

# NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**North Adams Administration Office**  
6:00 p.m. – January 10, 2023

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Board members Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Tim Ehlerding, Carla Bultemeier, and Eric Allmon were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

**ABSENT:** Jill Colclasure

## AGENDA

**A. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 6:01 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

*Regular meeting suspended and Board of Finance Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. Regular Board meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m.*

2. Oath of Office

-Baumer delivered Oath to Bussel, Stimpson, and Hill

**B. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**C. Organization of School Board for 2023**

### **1. Elect Officers**

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Carla Bultemeier, to elect Stacey Bussel as School Board President. Motion passed 6-0.*

- a. **President** – Stacey Bussel

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill, to elect Eric Allmon as School Board Vice President. Motion passed 6-0*

- b. **Vice President** – Eric Allmon

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Carla Bultemeier, to elect Dave Hill as School Board Secretary. Motion passed 6-0.*

- c. **Secretary** – Dave Hill

*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Eric Allmon, to elect Jill Colclasure as School Board Assistant Secretary. Motion passed 6-0*

- d. **Assistant Secretary** – Jill Colclasure

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Carla Bultemeier, to appoint Beth Quinn as North Adams Treasurer and Lori Baumer as North Adams Deputy Treasurer. Motion passed 6-0.*

2. **Appointment of Treasurer** – Beth Quinn and  
**Deputy Treasurer** – Lori Baumer

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Eric Allmon, to appoint Lori Baumer as School Board Recorder. Motion passed 6-0.*

**3. Appointment of Recorder for School Board Meetings – Lori Baumer**

*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Eric Allmon, to appoint Tim Ehlerding as Legislative Liaison. Motion passed 6-0.*

**4. Appointment of Legislative Liaison – Tim Ehlerding**

*Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Dave Hill, to select Scott Ainsworth as North Adams Community Schools Attorney. Motion passed 6-0.*

**5. Select School Attorney – Scott Ainsworth**

*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Dave Hill, to appoint Tim Ehlerding to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion passed 6-0.*

**6. Redevelopment Commission Appointment – Tim Ehlerding**

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Eric Allmon, to set the Regular School Board Meeting date and time as the second Tuesday of each month with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.*

**7. Establish the Meeting Day and Time for Regular Board Meetings**

*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to maintain the Board Member's salary at \$2,000 per year. No per diem will be added. Motion approved 6-0.*

**8. Establish the salary for School Board Members**

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Dave Hill, to appoint Kim Hiatt as the Administrator and Craig Lohr as the Teacher Representative of SEBT. Motion approved 6-0.*

**9. SEBT Trustee Appointments**

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

**D. Consensus Items**

**1. Minutes of**

- a. December 13, 2022/Regular Board Meeting

**2. Financial Report**

**3. Personnel**

a. **Assignments**

1. Justin Ayres to be assigned the position of Belmont Middle School Track & Field Co-Head Coach effective March 13, 2023.
2. Dean Gallmeyer to be assigned the position of Belmont High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian effective January 11, 2023.
3. Belmont Middle School Winter Coaches

**Wrestling**

Head Coach- Luke Binegar

Assistant Coach- Daniel Gunsett

Volunteers- Randy Baker, Ben Faurote, Paul Ruble, Fletcher Shaneyfelt

### **Swimming & Diving**

Co-Head Coach- Laura Werling

Co-Head Coach- Kristen Krey

4. Chase Kukelhan to be assigned the position of Belmont High School Boys Track Assistant Coach effective January 2, 2023. (Added 1/9/2023)

#### **b. Resignations**

1. Vanessa Spade to resign the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian at Belmont Middle School effective January 31, 2023.
2. Amy Deathe to resign the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian at Belmont High School effective January 6, 2023.
3. Michelle (Chelli) Smith to resign the position of Track & Field Co-Head Coach at Belmont Middle School effective October 28, 2022.
4. Zane Bodkins to resign the position of Football Assistant Coach at Belmont Middle School effective December 14, 2022.
5. Abigail Schoeff to resign the position of Teacher of Record at Belmont Middle School effective January 17, 2023.

#### **c. Leaves**

1. Teresa Gephart requesting medical leave beginning approximately January 19, 2023, as per Classified Employee Handbook, page 7 (V-I). She will also use Child Rearing Leave, as per Classified Employee Handbook, page 7 (V-I).

#### **d. Retirements**

1. Michelle (Chelli) Smith to retire from the position of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature Teacher at Belmont Middle School effective March 17, 2023. (28 years)

#### **e. Change of Position(s)**

1. Troy Kressley to move from Assistant Maintenance to North Adams Community Schools Head Maintenance effective February 1, 2023.
2. April Busse to move from First Grade Long-Term Substitute to First Grade Teacher effective January 3, 2023.

#### **f. LEA Business**

1. Breona Myers to be assigned the position of Healthy Families Family Support Specialist effective January 23, 2023.

#### **g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips**

1. 1. Belmont High School Rifle Club/Camp Perry/Port Clinton, Ohio/January 21, 2023
2. Belmont High School TSA/Purdue University/West Lafayette, IN/February 10 & 11, 2023 (Added 1/9/2023)

### **E. Program Update**

1. Joe Wolpert/K-8 High Ability, Testing, and Technology Update  
-Mr. Wolpert stated that he has enjoyed the challenge of learning the administrative side of PowerSchool. He has created 17 new reports for teachers and administrators to easily pull various student information for their students including, but not limited to, testing scores from multiple sites, testing accommodations, and discipline reports.  
-Mr. Wolpert has been working in conjunction with Building Principals, Director of Learning, and Julie Schueler to create a schedule for upcoming testing that will work for all stakeholders.

### **F. Old Business**

## **G. New Business**

*Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to approve Resolution to move Education Funds to Operations Funds in the amount of \$85,000 on a monthly basis as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

1. Approval of Resolution to move Education Funds to Operations Funds on a monthly basis January 2023 to June 2023.
2. Superintendent's Report
  - Mrs. Hiatt gave a personal tribute to long-time staff member Paul Gunsett commending him for the many lives he has touched. Additionally, she detailed arrangements for Mr. Gunsett's upcoming viewing at the BHS Gymnasium and his funeral service arrangements including a motorcade through the Belmont campus following the church service. The public was invited to honor Paul on campus for his funeral procession.
  - Mrs. Hiatt recognized that the Belmont school family is struggling with many difficult health situations at this time. She asked for support and positive encouragement to each other.
  - Mrs. Hiatt noted that school will be cancelled on January 16, 2023, with a make-up date of February 20, 2023. Any additional cancellations in the 2022-23 school year will be synchronous E-Learning days.
3. Other matters to come before the Board
  - Tim Ehlerding reported that the governor has stated that his goal for the state budget is to increase school funding and support schools.

## **H. Board Members and/or Public Comment**

**I. Adjournment:** 6:48 p.m.

The Board shall cause to be posted at the Corporation's Administrative Building, and in such other places as it may direct, a notice listing the date, time, and place of each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. "The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact Supervisor of Building and Grounds, at the School Corporation's central office."