

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education of  
June 12, 2024

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at the Conference Center 119 W. Pioneer Trail and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board Members were present.

There was no public comment.

**New Business**

The Board approved EXHIBIT A-1 (Resolution Determining that the School district is a special needs District). Mr. Volosin explained that this resolution was necessary as EXHIBIT A-2 (Resolution Declaring the Necessity of the Issuance of School Improvement Bonds) would increase the school district's net indebtedness beyond 9% of its tax valuation, which is allowed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 133.06 (C) and 133.06 (E). This resolution along with other applicable materials will be provide to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and the State Tax Commissioner.

**24-130**

The Board of Education of Aurora City School District, Ohio, met in special session on June 12, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Aurora City School District Conference Center, 119 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mrs. Mehallis	Mr. Sabulsky
Mr. Acomb	Mrs. Schneider
Mrs. Klich	

The notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mr. Sabulsky moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-130**

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A SPECIAL NEEDS DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF MATERIALS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR (i) DESIGNATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SPECIAL NEEDS DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 133.06(E) OF THE REVISED CODE AND (ii) CONSENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 133.06(C) OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 133.06(C) of the Revised Code, a school district may not submit to a vote of the electors the question of the issuance of securities in an amount that will make the school district's net indebtedness after the issuance of the securities exceed an amount equal to 4% of its tax valuation, unless the Director of Education and Workforce, acting under policies adopted by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and the Tax Commissioner, acting under written policies of the Commissioner, consent to the submission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 133.06(E) of the Revised Code, a school district may become a special needs district as to certain securities as provided in that Section, thereby permitting the school district to issue securities in an amount in excess of 9% of its tax valuation (the otherwise application debt limitation as provided in Section 133.06(B) of the Revised Code); and

WHEREAS, this Board currently anticipates submitting to its voters at the election to be held on November 5, 2024, the question of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds) in an amount that would make the School District's net indebtedness after the issuance of the Bonds exceed an amount equal to 9% of its tax valuation, a precondition to which is compliance with Section 133.06(C) and (E) of the

Revised Code, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Policy Nos. SF-A-04 and SF-A-05 and Ohio Department of Taxation Division of Tax Equalization Bulletin 8;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Aurora City School District, Counties of Portage and Summit, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of the School District as a Special Needs District. This Board hereby finds and determines that (i) the student population of the School District is not being adequately serviced by the existing permanent improvements of the School District and (ii) the School District cannot obtain sufficient funds by the issuance of securities within the limitation of Section 133.06(B) of the Revised Code to provide additional or improved needed permanent improvements in time to meet the needs, and therefore this Board declares the School District to be a special needs district pursuant to Section 133.06(E) of the Revised Code.

Section 2. Request for Certification as a Special Needs District. This Board requests the certification of the School District by the Director of Education and Workforce as an approved special needs district, as the School District's net indebtedness after the issuance of the Bonds will exceed 9% of its tax valuation.

Section 3. Authorization to Provide Materials Relating to Request for Approval as a Special Needs District. The President and Treasurer of this Board and the Superintendent are each authorized to prepare and sign any applications, forms, statements and other materials and documents that must be filed with the Director of Education and Workforce to obtain consent for the submission of the question of the issuance of the Bonds to the electors in accordance with Section 133.06(E) of the Revised Code and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Policy No. SF-A-05.

Section 4. Request for 4% Consents. This Board requests the consents of the State Tax Commissioner and the Director of Education and Workforce to the submission of the question of the issuance of the Bonds to the electors, as the School District's net indebtedness after the issuance of the Bonds will exceed 4% of its tax valuation.

Section 5. Authorization to Provide Materials Relating to Request for 4% Consents. The President and Treasurer of this Board and the Superintendent are each authorized to prepare and sign any applications, forms, statements and other materials and documents that must be filed with the State Tax Commissioner and the Director of Education and Workforce to obtain their consents for the submission of the question of the issuance of the Bonds to the electors in accordance with Section 133.06(C) of the Revised Code, Ohio Department of Taxation Division of Tax Equalization Bulletin 8 and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Policy No. SF-A-04.

Section 6. Prior Acts Ratified and Confirmed. Any actions previously taken by School District officials or agents of this Board in furtherance of the matters set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 7. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 8. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Acomb seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Mehallis yes    Mr. Sabulsky yes

Mr. Acomb yes    Mrs. Schneider yes    Mrs. Klich yes

## TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The above is a true and correct extract from the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education of Aurora City School District, Ohio, held on June 12, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Aurora City School District Conference Center, 119 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora, Ohio, showing the adoption of the Resolution set forth above. Written notice of the time and place of the meeting was served personally upon, or actually received by, each Board member at least two days in advance of such meeting; and notice of the time, place and purpose(s) of that meeting, was, at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time of such meeting, given to and received by all news media that had heretofore requested notification of such meetings pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the procedures established by the Board for that purpose.

Dated: June 12, 2024

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Treasurer, Board of Education  
Aurora City School District, Ohio

### 24-131

The Board of Education of Aurora City School District, Ohio, met in special session on June 12, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Aurora City School District Conference Center, 119 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mrs. Mehallis	Mr. Sabulsky
Mr. Acomb	Mrs. Schneider
Mrs. Klich	

The notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mrs. Schneider moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24-131

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$136,356,400, PURSUANT TO SECTION 133.18 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Aurora City School District, Counties of Portage and Summit, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of School Improvement Bonds. This Board finds, determines and declares that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$136,356,400 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping, renovating, rehabilitating, remodeling, adding to, and otherwise improving School District buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing, equipping and otherwise improving their sites (the Bonds), and to levy a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution to pay the debt charges on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities, such tax being an additional tax. The maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid is 37 years, and the Bonds will be dated approximately March 1, 2025, and will bear interest at a net average rate now estimated at 4.50% per year, payable semiannually. This Board currently anticipates that the tax for debt charges on the Bonds and/or any such anticipatory securities will be first levied in tax year 2024 for first collection in 2025. The term of years of said tax shall be the number of years during which debt charges shall be payable on the Bonds and any anticipatory securities and said tax shall be levied on the entire territory of the School District subject to such taxation.

Section 2. Submission of Question to Electors. Pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the question of the issuance of the Bonds and the levy of the associated tax for debt charges upon the entire territory of the School District (all of which is located in the Counties of Portage and Summit) shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held in the School District on November 5, 2024.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer of this Board is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Portage County Auditor, and, in accordance with Sections 133.18(C) and 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, this Board hereby requests the County Auditor to certify to it (i) the total current tax valuation of the School District and (ii) the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value and in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, that the County Auditor estimates to be required throughout the stated maturity of the Bonds to pay debt charges on the Bonds, assuming that they are all issued in one series bearing interest and maturing in substantially equal principal amounts in each year over the maximum number of years over which the principal of the Bonds may be paid, both as stated in Section 1, and that the amount of the tax valuation of this School District for the current year (or, if that amount is not determined, the estimated amount of that tax valuation submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission) remains the same throughout the maturity of the Bonds.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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Mrs. Klich seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Mehallis Yes Mr. Sabulsky Yes

Mr. Acomb Yes Mrs. Schneider Yes Mrs. Klich Yes

#### TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

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Dated: June 12, 2024

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William Volosin  
Treasurer, Board of Education  
Aurora City School District, Ohio

#### **24-132**

##### Recognize Resignations

##### RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accepts the **resignations** of the following staff members and/or positions.

##### **Rosemarie Griffin**

LES Speech Pathologist

##### **Resignation of issued 50% FTE contract**

##### **Carly Connelly**

HMS Specialist & English Teacher

##### **Resignation at the end of the 2023-24 school year**

Two years of service to the district

##### **Alan Krontz**

HMS English Teacher

##### **Resignation of Specialist Contract and 50% Teacher Contract for 2024-25**

##### **Kaitlin Catalani**

LES Interventionist

##### **Resignation of Specialist contract for 2024-25 school year**

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

#### **24-133**

##### Award Supplemental (District Personnel)

##### RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education awards **summer supplemental contracts** as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from General Fund unless otherwise noted.



**Alan Krontz** 100% FTE Salary: BA, Step 6  
HMS English & Rotation Teacher

**Rosemarie Griffin** 40% FTE Salary: MA+MA, Step 8  
LES Speech Pathologist

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb  
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

**24-135**

Award Supplemental (District Personnel)

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental contracts** to district personnel for the **2023-24** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from General Fund unless otherwise noted.

**Resident Educator/Mentor \$850.00/teacher**

Cara Morelos

Jennifer Miller

Kim Ellis

Tracie Kacir

<b>Kristen Lembo</b>	AM/PM Media Cntr Coverage	Amt. Intramural Rate
<b>Josh Rakow</b>	AHS Coding Activity Advisor	Amt: Intramural Rate
<b>Kim Kish</b>	HMS Tech Tuesday Advisor	Amount: 2%

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Sabulsky

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb  
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

**24-136**

Decrease the Contract Days of Craddock Building Secretary Position

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education decrease the **contract days** for the **Craddock Elementary building secretary position** from 228 to 223 work days per year effective the 2024-25 school year.

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Sabulsky

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb  
Mrs. Klich, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

**24-137**

Adjust Employment Percentage of Licensed Staff Member

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education adjusts the **employment percentage** of the following licensed staff member:

**Joshua Kiser**  
LES Psychologist

**From: 70% To:100% FTE**  
Effective: August 15, 2024

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Klich,  
Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Sabulsky  
No: None: motion carried

**24-138**

Approve Installation of Leighton Elementary School Adaptive Playground

WHEREAS, it is necessary to install the equipment purchased for the Adaptive Playground at Leighton Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, the purchase is being made through OMNIA Partners Contract #10-03 and Ohio State Contract Schedule #800841, Index #STS-640.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Aurora City School District that the proposal by Penchura, L.L.C. in the total amount of \$93,800.00 for the installation of the Leighton Elementary School Adaptive Playground be accepted and the purchase authorized accordingly. Funds will be from the Leighton Playground Fund (Fund 007-9029).

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

**24-139**

Approve Then and Now Statement

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve a then and now statement for the purchase order(s) listed below. The amount necessary to meet these obligations was then (at the time of the order or contract) and is now lawfully appropriated for such purpose and was then and is now in the treasury and free from previous encumbrances.

The Board of Education approves the issuance of a warrant in payment of the amounts due upon these contracts or orders.

<u>Purchase Order #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24002359	Penchura LLC	\$ 93,800.00

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Sabulsky

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich

No: None: motion carried

**24-140**

Accept the Master Facility Plan for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich

No: None: motion carried

**Discussion Items**

There were no Discussion Items

**Board Items**

Mrs. Mehallis reported that she had toured Craddock Elementary School to see if there were any options other than to reduce the size of the library for next school year because additional space was needed for other student programming. Mrs. Mehallis said that after touring the building, she agreed that there were no other solutions. Mrs. Mehallis also stated that other Board Members should schedule a tour of Craddock to see the condition of the building.

**24-141****Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Sabulsky,

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Klich

No: None: motion carried

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Board President

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Treasurer