

**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 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 11, 2024 for a Work Session and at 5:00 PM for the November 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

2024-11/21-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM with all members present.

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

2024-11/21-2 Work Session-Topics for Discussion

- Curriculum- TK - Salvatore Maiorana spoke about the CCP offerings and the implementation of Canvas. Dr. Report spoke to the board about the data wall she created to track a series of trend points that impact students progress at the Austintown Middle School.

2024-11/21-3 Executive Session

Mrs. Mock motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:52 PM for the purpose to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion. 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 5:07 PM.

2024-11/21-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:12 PM with all members present.

2024-11/21-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Marcum moved to approve the agenda for the 11/21/2024 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).

2024-11/21-6 Public Comments

- None

2024-11/21-7 Principal Report

Robin Vickers, Austintown Intermediate School principal, gave a report out for all four buildings K-12 for the month of November

2024-11/21-8 Treasurer's Consent Items

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

A. MINUTES

- Regular Session held on 10/17/2024
- 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

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 | | |

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).

2024-11/21-9 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. 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

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).

2024-11/21-10 Turf Replacement Project

Mrs. Smrek moved, 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.

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).

2024-11/21-11 Resolution

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to 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.

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).

2024-11/21-12 Resolution

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to 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.

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).

2024-11/21-13 Resolution

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to 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

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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 Catanzaro	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

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).

2024-11/21-14 Easement

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve 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**, an Ohio corporation, having a principal place of business at 1201 East 55th Street, Attention: Land Services, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Grantee"), the perpetual right-of-way and easement to lay, construct, maintain, operate, alter, repair, replace or replace parallel to, inspect, conduct necessary tests, connect to, change the size of, abandon in place, and remove underground pipelines, together with such above or below grade meters, valves, tap valves, fittings, cathodic protection equipment, data acquisition and communication lines and devices, pipeline markers, and other appurtenant facilities (collectively the "Pipeline Facilities"), all of which shall be and remain the property of Grantee, for the transmission of natural gas and all by-products thereof, over, under, across, and upon the lands described in this Easement, together with the right to excavate and refill ditches and trenches for the location of such Pipeline Facilities, and the further right to remove trees, bushes, undergrowth, and other obstructions interfering with the location, construction, and maintenance of the Pipeline Facilities, along with the right of ingress and egress to the Pipeline Facilities at all times, on the following described land owned by Grantor, being the Subject Property.

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND EASEMENT AREA

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").

The Pipeline Facilities laid pursuant to this Easement will be located within the limits of an easement area of a width deemed necessary by Grantee and further defined and depicted on Exhibit "A" (the "Easement Area"), attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Grantor shall not install, construct, or permit to be installed or constructed, any house, shed, tree, structure, or obstruction of any kind (collectively, the "Obstructions") on or over said Easement Area that will interfere with the construction, maintenance, or operation of the Pipeline Facilities constructed hereunder. Grantee has the right to remove the Obstructions on or over the Easement Area without liability to Grantor.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT. In addition to the Easement Area, Grantor grants Grantee an additional temporary construction easement ten (10) feet wide, for the purpose of enabling Grantee to construct the Pipeline Facilities more efficiently (the "Temporary Construction Easement").

GRANTEE'S USE AND REPAIR. Grantee shall repair, replace, or compensate Grantor for any harm or damage that Grantee inflicts upon Grantor's existing and permitted improvements within the Easement Area, or improvements outside the Easement Area in the process of Grantee exercising any of its herein declared rights upon the Subject Property. Grantee shall compensate Grantor for any damages it inflicts upon crops, regardless of whether the crops were damaged by Grantee in or outside of the Easement Area.

MISCELLANEOUS. No implied covenant, agreement, or obligation shall be read into this Easement. Grantor represents and warrants that the individual executing this Easement on behalf of Grantor is a duly authorized representative of Grantor and has the authority to bind Grantor as set forth herein. This Easement shall be interpreted, enforced, and governed under the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor hereby acknowledges, understands, and agrees to all the contents, terms, conditions, restrictions, and effects of this instrument and grants this Easement by executing this document as of the 21st day of November, 2024.

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).

2024-11/21-15 Public Meetings for December, 2024

Mr. Marcum moved for the following day, date, time, and location for the December 2024 Board of Education meeting to take place:

Work Session: December 19, 2024 at the BOE Office Conference Room beginning at 4:00 PM

Regular Session: December 19, 2024 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 5:00 PM

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).

2024-11/21-16 Treasurer's Comments

None.

2024-11/21-17 Superintendent's Comments

None.

2024-11/21-18 Board Comments

Mrs. Mock discussed the ASLD display and presentation at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference.

Mr. Marcum discussed the presentation at the OSBA Conference, complimenting our students and staff that participated.

2024-11/21-19 Adjournment

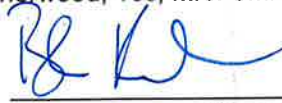
Mr. Marcum moved to adjourn at 5:26PM.

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
Austintown Board of Education