

**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 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 for a Work Session and at 5:00 PM for the March Board Meeting Regular Session.

Board Members

Mr. Don Sherwood, Member
Mr. Fred Marcum, Vice President
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Member
Mr. Harold Porter, Member
Mrs. Kimberly Smrek, Member

Administration

David Cappuzzello, Superintendent
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

2023-3/15-1 Call to Order

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

Mr. Marcum, Present; Mrs. Mock, Present; Mr. Porter, Present; Mr. Sherwood, Present; Mrs. Smrek, Present

2023-3/15-2 Work Session-Topics for Discussion

- Safety Update- FM, KD, DC
- District Photography Update- KS, RH
- Open Enrollment- HP

2023-3/15-3 Executive Session

Mr. Sherwood motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:25 PM for the purpose of discussion with regards to the employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee and to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, or production techniques.

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). The Executive Session ended at 4:55 PM.

2023-3/15-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:04 PM with all members present

2023-3/15-5 Agenda Approval

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the agenda for the 2/16/2023 Board of Education Regular Session.

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).

2023-3/15-6 Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

2023-3/15-7 Recognition/Presentation

- AIM Transportation- Bill Klein
- VFW 4237 Choir Check Presentation- John Balint

2023-3/15-8 Building Reports

Austintown Fitch High School- Dominic Daltorio, Assistant Principal
Austintown Middle School- Jim Penk, Assistant Principal
Austintown Intermediate School- Angel Owens, Head Principal

Austintown Elementary School- Holly Welch, Assistant Principal

2023-3/15-9 Treasurer's Consent Items

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

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 2/16/23

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. February, 2023 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. February, 2023 Month End Forecast Report
- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted
- d. Approve the 2023 Fiscal Year Annual Appropriations per fund listed on the Appropriation Recap Sheet and request a Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$200 to Fitch Speech/Debate Team from Joseph Curry
- a. \$50 to the Austintown Food Service Department from B.L. Zets to pay off meal debt
- b. \$100 to the Austintown Food Service Department from Robert W. Price to pay off meal debt
- c. \$25 to the Austintown Food Service Department from The Ardale Family to pay off meal debt
- d. \$50 to the Austintown Food Service Department from Deborah Mashburn to pay off meal debt
- e. \$50 to the Austintown Food Service Department from Paul W Ghrist to pay off meal debt
- f. \$25 to the Austintown Food Service Department from The Martin Family to pay off meal debt
- g. \$185 to the Austintown Food Service Department from Anonymous to pay off meal debt
- h. \$90 to Fitch Volleyball Boosters for purchase of AMS volleyball championship trophies
- i. \$100 to Austintown Athletics from Distributed Website Corporation
- j. \$250 to the Betty C. Nohra Scholarship from Rebecca Caruso
- k. \$3479.84 to The Schmidt Family Scholarship from The Schmidt Family Benevolence Fund

D. SCHOLARSHIPS

- a. Ferrell Softball Scholarship (FSBS) - \$2500
Softball player planning to attend college to play
- b. The Cadman Family Memorial Scholarship -\$5000
In Honor of Nian (c/o 60) and Terry (c/o 64)
Dance/ Musical Theater Major or Minor
- c. Dr. Amy Toth Dahl Memorial Scholarship - \$1000
Female Athlete with 3.0 GPA or higher planning to major in Biology with Pre-Med

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).

2023-3/15-10 Superintendent's Consent Items

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Superintendent's Consent Items:

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Marc Pupino, AEA Music Teacher effective March 2, 2023, personal
- b. Jody Bartlett, AEA Athletic Supplemental-Fitch Head Volleyball Coach effective 2023-2024 school year; personal

2. OAPSE Appointments

- a. Latoshia Miles, Special Education Paraprofessional -Lighthouse Unit at AIS; 5.75-hours per day replacing Renee Suri effective 3/8/2023
- b. Hattie Shank, Child Specific Paraprofessional at AES; 5.75-hours per day, new position effective 3/13/2023

3. AEA District-wide Supplemental- Summer 2023

- a. Jeff Rhodes, District Coordinator of Summer School - 10%

4. AEA Appointments

AEA Title I Teachers - Partial year grant funded positions for remainder of the 2022-2023 school year

- a. Doreen Holtz, Title I Teacher- AIS -Grant Funded Partial Year position for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; Ashland University master of Education Degree; 9-years experience; Masters- Step 8 effective 3/20/2023

B. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

- a. CORRECTION- Tracey Bernhard, ESSER Grant Funded position - Attendance Coordinator assigned to AES/AIS replacing Kyrallisa Chaney effective 2/1/2023
- b. Tori Thorne, AIS Title I Aide, grant funded at \$16.50 per hour not to exceed 28.75 hours weekly effective 3/6/2023

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Danyelle Henin, AEA AIS Teacher - Unpaid leave (2nd year) 2023-2024 school year
- b. Joy Noble, AEA Teacher - One and one-half (1.5) unpaid days; May 16 & 17, 2023
- c. Kaylea Carkido, OAPSE Sweeper Cleaner - Five (3) unpaid days; March 29-31, 2023
- d. Kathy Senvisky, OAPSE Paraprofessional - One (1) unpaid day, March 21, 2023
- e. Bobbi Simons, OAPSE Paraprofessional - Two (2) unpaid days, March 15 and 16, 2023
- f. Connie Ortiz, OAPSE Paraprofessional - One (1) unpaid day, March 14, 2023
- g. Robert Duda - FMLA - Sick leave - effective 3.6.2023 until the end of the year
- h. Alexandra Bowen- FMLA - Maternity Leave effective 4.6.2023 until the end of the year

D. MVRCOG PERSONNEL

- a. Melissa Carney, Bus Washer

E. FALCON CARE SUPPLEMENTAL- FLEX SCHEDULE AT \$20 PER HOUR

- a. Katie Corbett

F. VOLUNTEERS- Athletic/Academic

- a. Richard Raymer, Athletics - Softball
- b. Joseph Chepke III, Athletics - Baseball

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

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, No; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-1).

Mr. Marcum moved to, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following contractual agreements made by and between the Austintown Local School District ("District") and:

- a. **GCL Education Services, LLC.** A special needs/ At risk Education Company, for the sole purpose of providing education services in accordance with placement at the "Leap Program" via The Village Network Residential Treatment Program.
WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3323.08 authorizes a district or court to place a child in a private school or private residential treatment center.
WHEREAS, Student(s) from Austintown Local Schools will be attending GCL Education Services, LLC. "Leap Program."

The parties agree to the following as presented. The district will pay GCL Services, LLC. at a per diem rate of \$165 per student, after services rendered, including teacher in service and calamity days.

- b. **ACCESS** a membership organization having its principal place of business at 493 Bev Road, Unit 1, Boardman, OH 44512 ("ACCESS") and, Austintown Local Schools, an Ohio school district, having its principal place of business at 700 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown, OH 44515. ("User"). *WHEREAS*, ACCESS wishes to provide internet access to User subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; Now it is agreed as presented.
- c. **The Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio ("Board")** pursuant to R.C. 3313.845
WHEREAS, the Board has expertise in providing services sought by the District, and
WHEREAS, the District wishes to utilize the Board's services and abilities during the term of this Agreement and the Board is qualified to provide such services and willing to offer such services upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties agree on the following as presented.

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).

2023-3/15-12 Resolution

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the following resolutions A-B:

- a. *WHEREAS*, The Austintown Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 2-72 passenger school bus chassis and bodies and 2-passenger vans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Austintown Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of 2-72 passenger school bus chassis and bodies and 2- passenger vans.
- b. *WHEREAS*, The Austintown Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1,2023; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Austintown School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as presented.

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

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, no; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-1).

2023-3/15-13 Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Smrek moved approve the following memorandum of understanding:

- a. This agreement is made and entered into on the date of the last signature hereon (the Effective Date) by and between the School District listed on the signature page (hereinafter "the District") and Youngstown State University (hereinafter "YSU"), each a "Party" and together the "Parties".

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 487, which includes the College Credit Plus Program, was signed into law on June 16, 2014 and effective as of September 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's College Credit Plus program governs arrangements in which a student enrolls in a college course and, upon successful completion of coursework, receives transcribed credit from the college and;

WHEREAS, commencing at the start of the 2023-2024 school year, YSU and the District desire to provide eligible students with the opportunity to take college courses for credit; and

WHEREAS, YSU and the District agree to adhere to the applicable laws, rules, responsibilities, and expectations included in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3365, and in the rules promulgated and filed by the Ohio Department of Higher Education

NOW THEREFORE YSU AND THE DISTRICT wish to confirm in writing the terms of their mutual and individual responsibilities related to offering this special program.

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).

2023-3/15-14 District Calendar

Mr. Sherwood moved to, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2023-2024 Austintown Local School District Calendar as presented.

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).

2023-3/15-15 Public Meeting for March,2023

Work Session: April 5, 2023 at the Board of Education Conference Room beginning at 7:00 PM

Regular Session: April, 5, 2023 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 8:00 PM

2023-3/15-16 Treasurer's Comments

None.

2023-3/15-17 Superintendent's Comments

None.

2023-3/15-18 Board Comments

None.

2023-3/15-19 Adjournment

Mr. Marcum moved to adjourn at 5:28 PM.

Mrs. Smrek 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).



Mr. Don Sherwood, President
Austintown Board of Education



Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
Austintown Board of Education