

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to its rules, the Austintown Board of Education of the Austintown Local Schools met at Austintown Middle School at 2:30 PM on Monday, April 29, 2024 for a Work Session and at 3:30 PM for the April Regular Session Board Meeting.

Board Members

Mr. Don Sherwood, President
Mr. Fred Marcum, Vice President
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Member
Mr. Harold Porter, Member
Mrs. Kimberly Smrek, Member

Administration

Timothy Kelty, Superintendent
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

2024-4/29-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM with all members present.

Mr. Marcum, Present; Mrs. Mock, Present; Mr. Porter, Present; Mr. Sherwood, Present; Mrs. Smrek, Present

2024-4/29-2 Work Session-Topics for Discussion

- Fitch Update- JS/SM
- Storybook Trail- KM

2024-4/29-3 Executive Session

Mrs. Smrek motioned to recess to Executive Session at 2:51 PM for the purpose of discussion with regards to the employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee and to prepare or conduct negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0). The Executive Session ended at 3:32 PM.

2024-4/29-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 3:35 PM with all members present.

2024-4/29-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Marcum moved to approve the agenda for the 4/29/2024 Board of Education Regular Session.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-6

Pursuant to section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code and Resolution 3/27-20, the Board of Education hereby holds a public hearing to consider the reemployment of Catherine Dorbish to the same position from which she retired.

Mr. Sherwood asked if anyone would like to make a comment specific to this item. There were no comments.

2024-4/29-7 Public Comments

No public comments.

2024-4/29-8 Principal Report

Robin Vickers, Austintown Intermediate Principal

2024-4/29-9 Treasurer's Consent Items

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the Treasurer's Consent Items:

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 3/27/2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. March, 2024 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. March, 2024 Month End Forecast Report
- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$325 from Fitch Baseball Boosters to Fitch Baseball for JV Uniforms
- b. \$25 from Marilyn and John Berchik To Fitch Athletics in Memory of Bill Schinker
- c. \$500 from Jamie Blott to RDE Scholarships
- d. \$445 from Fitch Baseball Boosters to Fitch Athletics for new batting cage net
- e. \$10,000 from The Cafaro Foundation to Austintown Fitch High School
- f. \$250 donation from Rebecca Caruso to The Betty Nohra Scholarship
- g. \$200 donation from Mary Malloy To Girls Cross Country in memory of William Schinker
- h. \$50 donation from KP Baker to Fitch Athletics in memory of William Schinker
- i. \$50 donation from Mark Kibble to Fitch Athletics in memory of William Schinker
- j. \$50 donation to Speech & Debate from an anonymous donor

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-10 Superintendent's Consent Items

Mrs. Mock moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Superintendent's Consent Items:

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Russell Moyer, AEA Intervention Specialist effective May 30, 2024, personal
- b. Robert Wyant, AEA Teacher effective August 1, 2024, personal
- c. Richard Coy, OAPSE Bus Driver effective May 30, 2024, personal
- d. Richard Cataline, OAPSE Bus Driver effective May 30, 2024, personal
- e. Abby Smith, OAPSE Food Service effective April 9, 2024, personal
- f. Janice Pitzer, OAPSE Food Service effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year, personal

2. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

- a. Emily Zokle, OAPSE Head Custodian at AMS effective July 1, 2024 after 45 years of service with Austintown Schools

3. AEA Appointments

- a. Stephanie Peterson, High School Family Consumer Science Teacher; University of Arizona, Bachelor of Science Degree, 0-years experience, Bachelor Column-Step 0, effective 2024-2025 school year; new position

4. AEA Voluntary Transfers effective 2024-2025 school year

- a. Rebecca Shrake, AMS Reading Skills Exploratory (6-8), new position
- b. Michele DiMuzio, AMS School Counselor
- c. Morgan Ainsworth, AES PBIS Specialist
- d. Heidi Thompson, AES Title I Teacher

B. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Kristin Chahine - Intermittent Leave - Medical - 4/8/2024
- b. Stephanie Pavlich - FMLA - effective 4/8/2024- 7/3/2024
- c. Jacqueline Rutledge - FMLA Maternity - Effective 4/22/2024 -5/24/2024
- d. Wendy Russo (AEA), Unpaid day April 19, 2024

C. ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS (2024-2025 SY)- AEA MEMBERS

The asterisk () denotes longevity percentage / two (**) denotes maximum longevity percentage*

FITCH

- a. Brian Umstead, Assistant Athletic Director - 14%*
- b. Juliana Williams, Cheerleading Varsity Coach - 12%
- c. Anthony (TJ) Parker, Football Head Coach - 25%**
- d. Christopher (CJ) Martini, Football Head JV Coach - 7.5%
- e. Joseph McMahon, Football Defensive Co-Coordinator - 15.5%*
- f. Mark D'Eramo, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%
- g. Dylan Hogue, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%

AMS

- a. Jerry Bruff, Assistant Athletic Director - 18%**
- b. John Burd, Football Head Coach - 10%**

D. ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS (2024-2025 SY)- NON-AEA MEMBERS

FITCH

- a. Cory Lanterman, Football Offensive Coordinator - 12.5%
- b. Bob Korenic, Football Defensive Assistant - 10%
- c. Steve Zielinski, Football Defensive Assistant - 10%
- d. Michael Polder, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%
- e. Alex Sallee, Golf Head Girls Coach - 9%
- f. Anthony James, Soccer Head Boys Coach - 18%
- g. Brandon Morton, Soccer Assistant Boys Coach - 11%
- h. Lauren Dolak, Soccer Assistant Girls Coach - 11%
- i. Marquett Samuels, Tennis Assistant Girls Coach - 9%
- j. Alexandria Fisher, Volleyball Assistant Coach - 11%

E. STUDENT CAMPS

- a. What: EOWL Wrestling Giveback Camp
When: 6/13/24 3 PM to 8 PM and 6/14/24 9 AM to 4 PM
For: Wrestlers entering 9th through 12 grade apart of the EOWL
Where: Fitch High School
Cost: Free
Contact: John Burd, Coach (Jburd@austintownschoools.org)

- b. What: Youth Wrestling Camp
When: 6/2/24 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
For: Wrestlers entering 1st through 7th grade
Where: Fitch Wrestling Room- Cost: \$25 special clinician (Johnni DiJulius- Former Ohio State Wrestler)
Contact: John Burd, Coach (Jburd@austintownschools.org)

- c. What: Little Spikers Volleyball Camp
When: 6/3/24-6/6/24 9:00-11:00 AM
For: students entering 3rd through 6th grade
Where: Fitch High School
Cost: \$50
Contact: Kylee Herberger Coach (kherberger@austintownschools.org)

- d. What: Little Spikers Volleyball Camp
When: 6/3/24-6/6/24 12:00-2:00 PM
For: students entering 7th through 8th grade
Where: Fitch High School
Cost: \$50
Contact: Kylee Herberger Coach (kherberger@austintownschools.org)

- e. What: Boys Basketball Day Camp
When May 28-31 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
For: students entering grades 2-8
Where: Fitch High School
Cost: \$50
Contact: Brian Beany, Coach (bbeany@austintownschools.org)

- f. What: Girls Basketball Summer Camp
When: June 10-13 8:00 AM-Noon
For: Students entering grades 3 through 7
Where: Austintown Middle School
Cost: \$50
Contact: Dan Horacek, Coach (dhoracek@austintownschools.org)

- g. What: Falcon Swim Camp
When: April 24 & April 26
For: students entering grades 3-8
Where: YMCA 12 N. Champion Street Youngstown, OH 44503
Cost: \$40
Contact: Greta Barninger, Assistant Coach (gbarninger@gmail.com)

- h. What: Soccer Camp for Boys and Girls
When: June 24-27 5:00-8:00 PM
For: Boys and Girls entering Kindergarten-8th grade
Where: Fitch High School
Cost: \$35 U4-U7 - \$50 U8-U14
Contact: Mandy Potkonicky Boys Soccer Booster President (buckeyefan418@gmail.com)

- i. What: Football Youth Camp
When: June 29 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
For: Students entering grades 1 through 8
Where: Austintown Fitch High School
Cost: \$20
Contact: T.J. Parker, Coach (tparker@austintownschools.org)
- j. What: Youth Cheerleading Camp
When: Wednesday 8/21/24 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM
For: Ages 5-12 - Skill Development
Where: Fitch Gymnasium
Cost: \$40
Contact: Julie Williams, Coach (jwilliams@austintownschools.org)

F. STUDENT TRIPS

- a. Group: Camp Fitch- AIS Grade 5- First Group (150 students)
Departing: 5/6/24
Returning: 5/8/24
Location: 12600 Abels Road, New Springfield, PA 16430
Transportation: ALSD Bus
Expenses: Self Pay
Chaperones: AIS Staff & Fitch High School Students
Purpose: Outdoor Educational Experience
Contact: Robin Vickers, AIS Building Principal
- b. Group: AIS Grade 5- Second Group (110 students)
Departing: 5/8/24
Returning: 5/10/24
Location: 12600 Abels Road, New Springfield, PA 16430
Transportation: ALSD Bus
Expenses: Self Pay
Chaperones: AIS Staff & Fitch High School Students
Purpose: Outdoor Educational Experience
Contact: Robin Vickers, AIS Building Principal

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-11 Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Austintown Local School District ("Board") and the Austintown Education Association, OEA/NEA:

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into as an agreement between the Austintown Local School District (herein the "Board") and the Austintown Education Association OEA/NEA (herein the "Association").

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect from August 29, 2021 to August 28, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association believe it to be mutually advantageous to temporarily modify the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board and the Association agree as follows:

The Athletic Supplementals for the Fitch Freshman Cheerleading Coach at Fitch High School and the two 7th and 8th Grade Cheerleading Coach positions at Austintown Middle School, which add together to be contractually compensated at a total of 23%, will be split into the following three (3) positions:

Assistant High School Cheer Coach	8%
8th Grade Cheerleading (8th grade blue basketball)	7.5%
7th Grade Cheerleading (8th grade red basketball)	7.5%

This MOU will be in effect for the 2024-2025 school year. The necessity for the split shall be revisited for need prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-12 Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Smrek moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Austintown Local School District ("Board") and the Austintown Education Association, OEA/NEA:

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into as an agreement between the Austintown Local School District (herein the "Board") and the Austintown Education Association OEA/NEA (herein the "Association").

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect from August 29, 2021 to August 28, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association believe it to be mutually advantageous to temporarily modify the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board and the Association agree as follows:

The Athletic Supplemental for one of the Boys Assistant Soccer Coach positions at Fitch High School, contractually compensated at 11%, will be split into the following two (2) positions:

Fitch Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	5.5%
Fitch Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	5.5%

This MOU will remain in effect for the 2024-2025 school year. The necessity for the split shall be revisited for need prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-13 Memorandum of Understanding

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Austintown Local School District ("Board") and the Austintown Education Association, OEA/NEA:

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into as an agreement between the Austintown Local School District (herein the "Board") and the Austintown Education Association OEA/NEA (herein the "Association").

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect from August 29, 2021 to August 28, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association believe it to be mutually advantageous to temporarily modify the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board and the Association agree as follows:

The Athletic Supplemental for one (1) Head Football Coach position at Austintown Middle School, contractually compensated at 10%, will be modified and split between two assistant coaches for the 2024-2025 school year and will be changed as follows:

AMS Assistant Football Coach	5%
AMS Assistant Football Coach	5%

This MOU will remain in effect for the 2024-2025 school year. The necessity for this modification shall be revisited for need prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-14 AEA Displacements/Involuntary Transfers

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the involuntary transfers of the following teaching personnel, effective for the 2024-2025 school year caused by the restructuring of instructional positions due to financial reasons:

AEA Member	Teaching Field	New Position
Thomas Bonder	(7-12) MATH	HS Math
Victoria Chiera	(7-12) ELA	Grade 8 ELA
Autumn Crump	SCHOOL COUNSELOR	HS Counselor
Steve DiBacco	(1-8); (PreK-12) COMP/TECH	Grades K-5 Computer Technology
Jason Freudenberg	(4-9) LA/RDG/SS; (PK-12) COMP TECH	Grade 7 ELA
Cari Hornikel	(1-8)	Grade 6 Math
Amanda Krygowski	SCH COUNSELOR; (K-12) IS	Dean of Online Program
April Loudin	(4-9) LA/RDG/SS	Grade 6 ELA
Krista Moltchan	(P-3); (PreK-12) COMP/TECH	Grade 1
Jennifer Paris	(4-9) MATH/SCI/RDG	Grade 8 Math
Sarah Quaranta	(K-12)IS; (P-12)RDG;(P-12)ART	HS Intervention
Ramona Robbins	(K-12) IS	Elem Intervention
Kara Sertick	(1-8)	Grade 7 Math
Marissa Wiley	(K-12) IS	MS Intervention
Michele Zackasee	(7-12) SCI	Grade 8 Science

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-15 AEA Reduction in Force (RIF)

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Reduction in Force (RIF) of the following teaching personnel at the end of the 2023-2024 school year resulting from the restructuring of positions due to financial reasons, and direct the Treasurer to take any necessary action in connection with the same including providing notice to employees prior to 4/30/2024, and carry out any function necessary to implement this action in accordance with the current bargaining unit agreement and/or applicable law:

- Mariah McKeen (AMS Visual Arts Teacher)
- Taylor Baird (AES Title I Teacher)
- Erica DiFrancesco (Falcon Flex/ Fitch ELA Teacher)

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-16 Non-Renewal

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the non-renewal of the following Long-term Substitute Teachers effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year:

Long Term Substitute	Teacher	Location
Hunter Meyer	Vacant Lighthouse Program	AES
Chelsea Kachelries	Debra Shelley/Krystal Nohe	AES
Autumn Pemberton	Jennifer Kalouris	AES
Wesley Best	Kristen Bostocky	AMS
Luke Kelty	Vacant Student Success Coordinator (6-12)	AMS/Fitch
Brian Dew	Vacant (9-12) Math	Fitch
Aubrey Jones	Gretchen Joyce	Fitch
Angela Rozzo	Brian Umstead on special assignment	Fitch

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-17 Non-Renewal

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following non-renewal of District Non-Bargaining Hourly Personnel effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year:

Employee	Position	Location
Tonya Blackann	Attendance Coordinator	Fitch
Lynn Mickey	Attendance Coordinator	AMS
Charlotte Good	Attendance Coordinator	AES/AIS
Victoria Wilson	Alternative Learners Tutors (3-5)	AIS

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-18 Non-Renewal

Mrs. Mock moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the non-renewal of the following Special Education Tutors and Title I Grant Funded Support Staff effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year with reasonable assurance for the 2024-2025 school year:

Employee	Position	Location
Katherine Buonavolonta	Title I Tutor (K-2)	AES
Amanda Kennedy	Title I Tutor (K-2)	AES
Megan Zetterquist	Title I Tutor (K-2)	AES
Karma Minkewicz	Tutor (K-2)	AES
Maureen Miller	Tutor (K-2)	AES
Julianna Srock	Tutor (K-2)	AES
Michael Polder	PBIS Aide	AIS
Isabella Cashioli	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Marisa Facchini	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Dina Giambattista	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Kristi McGivern	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Tori Thorne	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Megan Yarabenetz	Title I Aide (3-5)	AIS
Barbara Tomic	PBIS / IAT	AMS
Kristin O'Neill	Student Support Specialist (6-12)	AELC- Falcon Flex

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-19 Non-Renewal

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the non-renewal of the following Non-Teaching Substitute Staff effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year with reasonable assurance for the 2024-2025 school year:

Food Service	Paraprofessionals	Custodial	Transportation
Gina Anderson	Thomas Cucaro	Mary Hahn	Colleen Muphy-Penk-Sub Driver
Jennifer Bair	Janice Jarvis	Randy Hixenbaugh	Garrett Mortimer- Sub Bus Aide
Tammie Conroy	Alexa Senvisky	Jaden Karr	
Angela Fossesca	Pamela Ventimiglia	Garrett Mortimer	
Deborah Hagerty	Carmela Yakell	Michael Pemberton	
Allyson King		Alexis Wokocha	
Linda Kurfis			
Jodi McBride			
Kimberly Tremayne			
Pamela Ventimiglia			

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-20 Resolution

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resolution providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring school buses and related equipment used in transporting pupils.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-21 Resolution

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resolution requesting inclusion in the Great Lakes Regional Council of Governments (GLCOG) and The Health Care Benefits Program of the consortium, approving the consortium agreement and bylaws, approving the agreement regarding The Health Care Benefits Program, authorizing the signing and delivery of those agreements and approving related matters as presented:

WHEREAS, the GLCOG is a council of governments organized in 2013 by area school districts to address problems of mutual concern, and in furtherance of that goal the Consortium organized a joint self-insurance program for the provision of health care benefits for the employees of its member school districts and their eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has determined to request inclusion in the Consortium and in the Consortium's Health Care Benefits Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Austintown Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, a majority of all members of this board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. This Board by this resolution requests inclusion in the GLCOG and in the Consortium's Health Care Benefits Program.

Section 2. This Board approves the provisions of the Amended and Restated Agreement of the GLCOG (the Consortium Agreement) that organized the Consortium as a regional council of governments under authority of Revised Code Chapter 167, the form of which is now on file with the Treasurer of this Board. The Superintendent of this School District and the President or Vice President and the Treasurer of this Board are authorized and directed to sign and deliver the Consortium Agreement.

Section 3. This Board shall be represented in the Consortium by its Superintendent. The alternate representative, in the event of the absence of the Superintendent, shall be the Treasurer of the School District.

Section 4. This Board approves the Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing the GLCOG, the form of which is now on file with the Treasurer of this Board (the Consortium Bylaws). The Superintendent, as this Board's representative in the Consortium (or in his absence the Treasurer as the alternate representative) is authorized to take all actions on behalf of this School District as provided in the Consortium Bylaws.

Section 5. This Board approves the provisions of the Agreement Regarding the Health Care Benefits Program of the Consortium in the form now on file with the Treasurer of this Board (the Health Care Benefits Program Agreement) providing for a joint self-insurance program authorized by Revised Code Section 9.833 to provide jointly for the provision of health care benefits for the eligible employees of the program participants and the eligible dependents of those employees. The Superintendent of this District and the President or Vice President of this Board and the Treasurer of this Board are authorized and directed to sign and deliver the Health Care Benefits Program Agreement.

Section 6. The Treasurer of this Board shall deliver to the Treasurer of the Consortium a certified copy of this resolution and the Consortium Agreement and the Health Care Benefits Program Agreement, each signed on behalf of this Board as provided in this resolution.

Section 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Abstain; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-0-1).

2024-4/29-22 Resolution to Implement an Administrative Reduction in Force

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following agreement ("Agreement") made by the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio ("ESC") and the Austintown Local School District Board of Education ("District") pursuant to R.C. §3313.845:

WHEREAS, the ESC has expertise in providing services sought by the District, And

WHEREAS, the District wishes to utilize the ESC's services and abilities during the term of this Agreement and the ESC is qualified to provide such services and willing to offer such services upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties agree as to the following as presented.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-23 Agreement

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Agreement made by and between the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio with its principal place of business at 7320 North Palmyra Rd., Canfield, OH 44406 (herein "ESC") and Austintown Local School District located at 700 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown, OH. 44515 (herein "Contractor"). Contractor agrees to provide ESC Transportation for Transition-to- Work Services. This agreement will be effective from August 15, 2024 through May 31, 2025, or until earlier terminated as provided in this Agreement. Transportation costs not to exceed \$30,000.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-24 Agreement

Mrs. Mock moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the agreement made by and between the Austintown Local Schools, and Suburban School Transportation Company, Inc. (SSTC), 26 River Road Hinkley, Ohio 44233. For and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreement herein contained, and for valuable consideration the parties agree to the contract as presented:

In consideration of this agreement Suburban School Transportation Company, Inc., herein provided that Austintown Local Schools and Suburban School Transportation Company, Inc. will mutually agree on compensation on a case-by-case basis.

This contract will cover the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-25 Proposal

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following proposal(s):

Food Service Bids for the 2024-2025 school year from: Pizza Products from Bajco North LLC., dba Papa John's Pizza; Dairy Products from Smith Foods, Inc.; Bakery Products from Nickles Bakery, Inc.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-26 Public Meetings for May, 2024

Mrs. Smrek moved for the following day, date, time, and location for the May, 2024 Board of Education meeting to take place:

Work Session: May 29, 2024 at the BOE Office Conference Room beginning at 4:00 PM

Regular Session: May 29, 2024 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 5:00 PM

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2024-4/29-27 Treasurer's Comments

None.

2024-4/29-28 Superintendent's Comments

None.

2024-4/29-29 Board Comments

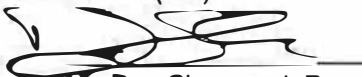
None.

2024-4/29-30 Adjournment

Mr. Marcum moved to adjourn at 3:54 PM.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion as the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).


Mr. Don Sherwood, President
Austintown Board of Education


Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
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