

**RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN  
OHIO K-12 EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of the Berea City School District, held a public meeting, at Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017 at 7:00 p.m. on March 22, 2023 with the following members in attendance: Ana Chapman, Cori Farris, Rick Mack, Neal Postel, Heather Zirke.

Neal Postel moved and Ana Chapman seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1953, the citizens of Ohio voted to amend Article VI, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution by removing the Department of Education from the executive office of the Governor and creating the State Board of Education. Section 4 states that the Board shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction and that the respective powers and duties of the Superintendent and the Board shall be prescribed by law, for which the General Assembly has provided enabling language for nearly 70 years; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.07, has granted the State Board of Education policy forming, rulemaking, planning and evaluative functions for all public schools of the State of Ohio, duties which the Board performs transparently and with public and stakeholder input; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education provides the proper balance between state-mandated policy and local education autonomy, thereby contributing to Ohio's proud tradition of local control in education; and

WHEREAS, members of the State Board of Education stay in frequent communication with constituents, parents, teachers, administrators, students, and stakeholders, bringing their input and concerns into the rulemaking process and to the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, a system that includes duly-elected representatives in the direct oversight of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, of the Ohio Department of Education, and of the most important aspects of education, including state standards and model curriculum, provides the greatest assurance that the will of the public will be well represented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education should retain the voice of Ohioans and transparency in all facets of public education through its public meetings, public decision-making, and public input; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education should retain complete rulemaking authority under Title 33 of the Ohio Revised Code; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education urges legislators to involve State Board of Education leadership in the policymaking process to avoid delays between the enactment and implementation of legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education urges legislators to contact their State Board of Education member should communication problems arise with the Ohio Department of Education; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the General Assembly restructures the State Board of Education and the Department of Education, it should require that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be a member of the Board of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that with this action the Berea Board of Education stands in opposition to HB 12, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered this resolution through email and mail a certified copy to the following:

House Speaker Jason Stephens

House Minority Leader Allison Russo

Senate President Matt Huffman

Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio

Representative Adam Bird, Chair of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Representative Phillip Robinson, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Senator Andrew Brenner, Chair of the Senate Education Committee

Senator Catherine Ingram, Ranking Member of the Senate Education Committee

Representative Bill Roemer, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee

State Representative Daniel Troy, Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee

Representative Bride Rose Sweeney

Representative Thomas F. Patton

Senator Matt Dolan

Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee: Representatives Sarah Fowler Arthur, Sean P. Brennan, Gary Click, Don Jones, Beth Lear, P. Scott Lipps, Gayle Manning, Derek Merton, Joseph A. Miller, III, Jessica E. Miranda, Andrea White, Josh Williams and to the office of Governor Mike DeWine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board were in meetings open to the

