Minutes of Organizational Meeting of the Louisville Board of Education

January 8, 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 01/08/2024

The Organizational Meeting of the Louisville Board of Education was called to order by President Pro-Tempore, Mr. Rick Crislip, on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office, 407 East Main Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641 with the following members present: Mr. Jon Aljancic, Mr. Frank Antonacci, Mr. Rick Crislip, Mrs. Barbara DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux. Also present were: Ms. Michele Shaffer, Mrs. Anna Minor, and Mr. Derek Nottingham.

Oath of Office taken by re-elected board members, Mr. Frank Antonacci and Mrs. Barbara DeJacimo.

24-1 NOMINATION OF BOARD PRESIDENT 2024
Mr. Jon Aljancic nominated and Mr. Frank Antonacci seconded the nomination of Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux, President of the Louisville Board of Education, effective calendar year 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux was declared President of the Board of Education for calendar year 2024 and took the Oath of Office.

24-2 NOMINATION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT 2024
Mrs. Barb DeJacimo nominated and Mr. Frank Antonacci seconded the nomination of Mr. Jon Aljancic, Vice-President of the Louisville Board of Education for calendar year 2024.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

Mr. Jon Aljancic was declared Vice-President of the Board of Education for calendar year 2024 and took the Oath of Office.

24-3 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETINGS
Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to establish the date, time and place of the regular meetings of the Louisville Board of Education as presented:

February 12, 2024	Louisville Middle School	6:30 p.m.
March 11, 2024	Louisville Elementary	6:30 p.m.
April 15, 2024	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.
May 20, 2024	Louisville Middle School	6:30 p.m.
June 17, 2024	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.
August 12, 2024	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.
September 9, 2024	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.
October 21, 2024	North Nimishillen	6:30 p.m.
November 18, 2024	R.G. Drage Career Center	6:30 p.m.
December 9, 2024	Louisville High School	6:30 p.m.
January 13, 2025	Board of Education Office	6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-4 2024 DELEGATE TO OSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mr. Aljancic to appoint Mrs. Barb DeJacimo as the District's Delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association's Annual Conference.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-5 2024 LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/ALTERNATE
Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mr. Aljancic to appoint Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux as the District's Legislative Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association and as an Alternate to the Ohio School Boards Association's Annual Conference.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-6 2024 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mr. Crislip to appoint Mrs. Barb DeJacimo as the District's Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-7 GENERAL RESOLUTIONS
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to adopt the following general resolutions as presented:

1. The existing bylaws and policies for the operation of the Louisville City Board of Education and the Louisville City School District are hereby approved.

2. The Canton Repository shall serve as the official newspaper of the Louisville City School District.

3. Permission is granted for the Louisville City School District to participate in cooperative programs including but not limited to the the Stark County Educational Service Center and the State of Ohio.

4. The Louisville City School District is authorized to participate in the cooperative purchasing programs through both the Stark County Educational Service Center and the State of Ohio.

5. The Louisville City School District is authorized to participate in all Federal, State, and Local grants or agreements that may benefit the School District.

6. The Louisville City School District is authorizing the continuation of the policies 5113, Inter-District Open Enrollment, and 5113-01, Intra-District Open Enrollment.

7. The Louisville City School District is authorized to participate as a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

8. The Louisville City School District is authorized to renew membership in the Louisville Chamber of Commerce at the current membership fee.

9. The Louisville Board of Education does hereby establish a Service Fund, a fund to be set aside as an account within the General Fund, and therein hereby appropriated for the purpose of said "Service Fund" the maximum amount permitted by law, not to exceed $20,000.00, which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations of this school district for calendar year 2024.

10. The fee schedule for community use of school facilities as presented in Exhibit T-1 is hereby approved.

11. The cell phone reimbursement schedule as presented in Exhibit T-2 is hereby approve.

12. The rate schedule for substitutes, seasonal workers, and game workers as presented in Exhibit T-3 are hereby approved.

13. The alternate tax budget as presented in Exhibit T-4 is hereby approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-8 FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Aljancic and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the following financial resolutions:

1. The Treasurer is authorized to pay bills within the limits of appropriations when merchandise has been received in good condition or when contractual obligations become due.

2. The Treasurer is authorized to secure tax advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the Louisville City School District.

3. The Treasurer is authorized to invest inactive or interim deposits in investment opportunities which are feasible for the District's overall financial plan and which are in accordance with the District's investment policy and Ohio Revised Code. The Treasurer is further authorized to include Commercial Paper and Banker Acceptances within the District's investment portfolio in accordance to Board Policy 6144.

4. The Treasurer is authorized to modify appropriations provided funds are available, certified and presented for approval to the Board of Education at the next regular board meeting.

5. The Treasurer is authorized to approve blanket purchase orders up to an individual maximum of 1,000,000.

6. The Treasurer is authorized to use a facsimile signature on warrant and payroll checks.

7. The Treasurer is authorized to transfer amounts equivalent to interest earned by applicable funds.

8. The Treasurer, as District Public Records Officer, is authorized to attend Public Records Training on behalf of the Board of Education members.

9. The Treasurer is authorized to expend public funds for proper public purposes, pursuant to Ohio Auditor of State Technical Bulletin 2003-005 and is further authorized to expend public funds for amenities for participants at meetings and/other occasions, pursuant to board policy 6233.

10. The Treasurer's Bond shall be set at $200,000; the Superintendent's Bond shall be set at $20,000; and the Board President's Bond shall be set at $20,000.

11. The Treasurer is authorized to use online auctions (i.e. GovDeals, Kiko Auctioneers, etc.) for the sale of used surplus items.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-9 SUPERINTENDENT RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mr. Aljancic to approve the following resolutions pertaining to the Superintendent:

1. The Superintendent and/or Designee is authorized to act for the Board on matters pertaining to surplus property procurement and federal grant applications and reports.

2. The Superintendent is authorized, during times when the Board is not in session, to directly make offers of employment to and employ candidates for both teaching and nonteaching positions on behalf of the Board and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of the Board subject to a subsequent vote of ratification at the next regular board meeting recognizing the effective date as the time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

3. The Superintendent is authorized, during times when the Board is not in session, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees on behalf of the Board subject to a subsequent vote of ratification at the next regular board meeting recognizing the effective date as the time of the Superintendent's acceptance of said resignation.

4. The Superintendent is authorized to employ personnel as needed to assist with remedial or proficiency intervention at the prevailing approved rates.

5. The Superintendent is authorized to employ summer help (cleaning, maintenance, and grounds) at the established rate or minimum wage rate.

6. The Superintendent or Designee is authorized to act as Purchasing Agent, including but not limited to the approval of service contracts (i.e. athletic officials, resource officer, athletic trainer, counseling services, casual help, Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium).

7. The Superintendent or Designee is authorized to approve travel of employees to conduct official school business and/or attend authorized professional meetings.

8. The Superintendent is authorized to select and employ legal counsel and to initiate legal action to protect and/or defend the interests of the Board, District, students and/or its employees, and report such action to the Board at the next board meeting. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, selecting representation for the Tax Incentive Review Council, appeals of tax issues, workers' and unemployment compensation, litigation, and actions before administrative agencies. Further, The Superintendent is authorized to engage the law firm of Peters, Kalail & Markakis, LPA to provide legal services to the District on an as-needed basis as requested by and to provide supportive services to legal counsel Mary Jo Shannon Slick.

9. The Superintendent is authorized to employ non-licensed / non-certificated persons in supplemental positions.

10. The Superintendent is authorized to appoint appropriate personnel to required positions.

11. The Superintendent or Designee is authorized to declare the value of used books, supplemental materials, and equipment.

12. The Superintendent or Designee is authorized to enter into agreements for field experience and student teachers from local universities.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-10
Motion by Mr. Aljancic and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the following District support organizations in accordance with Board Policy 9211.

Athletic Booster
Band Booster
Choir Booster
Leopard Dugout Booster
Swimming Booster
Touchdown Club Booster
Wrestling Booster
Elementary PTO
Middle School PTO

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

24-11
Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mr. Aljancic to approve the following District recognized sports for Ohio High School Athletics Association purposes:

Baseball	E-Sports	Softball
Basketball	Football	Swimming & Diving
Bowling	Golf	Tennis
Cheerleading	Gymnastics	Track & Field
Cross Country	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Equestrian	Soccer	Wrestling

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

A.
The Superintendent hereby appoints individuals to the following committees as listed from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025:

Athletic/Extracurricular Committee	Mr. Jon Aljancic Mr. Frank Antonacci
Board Policy Committee	Mr. Rick Crislip Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux
Curriculum and Program Committee	Mr. Jon Aljancic Mrs. Barb DeJacimo
Facilities Committee	Mr. Rick Crislip Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux
Finance/Audit Committee	Mr. Frank Antonacci

	Mrs. Barb DeJacimo
RG Drage Representative	Mr. Frank Antonacci
Safety Representative	Mr. Rick Crislip
Student Liaison Committee	Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux

24-12 ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

President

Attest