintown Board of Education:

- A. Financial Statement for January, 2014
- B. Transfers, Appropriations, and Purchase Orders over \$5000 as submitted
- C. Minutes from the 1/14/14 Organizational Meeting, the 1/14/14 Regular Session Meeting, and 1/29/14 Special 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)

2014- 2/11-7 Superintendent's Report

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

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations:
 - a. Lisa Marucci, Teacher resignation effective 1/14/14; relocation
 - b. Heidi Chepke, Paraprofessional at AES; effective 1/17/14; personal
 - c. Johnnie Richardson, Sweeper-Cleaner effective 1/13/14; personal

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2. Transfers:
 - a. Patricia Ortenzio from 9 month Paraprofessional at AES to 9 month Paraprofessional at Central Office; effective 2/3/14 replacing V. Gleydura (9:00 AM to 2:45 PM)
 - b. Dana Kosco from 9 month Paraprofessional at AES to 9 month Paraprofessional at AES; effective 2/7/14 replacing H. Chepke (8:00 AM to 1:45 PM)
 - c. Michelle Stewart from 9 month Paraprofessional at AES to 9 month Paraprofessional at AES; effective 2/7/14 replacing P. Ortenzio (8:00 AM to 1:45 PM)
3. Leave of Absence:
 - a. April King, unpaid parental leave from 5/20/14 to 6/5/14
 - b. Julie Toth, unpaid parental leave from 3/17/14 to 5/16/14
 - c. Angelique Jackson, unpaid parental leave effective 1/20/14
 - d. Connie Ortiz, unpaid sick leave as needed effective 1/21/14 due to family emergency
4. Long Term Substitute Teacher:
 - a. Kristen Szabo for R. Shrake effective 1/27/14
5. Supplementals:
 - a. Robert Lape, Assist. Fitch Girls Track; 11%
 - b. Andrew DeNiro, Assist. Fitch Boys Track; 11%
 - c. Paul Farr, Assist. Fitch Boys Track; 11%
 - d. Thomas Koniowsky, Head Fitch Track Boys; 18%
 - e. Jeff Gessler, AMS Girls Track (Blue); 9%
 - f. John Hudson, AMS Assist. Girls Track (Red); 9%
 - g. Joel Monaco, Assist. Boys Soccer, 11%
 - h. Robert Frazzini, Head Girls Tennis; 10%
 - i. Chris Flauto, Assist. Boys Track (Red); 9%
 - j. Jason Johnson, Freshman Baseball; 11%
 - k. Adjustment: Kim Freisen, Lead Mentor from 10% to 12% to reflect the final count of Resident Educator mentors at 38 according to Article XV, 15.07 D
6. The following staff members will serve as mentors to new teaching personnel; rate of salary is determined by the AEA negotiated agreement:
 - a. Stephanie Toporcer for Lauren Frost-Wolfgang; second semester only; 1 payment of 2%
 - b. Valerie Baiss for Jason Johnson; Year 1; 4%
7. Before & After School Title 1 Tutors at AIS; AEA rate is \$18.10 per hour; Non-AEA rate is \$16.00 per hour:

<u>AEA</u>	<u>Non-AEA</u>
Jan Nelson	Susan Aguilar (limited to 28.75 hours
Samantha Schiffhauer-Giardina	per week total for combined tutorial
Gina Leone	assignments)
Carol Kuchta	

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8. Tutors: (\$16/ hour; limited to 5.75 hour per day; total 28.75 hours per week; 5 days per week)
 - a. Alexandra Cardarelli, RTI Tutor at AMS; effective 1/29/14
 - b. Robin Lester, AYP Tutor at Fitch; effective 1/27/14
 - c. Carly Hammond, Home Instruction-AEA member @ \$18.10/hr; as needed basis; effective 12/9/13

B. Student Trips

1. Approve the recommendation for a building wide event in conjunction with the AIS PTA to attend Scrappers Field in Niles on May 9, 2014. Admission, lunch, and travel expenses (26 school buses) will be paid from the building-wide candy bar fundraiser. PTA will provide T-shirts. Buses will depart at 8:45 AM and return to AIS 1:30 PM.
2. Fitch Softball team to participate in the "Wendy's Classic" invitational tournament in Ashland, Ohio. Students will leave Fitch at 12:30 PM on Friday April 11, 2014 and return Saturday April 12, 2014. Overnight accommodations, transportation and fees for students and chaperones are self paid. Days missed from school are within the parameters of approved Board Policy.
3. Fitch Spanish Club and adult chaperones to travel to Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 4:00 PM to attend a cultural dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper and return approximately 11:00 PM the same day. Tickets and expenses for school bus transportation will be paid for from club funds.

C. Student Instructional Camps

1. Fitch Softball team to host a youth softball camp at AMS on Sunday, March 2, 2014; K-4 from 2:00 to 4:00PM and Gr. 5-8 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Cost: \$15 per girl; Campers will receive a free Fitch Softball T-shirt.
2. Fitch Volleyball team to host three youth volleyball camps:
 - Gr. 3 & 4 - Location: AMS Gym When: every Sunday from 9/7 to 9/28/14; Time: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM; Gr. 5 & 6 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM; \$50 per girl; registration accepted until second session.
 - Grades 5 and 6 – Location: Fitch Gym When: June 12 and June 13, 2014 Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM; \$50 per girl, Camp T-shirt for early registrations before June 3, 2014
 - Grades 7 and 8 – Location Fitch Gym When: June 18 through June 20, 2014 Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM; \$50 per girl, Camp T-shirt for early registrations before June 13, 2014

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- 2/11-8 Employee Discipline-B.Heinz & C.Todd

Mr. Jakubec motioned to approve the recommendation for the following employees to receive discipline consistent with the OAPSE collective bargaining agreement and in accordance with the severity of their misconduct the recommended days off without pay:

- a. Beth Heinz, Fitch Cafeteria Manager 1 day suspension
- b. Cindy Todd, AELC Cafeteria Manager 3 days suspension

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)

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Mr. Jakubec 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 26, 2014 from 11:00 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)

2014- 2/11-10 Calamity Days

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the Board of Education to declare January 28th and 29th, and February 5, 2014 calamity days for the Austintown Local School district due to extreme cold weather conditions. 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- 2/11-11 In Lieu of Transportation Requests-Detwiler & Miller

Mr. Chine motioned to approve the resolution whereas the following students being residents of the school district and eligible for transportation services; and whereas it is determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these students to their selected schools; be it resolved that the Austintown Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) payment in lieu of transportation:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Non-Public School Attending</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>
Sierra Detwiler	Mollie Kessler Grade 4	Arthur & Christine Detwiler
Tyler Miller	Mollie Kessler Grade 5	Nelson & Anita Miller

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- 2/11-12 Day, Time, and Place of March Regular Board Meeting

Dr. Ritchie motioned to approve Wednesday, March 19, 2014 as the date of the March Board of Education meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM at AMS. 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)

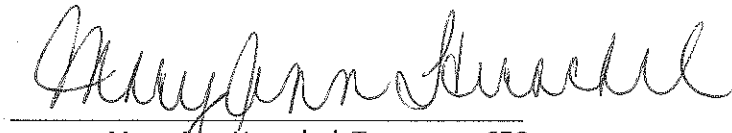
2014- 2/11-13 Board Comments

Kathy Mock..... commented on the many school related activities happening in our district that meets the interest of our community; proceeds from the joint effort of the PTA Council and Fitch Art Department with the Souper Supper on March 11 will benefit needy families in Austintown; encouraged support of the upcoming Bond Issue on the May ballot; extended an invitation for the community to reach out to the Bond Issue co-chairwomen for the Bond Issue Lori Gavalier and Kim Smrek for accurate information and rumor clarification.

Dr. Ritchie congratulations to both boys and girls basketball teams for their achievements and to Megan Sefcik's special awards; thanked Co-Chairwomen Lori Gavalier and Kim Smrek for their work on the Bond Issue Campaign; thanked Mat Fans for their renovation of the concession stands.

2014- 2/11-14 Adjournment

Mr. Chine motioned to adjourn at 7:45 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)

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Mary Ann Herschel, Treasurer, CFO
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Those in Attendance Work Session: Kim Smrek, Kalea Hall, Doug Constance, Lori Gavalier

Those in Attendance Regular Session: David Daichendt, Mary Rohrbaugh, George Rohrbaugh, Tracy Herrholtz, Sheila Palombo, Jack Kidd, Sydney Greenwood, Phoebe Breckenridge, Kayla Sabo, Cameron Blair, Patricia Griffin, Heidi Jo Thomas, Kim Smrek, Shelly Sizu, Joe Conley, Vicki Conley, Jessica Szabo, Steve Serednesky, Mal Culp, Eben Byers, Jr., Fred Marcum, Kalea hall, Brian Forgac, Lori Gavalier, Steven Ward, Brett Powell, Tom Murray, Mark Parry, Brenda Vitullo

*Consent Item