

**January Organizational Board Meeting (Wednesday, January 10, 2024)**

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**1. Call to Order - John P. Landers, President Pro Tempore**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Oath of Office (ORC 3313.10)**

Oath administered to:

**Mrs. Candace N. Rivera**

**Mr. Frank J. Zetts**

Do you solemnly affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Boardman Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is elected and qualified. If you agree, please respond: "I do."

**C. Roll Call - 5:00 p.m.**

Ms. Victoria L. Davis - present

Mr. John W. Fryda - present

Mr. John P. Landers - present

Mrs. Candace N. Rivera - present

Mr. Frank J. Zetts - present

**2. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2024 - ORC 3313.14**

**A. Election of President**

1. Nomination Mr. John W. Fryda

Nominated by Mr. John P. Landers

Motion to close nomination by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Second by Mr. Frank J. Zetts

Davis A Fryda A Landers A Rivera A Zetts A

24-01 Election of President

Motion Approved

5-0

**3. Assumption of Duties**

**A. The newly elected President will assume his/her responsibilities at this point.**

**Mr John W. Fryda, the newly elected President, assumed his responsibilities at this point.**

**4. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2024 - ORC 3313.14**

**A. Election of Vice President**

1. Nomination Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Nominated by Mr. John P. Landers

Motion to close nomination by Mr. John P. Landers

Second by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Landers A Rivera A Zetts A Davis A Fryda A

24-02 Election of Vice President

Motion Approved

5-0

**5. Approval of Agenda**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

A Motion was made to approve agenda.

Motion by Mr. Frank J. Zetts

Second by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Zetts A Davis A Fryda A Landers A Rivera A

24-03 Agenda

Motion Approved

5-0

**6. Board Members' Business**

A. 2024 Board Meetings

2024 Board Meetings - It is recommended that the Board set the following dates and places for the 2024 regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. (ORC 3313.15)

Month	Date	Suggested Location
January	January 22, 2024	Boardman High School
February	February 26, 2024	Boardman High School
March	March 25, 2024	Robinwood Elementary School
April	April 22, 2024	Center Intermediate School
May	May 20, 2024	Stadium Drive Elementary School
June	June 27, 2024	Boardman High School
July	July 29, 2024	Boardman High School
August	August 26, 2024	Boardman High School
September	September 23, 2024	West Boulevard Elementary School
October	October 21, 2024	Glenwood Junior High School
November	November 25, 2024	Boardman High School
December	December 16, 2024	Boardman High School

**B. Service Fund**

It is recommended that a Service Fund be established for 2024 at \$20,000.00. This is in keeping with the legal guidelines of ORC 3315.15, not to exceed \$2.00 per student or \$20,000 whichever is greater.

**C. Legislative Liaison**

**Legislative Liaison** - Appointment of a Board member to serve as the Legislative Liaison for 2024. (Appointment is to be made by the President.)

Appointee Mrs. Candace N. Rivera

**D. Board Member In-Service Meetings**

**Board Member In-Service Meetings** - It is recommended that Board members be approved to attend the OSBA Officer and Boardmanship Meetings for the year 2024.

**E. Vote**

A Motion was made to approve items as listed in the agenda for approval.

Motion by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Second by Mr. John P. Landers

Davis A Fryda A Landers A Rivera A Zetts A 24-04 Vote  
Motion Approved 5-0

**7. Agenda****A. Resignations - Classified Staff**

**Donald Ford** - Transportation, Bus Driver, resignation effective January 15, 2023.

Motion by Mr. John P. Landers

Second by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Landers A Rivera A Zetts A Davis A Fryda A 24-05 Agenda  
Motion Approved 5-0

**8. Treasurer's Business - Mr. Arthur Ginnetti, III****A. Permission to Request Advances and Invest**

**Permission to Request Advances and Invest** - It is recommended that the Board extend standing authority to the Treasurer, to (1) secure advances from the auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district, and (2) invest interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever such funds are available.

**B. Payment of Bills**

**Payment of Bills** - It is recommended that the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.

**C. Vote**

A Motion was made to approve listed items for approval.

Motion by Mr. John P. Landers

Second by Mr. Frank J. Zetts

Landers A Rivera A Zetts A Davis A Fryda A 24-06 Financial  
Motion Approved 5-0

**9. Superintendent's Business - Mr. Timothy L. Saxton****A. Law Firms**

**Law Firms for 2024** - It is recommended that the following law firms be employed for the calendar year 2024 by the Boardman Board of Education to be used at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

**Ennis Britton Co., L.P.A.**, 6000 Lombardo Center, Suite 120, Cleveland, Ohio 44131

**Peters, Kalail & Markakis CO., L.P.A.**, 6480 Rockside Woods Blvd., South Suite 300, Cleveland, OH 44131

**Squire Patton Boggs**, 4900 Key Tower, 127 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Weston Hurd LLP**, 1300 E. Ninth Street, Suite 1400, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**B. Agent of the Board**

**Superintendent as Agent of the Board** - It is recommended that the Board appoint the Superintendent or his designee to act as its agent:

1. to take appropriate action per ORC 3313.20 on all certificated and classified staff requests for professional meetings during the calendar year 2024 with the usual stipulation being that the total expenditures may not exceed the appropriated amount for this particular item.
2. for all Federal, State, and privately funded programs during the calendar year 2024. This is necessary for the Superintendent to be able to legally sign the many forms and act expeditiously on these programs.
3. to approve those overnight field trips that meet the criteria of the Board-adopted policy.
4. to approve foreign exchange students per Policy 5114 as recommended and approved by the administrative staff of buildings where these students are enrolled.

**C. Temporary Personnel**

**Resignation/Employment of Temporary Personnel** - It is recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent or his designee to accept the resignation of personnel and employ such temporary personnel as needed. Such resignations and/or employments are to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.

**D. Appeals Officer**

**Appeals Officer** - It is recommended that the Board appoint the Superintendent or his designee as its designated appeals officer for all suspension appeals held during the calendar year 2024.

**E. OSBA Membership**

**OSBA Membership** - It is recommended that the district purchase membership in the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) for 2024 on behalf of the Board of Education.

File Attachments

OSBA.pdf (165 KB)

**F. OSBA Legal Assistance Fund**

**OSBA Legal Assistance Fund** - It is recommended that the Board approve payment to join the Ohio School Boards Legal Assistance Fund (LAF). The LAF provides supportive assistance to boards of education in cases or controversies of statewide

significance. The annual cost of membership is \$250.

**File Attachments**

Boardman Local (Mahoning) 2024 LAF Invoice.pdf (175 KB)

**G. E-Rate Certification**

**E-Rate Certification** – It is recommended that the Board grant the Superintendent or his designee the authority to sign all E-rate certifications for reimbursement purposes for the calendar year 2024 for the Boardman Schools.

**H. Vote**

A Motion was made to approve items as listed in the agenda for approval.

Motion by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Second by Mr. Frank J. Zetts

Davis A Fryda A Landers A Rivera A Zetts A 24-07 Superintendent's Business

Motion Approved 5-0

**10. Executive Session**

**A. Executive Session ORC 121.22**

It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss:

	Personnel matters (individuals need not be named)
<b>X</b>	Appointment and/or employment
	Dismissal
	Discipline
	Promotion or demotion
	Compensation
	Investigation of charges and/or complaints
	Purchase or sale of property
	Conferences with legal counsel related to pending or imminent court action
	Negotiations
	Security arrangements
	Economic Development
	Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Executive Session - Action will not be taken.

Motion by Mr. John P. Landers

Second by Ms. Victoria L. Davis

Landers A Rivera A Zetts A Davis A Fryda A 24-08 Executive Session

Motion Approved 5-0

Entered into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

**11. Reports**

**A. Various Reports and Discussion**

**Reports:**

Special Education update

Pupil Supports update

Facilities, Repairs, and Improvements update

Financial update

Communications update

Strategic Planning update

**12. Adjournment**

**A. Adjournment**

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion By Mr. John W. Fryda

Second by Mr. John P. Landers

Fryda A Landers A Rivera A Zetts A Davis A 24-09 Adjournment

Motion Approved 5-0

Adjournment at 7:43 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer