

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Berea-Midpark High School, ATLAS Room, 165 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, OH 44017, and shown remotely on YouTube at the following address:

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A. Opening Meeting

Members present: Farris ☒ Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Postel ☒ Zirke ☒
Time in: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call A-1
[Minute 7:58](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of
Allegiance A-2
[Minute 8:07](#)

B. Special Recognition

Be A Titan Recognition took place.

Be A Titan
B-1
[Minute 8:37](#)

C. Public Participation

The names and topics of participating community members are as listed: Bruna Galati, Mindfully Contract; James Grosh, HB-1; Ryan McCain, Mindfully Contract.

Public Part.
C-1
[Minute 44:59](#)

D. Board Recognition

The Board members gave shoutouts to various staff, students and groups in the district.

Board Bravos
D-1
[Minute 56:15](#)

E. Superintendent Recommendation

Mrs. Wheeler introduced the "Ten Years of Titans" theme for the State of Schools on 5/13/2023; the art show, different student performances, and the Tree of Knowledge rededication will also be occurring on 5/13/2023. Next, Mrs. Wheeler presented the Purple Star and Veterans Outreach Programs.

Supt.
Update
E-1
[Minute 1:00:59](#)

Zirke moved and Postel seconded the recommendation to approve items E3-E14 as part of the consent agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Postel ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda E-2
23-0313-1873
[Minute 1:27:18](#)

Postel moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to adopt the job description for the Title I Program Lead Teacher (file 317) as outlined on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Postel ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Title I Prog.
Teacher E-15
23-0313-1874
[Minute 1:28:19](#)

Postel moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to adopt the job description for the Middle School Connections Teacher (file 318) as outlined on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Postel ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Mid. School
Conn. E-16
23-0313-1875
[Minute 1:30:18](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the purchase of wrestling mats from Resilite for \$40,972.00 as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Wrestling Mat
Purchase E-17
23-0313-1876
[Minute 1:31:25](#)

Zirke moved and Postel seconded the recommendation to approve the contract with SameGoal as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

SameGoal
E-18
23-0313-1877
[Minute 1:32:37](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the current Minimum wage rate for the State of Ohio to be enacted for the purpose of compensation for time worked (approximately 1-4 hours per day) for the student(s) participating and employed in the Berea City Schools Student Tech Aide Program for the summer of 2023 and the 2023-2024 school year.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Tech Aide
Program E-19
23-0313-1878
[Minute 1:33:28](#)

Chapman moved and Postel seconded the recommendation to enter into an agreement for the 2022-2023 School year with Sunshine Transportation, LLC as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Student
Transportation
E-20
23-0313-1879
[Minute 1:34:40](#)

Mack motioned and Postel seconded the recommendation to approve the contract for Structured Literacy Professional Development as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Structured
Literacy PD
E-21
23-0313-1880
[Minute 1:37:36](#)

Postel moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the quote from Royal Business Equipment for twenty (20) laptop replacements and twenty (20) docking stations for use by staff and Substitutes as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Laptop
Purchase
E-22
23-0313-1881
[Minute 1:38:12](#)

Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the MOU with Mindfully LLC to Provide therapy services in the district as shown on the agenda.
Substitutes as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Mindfully LLC
MOU
E-23
23-0313-1882
[Minute 1:38:48](#)

F. Treasurer's Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe presented information on HB-1, the tax reform bill.

Treasurer's
Update F-1
[Minute 1:48:01](#)

Mack moved and Postel seconded the recommendation to approve F3-F7 be approved as part of the consent agenda.
Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda
F-2
23-0313-1883
[Minute 1:57:11](#)

Zirke moved and Chapman seconded NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of ORC 3313.36, the Board hereby declares that acceptance of these gifts does not at this time remove any portion of the public schools from the control of the Board; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board appreciates the generosity of these gifts and the remembrance of this school district and the students, and designates the Treasurer to express the Board's appreciation for these thoughtful gifts.

Gifts and Donations
 F-8
23-0313-1884
[Minute 1:58:19](#)

DONOR	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/DONATION	VALUE	PURPOSE/USE
Corinne A. Farris	Monetary Donation	\$20.00	Wear Red Day Berea-Midpark High School Fundraiser 23-29-002 / All proceeds will be donated to Leukemia Lymphoma Society
Dr. Neal Postel	Monetary Donation	\$20.00	To be used by Berea-Midpark High School Athletic Department

Ayes: Farris -Abstain Chapman Mack Postel -Abstain Zirke
 Nays: None

G. Regular Business

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting, and the February 27, 2023, Special Meeting as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris Chapman Mack Postel Zirke
 Nays: None

Minutes Approval
 G-1
23-0313-1885
[Minute 1:58:50](#)

Hearings for HB-1, HB-11 occurring this week. Two versions of Senate Bill-11 in the works, as well.

Legislative Update G-2
[Minute 1:59:46](#)

Polaris has a number of upcoming programs. Junior and senior Polaris students will be introduced to companies for potential summer internships and job placements on March 21-28. On May 3, there is a senior connections program working with non-Polaris seniors, who lack a college or career plan. They will fill out a career interest survey, have students tour Polaris, talk about adult education job training programs, and attend a job fair. May 15-16, family career night at Berea Fairgrounds will be held. It targets fifth and sixth graders and will give them a change to begin looking at different opportunities and careers.

BOE Rpts. G-3
[Minute 2:00:29](#)

Family Bingo extravaganzas this past weekend, attended by Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Chapman.

BOE Comments G-4
[Minute 2:02:29](#)

H. Public Participation

Ed Dean, Olmsted Falls resident, presented a letter he sent on 9/22/2022 pointing out what he saw as violations to Ohio state laws. He never received a response and would like one. Ed stated that the Berea School District violated directives from the Ohio Medical Board, and allowed the superintendent to determine masking protocol. He discussed an instance at a school board meeting, in which the board did not follow legal means, in the manner that they entered into executive session. He also has attempted many times and has not been able to obtain the correct form to submit to the board to become a member of the ad hoc curriculum review committee.

James Grosh, Middleburg Heights resident, felt a couple items were glossed over that he needed to verify. He heard that HB-1 will lower senior citizen taxes and believes it will lock others in. He is curious, in regard to the Veteran Outreach program, if there will be any history teachers that do not stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance, and stated that would go over "real well" with the veterans. He stated teachers have been doing SEL in their classrooms for decades and now it is a forced agenda, that along with equity, diversity, and inclusion - he just calls, "DIE", then he said it "needs to die." He remarked that this agenda is teaching kids to admit to their white privilege, preaches about the "boogie man of white supremacy," and mythical racism. He recalled a three month old boy, and that a man "transgendered" him and claimed there are parents in this district who condone those types of things. He feels we need every leader who claims to be a champion of child welfare to stand up, and say no more. It's time to stop this exploitative, tragically damaging ideology that maims, mutilates, and manipulates America's youth. Evidence about gender clinics disregard the safety and dignity of young girls facing normal changes in their bodies, and struggling with mental health issues.

I. Executive Session

None Executive
Session
I-1

J. Adjournment

Postel moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment
J-1
23-0313-1886
Ayes: Chapman Farris Mack Postel Zirke
Nays: None

Time adjourned: 8:33 p.m.

Date of Approval: Apr 19, 2023 Approved: *Corinne A. Farris* Attest: *Julia Lowe*