

Austintown Board of Education

November 21, 2024

Work Session 4:00 PM

Regular Session 5:00 PM

Dr. Ritchie Legacy Room Central Office

Austintown Middle School Cafeteria

700 S. Raccoon Road

800 S. Raccoon Road

Board Members

Mr. Don Sherwood, President

Mr. Fred Marcum, Vice President

Mrs. Kathy Mock, Member

Mr. Harold Porter, Member

Mrs. Kim Smrek, Member

Administration

Timothy Kelty, Superintendent

Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

Vision and Mission Statement of the Austintown Schools

The Austintown Local School District is a united community, with a proud legacy and a progressive approach to education.

We provide an inspiring education that strengthens and prepares our students for unlimited future opportunities.

1. CALL TO ORDER Time: _____

Mrs. Mock, P/A; Mr. Marcum, P/A; Mr. Porter, P/A; Mr. Sherwood, P/A; Mrs. Smrek, P/A

2. WORK SESSION

- Curriculum- TK

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

_____ Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee

_____ Investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student

_____ To confer with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

_____ To prepare or conduct negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

_____ To consider legal matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes

_____ To discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education

Motion to recess for Executive Session made by _____ at ____:____ AM/PM

Seconded by _____

4. RECALL TO ORDER Returned to Regular Session _____ at ____:____ AM/PM

Pledge of Allegiance and Vision/Mission Statement Read by: _____

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the agenda for the 11/21/2024 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Speakers limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker; 30 minutes total-BDDH:KD

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT- Robin Vickers, Austintown Intermediate Head Principal

8. TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the following items A-E by consent action:

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 10/17/2024
- b. Special Sessions held on 10/29/2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. October, 2025 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. October, 2025 Month End Forecast Report
- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted
- d. Approve the 5-year Forecast and Assumptions as presented

C. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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| a. Transfer From: | Transfer To: | Amount: |
| 001-0000 General Fund | 002-9003 Bus Acq. Bond Ret. Fund | \$214,617.80 |

D. DONATIONS

- a. \$3300 from Fitch Boys Basketball Boosters to Boys Basketball for uniforms
- b. \$324 from Fitch Girls Soccer Boosters to Fitch Girls Soccer for uniforms
- c. \$1123.56 from Fitch Volleyball Boosters to Fitch Girls Volleyball for Uniforms
- d. \$550 from Upper Room Ministry in honor of David Daisher to AMS Choir
- e. \$1500 from Ian Michaels to FHS for English Department Mini Library and other school projects
- f. \$500 from Fitch Football Boosters to Fitch Cheerleaders
- g. \$520 from Joe Matulek to Austintown Athletics
- h. \$50 from Tom Cucaro to AMS Special Education Class
- i. \$100 from Austintown Junior Women's League to Fitch Concert Choir

E. Approve the repayment of an Advance from the following fund to the General Fund:

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| FROM: | TO: | Amount |
| 019-9123 Success After 6 | 001-0000 General Fund | \$12,098.24 |

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following items A-I by consent action:

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Katie Emler, Falcon Fives Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator effective 11/8/2024; personal
- b. William Klein, AEA Drama Club Advisor Supplemental effective 2025-2026 school year; personal
- c. David Brooks, OAPSE Head Custodian at AMS effective 10/25/2024; personal
- d. Michael McDonald, OAPSE Custodian at AMS effective 12/1/2024; personal
- e. Martia Phifer, OAPSE Bus Aide effective 11/15/2024; personal
- f. Kimberlee Kelly, OAPSE Food Service at Fitch effective 11/1/2024; personal
- g. Julie Hagar, OAPSE Food Service effective 12/2/2024; personal
- h. Eileen Mealy, OAPSE Bus Driver effective 10/18/24 due to abandonment of position

2. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

- a. Kara Sertick, AEA Teacher effective the end of the 2024-2025 contract year after 6 years of service with Austintown Schools
- b. Teresa Lord, AEA Teacher effective the end of the 2024-2025 contract year after 27 years of service with Austintown Schools
- c. Jean Senchak, AEA School Counselor effective June 30, 2025 after 35 years of service with Austintown Schools
- d. Thomas Bonder, AEA Teacher effective June 30, 2025 after 30 years of service with Austintown Schools
- e. Isabella Napolitano, OAPSE Sweeper Cleaner effective March 1, 2025 after 34 years of service with Austintown Schools
- f. Tamara Deeley, AEA Teacher effective the end of the 2024-2025 contract year after 18 years of service with Austintown Schools

3. OAPSE Appointments

- a. Richard Day, Bus Driver effective 10/28/2024
- b. Veronica Mosley, Bus Driver effective 11/18/2024
- c. Katelyn Ray, Food Service 3-hour position at Fitch replacing Kimberlee Kelly effective 11/11/2024
- d. Margaret Mascarella, Special Education Paraprofessional at AES; 5.75 hours effective 10/28/2024
- e. April Yeany, Special Education Paraprofessional in ED classroom at AES; 5.75 hours effective 10/29/2024
- f. Hannah Meech, Transportation Bus Aide 2-hour midday preschool route; new position effective 11/11/2024

4. OAPSE Transfers

- a. Tammy Ruscitti, Special Education Paraprofessional at AES effective 10/17/2024
- b. Nathan Bryant, Head Custodian at AMS replacing David Brooks effective 10/31/2024
- c. Michael McDonald, Reassigned to AM Custodian at AMS replacing Nathan Bryant effective 11/7/2024

5. AEA Appointments effective 2024-2025 school year

- a. Jeffery Gessler, AIS Part-time Physical Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year; Ashland University Master of Education, Retire-Rehire; Masters+30-Step 5 effective November 4, 2024

B. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- a. Kari Knight, Home Instruction Tutor for grade 9 student; up to 5 hours per week as needed at \$20 per hour effective 10/21/2024

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Courtney O'Connell - FMLA Intermittent Leave - Effective 10/14/24 until 12/31/24
- b. Michele O'Bruba - Intermittent FMLA- effective 11/18/24-3/4/25

D. ACADEMIC SUPPLEMENTALS-2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR- AEA PERSONNEL

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

FITCH

- a. John Anthony, Band Assistant Director / Rock Band - 5%

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

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

AMS

- a. Amy Diefenderfer, Track Head Girls - 10%

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

FITCH

- a. Luke Kelty, Football Defensive Co-Coordinator - 12.5%
- b. Breyton Douglas, Wrestling Assistant - 8%
- c. Brock Kimble, Wrestling Assistant - 8%
- d. Tex Martin, Wrestling Assistant - 8%
- e. James Sutton, Wrestling Assistant - 8%
- f. Kyle Varga, Wrestling Assistant - 8%
- g. Becki Spalding, Softball Assistant - 5.5%
- h. Robert Jones, Softball Assistant - 5.5%
- i. George Prosser, Tennis Head Boys - 10%
- j. Myron Anderson, Track Assistant Boys - 8.25%
- k. Julia Magliocca, Track Assistant Girls - 8.25%

AMS

- a. Robert Mackall, Wrestling Head (Red) - 10%
- b. Eric Diefenderfer, Wrestling Assistant (Blue) - 8%
- c. Kevin Zalac, Wrestling Assistant (Red) - 8%

G. ATHLETIC- EVENT STAFF

- a. Rachelle Severn

H. CLASSIFIED NON-TEACHING SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

Food Service

- a. Melissa Rowbottom
- b. Kimberlee Kelly

I. ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS

- a. Jake Szolis

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

10. TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve BK General Contracting, LLC (DBA PDDM Construction) for the Softball/Baseball Field Turf Replacement Project at a cost not to exceed \$91,432.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

11. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Resolution to Establish Fund 035:

WHEREAS, a board of education must establish certain funds in accordance with the Uniform School Accounting System to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources for which state and federal law impose certain legal restrictions on expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board, per the district's negotiated contracts has a need to establish a fund to pay employee termination benefits upon separation of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it necessary to establish a new fund (Fund 035) to account for receipts and expenditures associated with the administration of the employee termination benefit program as prescribed in the district's bargaining agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Treasurer be directed to establish a Special Revenue Fund (Fund No. 035), to account for receipts and expenditures related to the administration of the employee termination benefits.
2. The Treasurer be directed to transfer funds from the district's General Fund into the newly established fund (035) in accordance with the law.
3. The Treasurer and Superintendent take any all such other action deemed necessary to carry out the terms of this resolution.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

12. RESOLUTION

upon the recommendation of the superintendent, approve the following Resolution to Establish Fund 024:

WHEREAS, a board of education must establish certain funds in accordance with the Uniform School Accounting System to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources for which state and federal law impose certain legal restrictions on expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board has joined the Great Lakes Council of Governments (GLCOG) and the health care benefits of the program of the consortium along with their eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it necessary to establish a new fund (Fund 024) to account for receipts and expenditures associated with the administration of the employee benefits self-insurance funds and the associated program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Treasurer be directed to establish a Internal Service Fund (Fund No. 024), to account for receipts and expenditures related to the administration of the employee benefits self-insurance program.
2. The Treasurer be directed to deposit the proceeds of the employee benefits self-insurance program into the newly established fund and to ensure the funds are used only in accordance with the law.
3. The Treasurer and Superintendent take any all such other action deemed necessary to carry out the terms of this resolution.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

13. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Resolution to declare transportation impractical for certain identified students is presented pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education:

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Austintown Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

For the 2024-2025 school year

Student First	Student Last	Parent(s)	School	Grade
Briella	Corinne deBlok	Hendrick deBlok	Heartland Christian	4
Jace	Ellington	Samantha Townsend	Valley Christian	6
Trinitee	Adams	Latreena Adams	Valley Christian Main Campus	3
Tristan	Adams	Latreena Adams	Valley Christian Main Campus	5
Michael	Bartoe	Brandi Bartoe	JFK	12
Grace	Bodine	Melanie & Ryan Bodine	Ursuline	9
Jacob	Bodine	Melanie & Ryan Bodine	Ursuline	11
Seth	Booth	Regina Booth	VC Lewis Center for gifted learners	8

Jonathan	Catanzaro	Jamie Cantanzaro	Summit Academy secondary	10
Abbigail	Corll	Cheryl Corll	ACLD	3
Tobias	deBlok	Hendrick deBlok	Heartland Christian	K
Raya	Democko	Kara Terlecki	Akiva Academy	3
Abigail	Ellis	Amanda Ellis	Heartland Christian	9
Anabell	Ellis	Amanda Ellis	Heartland Christian	7
Grace	Ellis	Amanda Ellis	Heartland Christian	5
Martin	Ellis	Amanda Ellis	Heartland Christian	K
Gabriella	Francis	Kayla Francis	Heartland Christian	1
Charlotte	Giambroni	Megan Giambroni	Heartland Christian	1
Grace	Giambroni	Megan Giambroni	Heartland Christian	2
Isabella	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	3
Richard	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	9
Vincent	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	1
Christina	Hunter	Christina & Robert Hunter	Heartland Christian	7
Quintin	Hunter	Christina & Robert Hunter	Heartland Christian	9
Collin	Kalaher	Abigail Kalaher	Heartland Christian	10
Reagan	Kalaher	Abigail Kalaher	Heartland Christian	8
Joshua	Lehman	Patrick Lehman	Heartland Christian	8
Dominic	Long	Dominique Price	Heartland Christian	8
Andrew	Rosta	Jane Mackey	Montessori	3
Teigan	Sabel	Tahnee Sabel	Heartland Christian	1
Zayne	Sabel	Tahnee Sabel	Heartland Christian	K
Isabella	Skaggs	Heather Skaggs	St. Charles	1
Hadley	Skaggs	Heather Skaggs	St. Charles	2
Tuck	Snyder	Kyle Snyder	St. Charles	5
Dominic	Vitullo	Dominic Vitullo	Heartland Christian	K

Olivia	Vitullo	Dominic Vitullo	Heartland Christian	9
Adeline	Wagner	Christina Wagner	Akiva Academy	5

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;
Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

14. EASEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Easement with The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Enbridge Gas Ohio:

This Easement, made and entered into as of the date set forth below, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Austintown Local School District, whose address is 700 South Raccoon Road, Austintown, Ohio 44515, their heirs, successors, and assigns (hereinafter called "Grantor"), does hereby grant, convey, and warrant unto The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Enbridge Gas Ohio.

Situated in the Township of Austintown, County of Mahoning, State of Ohio, and known as being part of Great Lot No(s). 12 & 13 and containing 10.6 Acres more or less.

Tax Parcel No(s): 48-095-0-003.00-0 & 48-095-0-004.00-0

Deed Reference: Instrument No. 201600017423
(the "Subject" Property")

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;
Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

15. PUBLIC MEETING FOR DECEMBER, 2024

Work Session: Date: _____ Location: _____ beginning at _____ AM/PM
Regular Session: Date: _____ Location: _____ beginning at _____ AM/PM

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;
Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

16. TREASURER COMMENTS

17. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

18. BOARD COMMENTS

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____; Time: _____: _____ AM/PM
Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N