

Jody Seward, Pro Tem, called the Organizational, Budget and Regular monthly meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Treasurer, Mark Phillips, issued oaths of office to new board members Kenneth Killian and Justin Henry.

Roll Call: Justin Henry, Hope Hill, Ken Killian, Jody Seward – All Present Charles Snyder - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of membership.

Pledge.

Ken Killian nominated Jody Seward for President of the Board of Education for 2024.

1.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Hill to close nominations.

Roll Call: Killian, Hill, Henry, Seward – All Yes Passed

2.24 Motion by Henry, seconded by Killian to cast unanimous ballot for Jody Seward as Board President.

Roll Call: Henry, Killian, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

President Jody Seward assumed the chair.

Justin Henry nominated Hope Hill for Vice President of the Board of Education for 2024.

3.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to close nominations.

Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

4.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to cast unanimous ballot for Hope Hill as Vice President.

Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Seward, Hill – All Yes Passed

5.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Henry to set date, time and place for regular monthly meetings: third Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m. at Fairless High School.

Roll Call: Hill, Henry, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed

6.24 Motion by Henry, seconded by Hill to set Board member compensation at the maximum rate authorized by law per meeting. Board members will be paid for one meeting per month no matter how many meetings are held. Board members must attend at least one meeting per month in order to be compensated.

Roll Call: Henry, Hill, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed

7.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Killian to approve Standing Resolutions for 2024

Approve participation by the President and Vice President at the OSBA School Board President Workshop in 2024 with expenses to come from the Board Service Fund.

Establish service fund:

WHEREAS, Revised Code 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the General Fund, a sum not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) for each child enrolled, or twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater; such sum of money to be known as the “Service Fund” - to be used in paying the expense of members of the Board, actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives, when sent out of the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fairless Local School District, does thereby establish a Service Fund; such fund to be set aside as an account within the General Fund and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of said Service Fund, the amount of \$5,000.00.

Authorize the Treasurer to seek advances and returns on tax settlements, invest inactive funds as they become available, at the best possible rate of interest, adjust posting errors on an as needed basis, and pay bills monthly, with a listing to be supplied to the Board.

Authorize the Treasurer to participate in Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Authorize the Superintendent to apply for, amend, and participate in any and all Federal, State, Local and Private funded grants and programs for the calendar year 2024.

Authorize the Superintendent or designated representative to appoint such personnel as is required for contingency situations, and submit such action to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting.

Authorize the Superintendent or designated representative to act for the Board on matters relating to Foundation, State and Federal grant application.

Authorize the Superintendent or designated representative to act for the Board on matters relating to service agreements or fiscal agent contracts involving other boards, agencies or organizations.

Authorize the Superintendent or designated representative to serve as the purchasing agent for the Board up to \$25,000 and submit such action to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting.

Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel between board meetings.

To authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

Authorize the Superintendent to accept resignations between board meetings.

To authorize the Superintendent on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

Roll Call: Hill, Killian, Henry, Seward – All Yes Passed

- 8.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to approve and submit the budget for the Fairless Local School district, commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to the Stark County Budget Commission in the amount of \$30,302,400.00. Asking Budget 2024-2025 as presented:

General Fund	\$20,000,000.00
Capital Projects	\$5,405,000.00
Debt Service	\$865,000.00
OSFC Maintenance	\$200,000.00
Special Revenue	\$1,581,400.00
Permanent Improvement	\$1,350,000.00
Proprietary	\$800,000.00
Fiduciary	\$101,000.00
Grand Total	\$30,302,400.00

Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

REGULAR MEETING

Recognition of Public

High School Programs of Study - Presentation by Principal Merritt and Assistant Principal Bixler-Zalesinsky

- 9.24 Motion by Henry, seconded by Hill to approve Financial Report for December 31, 2023 and regular board minutes from December 12, 2023.
Roll Call: Henry, Hill, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 10.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to approve mileage reimbursement rate, set by the IRS, at \$0.67 per mile, effective January 1, 2024.
Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 11.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Henry to approve a contract with Vasco for paving in Brideweser Stadium at an approximate cost of \$50,000.
Roll Call: Hill, Henry, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 12.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Henry to approve the 2024-2025 Fairless Local School District Calendar.
Roll Call: Hill, Henry, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 13.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to approve a resolution authorizing the preparation and execution of an application for the Safe Routes to Schools funding.
Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 14.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Henry to approve the law firm of Peters Kalail & Markakis Co. L.P.A. to provide supportive services to General Counsel.
Roll Call: Hill, Henry, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 15.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to approve three (3) additional open enrollment students for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed
- 16.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to hear second reading and approve the following new/revised policies:

0165.3 Recess/Adjournment
 1616 Administrative Staff Dress and Grooming
 2370.01 Blended Learning
 3216 Professional Staff Dress and Grooming
 3220 Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation
 3223 Standards-Based Counselor Evaluation
 4216 Classified Staff Dress and Grooming
 5113.02 School Choice Options
 5511 Student Dress and Grooming
 5610.03 Emergency Removal of Students
 6110 Grant Funds
 6114 Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds
 6320 Purchasing and Bidding
 6423 Use of Credit Cards
 6605 Crowdfunding
 7450 Property Inventory
 7455 Accounting System for Capital Assets
 7540.05 District Issued Staff E-Mail Accounts
 7540.06 District Issued Student E-Mail Accounts
 8500 Food Services
 Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

Heard first reading of new or revised policies, no action taken:

0169 Public Participation at Board Meetings
 1617 Weapons
 2220 Adoption of Courses of Study
 2240 Controversial Issues
 2413 Career Advising
 2430 District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
 2431 Interscholastic Athletics
 3124 Employment Contract
 3217 Weapons
 4217 Weapons
 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident
 5113.02 School Choice Options
 5200 Attendance
 5335 Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions
 5336 Care of Students with Diabetes
 5350 Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
 5460.01 Diploma Deferral
 5630.01 Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports and Limited Use of Restraint & Seclusion
 5772 Weapons
 6144 Investments
 6220 Budget Preparation
 6550 Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
 7300 Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property
 7440.01 Video Surveillance & Electronic Monitoring
 7440.03 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
 8320 Personnel Files
 8651 Nonroutine Use of School Buses

17.24 Motion by Henry, seconded by Hill to approve additional hours for Michael Rittmaier for home instruction of one student effective 12/17/2023, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.
 Roll Call: Henry, Hill, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed

18.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to approve Lauren Knight for Spring Drama Asst. for the 2023-2024 school year.
 Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

Announced Date for Next Board Meeting as February 20, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. at Fairless High School.

- 19.24 Motion by Hill, seconded by Henry to enter executive session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss the employment of a public employee.
Roll Call: Hill, Henry, Killian, Seward – All Yes Passed

President, Jody Seward, called the meeting back into session at 9:05 p.m.

- 20.24 Motion by Killian, seconded by Henry to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:06. p.m.
Roll Call: Killian, Henry, Hill, Seward – All Yes Passed

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President, Jody Seward

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Treasurer, Mark Phillips

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