**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Louisville Board of Education**

**October 21, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING 10/21/24

The Louisville Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at North Nimishillen Elementary School, 7337 Easton Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641 with the following members present: Mr. Frank Antonacci, Mr. Rick Crislip, Mrs. Barbara DeJacimo, and Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux. Mr. Jon Aljancic was not present. Also in attendance were: Ms. Michele Shaffer, Mrs. Anna Minor, Mr. Derek Nottingham, Morgan Callan, and Sydney Stoffer.

**A.** PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Mrs. Melanie Davis, North Nimishillen Principal

- Reading Under the Lights was October 7 and a huge success
- School Smiles- a traveling dentist visited last week and offered cleanings for over 30 students
- Parent/Teacher conferences held recently with a great turnout
- Dr. Thomas donated four oak trees
- Character Week is this week with a lot of activities centered around making a change in the world by being kind
- First nine weeks is coming to a close

**B.** SPECIAL RECOGNITION

New Staff Members- Michele Shaffer, Superintendent
Chase Wondracek, Student- Garry Tausch, High School Principal.

School Recognition Program, Steve Thomas Office at Edward Jones Investments-
Mr. Steve Thomas, Financial Advisor and Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux

Student of the Month:

Roselyn Shive- 2nd Grade, North Nim Elementary
Mason Dimos- 2nd Grade, North Nim Elementary
Maeryn Tack- 5th Grade, Louisville Elementary
Parker Riemenschneider- 5th Grade, Louisville Elementary
Keira Knutti- 8th Grade, Louisville Middle School
Nash Simmons- 8th Grade, Louisville Middle School
Mattison Adams- 12th Grade, Louisville High School
Kolton Loy- 12th Grade, Louisville High School

Teacher of the Month:

Mrs. Melissa Colantuono- North Nim Elementary, Intervention Specialist

Employee of the Month:

Kimberly Rudawsky- North Nim Elementary, Paraprofessional

Volunteer of the Month:

Jackie Ludwig- North Nim Elementary, PTO Volunteer

**C.** BUSINESS ADVISORY UPDATE- Michele Shaffer, Superintendent

- Christine Taylor introduced Shaun Eller, Chief Business Officer of Ohio Gratings Inc. (OGI) and board chairman of the Stark Co Manufacturing Workforce Development Partnership (SCMWDP)
- Both shared some background on partnerships in the manufacturing sector with outreach to high Schools and career tech centers a pathway to recruiting and training workers
- Shaun provided an overview of Stark Manufacturing and the organizations efforts to address workforce challenges in Stark County's manufacturing sector
- They are also promoting a manufacturing-theme coloring contest for second-graders and held four junior-high manufacturing camps over the summer in partnership with TomTod Ideas
- On Manufacturing Day, October 10, they coordinated factory tours for 360 high school students

- We were reminded that the primary goal of the Business Advisory Council is to foster a more responsive education system that uses economic drivers to engage students and facilitate career-focused learning and partnerships with employers with three general quality practices: developing professional skills for future careers, engaging students, and coordinating experiences.
- A discussion was held on aligning ODEW Standards with Canton Regional Chamber Education Committee's Goals and Metrics.
- The room divided into The Educator group and the Business partner group to discuss teacher manufacturing days and bus tours

**D.** COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletics/Extra Curricular Committee- Mr. Jon Aljancic, Mr. Frank Antonacci
- New head baseball coach Tyler Drabic
- Facility rental process updated
- Received $1,000 donation from T-Mobile
- LHS video board is installed and in use
- New visitor concession stand at the stadium
- Discussions on the shuffling of sports divisions
- Boys volleyball continues as a club sport this year

Curriculum and Program Committee- Mr. Jon Aljancic, Mrs. Barb DeJacimo
- Amy Keister discussed process of replacing/updating library materials
- DLT update- discussed walk-thru process
- Report card comparisons
- AP class discussion/analysis

Facilities Committee- Mr. Rick Crislip, Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux
- New walk-in freezer in place at the high school
- Maintenance update provided for each school building
- North Nim playground equipment should be installed soon
- Working on a lunch menu refresh

Student Liaison Committee- Morgan Callan & Sydney Stoffer, Student Representatives
- September 20- Kindness day held district-wide focusing on kindness
- Arts update
- Athletics update
- Speech & debate season just beginning
- Clubs have been busy with meetings and activities

**24-110** ADOPT MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mr. Crislip to adopt the following agenda for the October 21, 2024 regular meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-111** CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Approve the resignation/retirement of the following employees:

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| Deana Fresenko | Resignation: Strength/Conditioning Asst. Supervisor (effective 8/1/24) |
| Tom Siegfried | Resignation: CHAMPS Supervisor (effective 9/11/24) |
| Danielle Raeber | Resignation: Paraprofessional, LES (effective 11/5/24) |

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| Cathy Yard | Retirement: Cafeteria Manager, NN (effective 1/1/25) |

HIRING

2. Approve the employment of the following certified employees for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requirements:

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| Bridget Soliday | Preferred Substitute (non-contracted), NN (effective 9/17/24) |

3. Approve the employment of the following classified employees for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requirements:

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| Sarah Rowland | Asst. Cook (3 hr), LMS (effective 9/16/24) |
| Brittany Lopez | Asst. Cook (4.5 hr), LES (effective 9/26/24) |
| Veronica Harsh-Craighead | Asst. Cook (3 hr), LES (effective 9/26/24) |
| Brittnee Randall | Preferred Sub Nurse (65 days, $225/day, non-contracted) (effective 10/18/24) |

4. Approve the following employment of the following classified substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:

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| Kerianne Hardman | Paraprofessional (effective 10/8/24) |
| Johnny Horton | Custodian (effective 9/17/24) |
| Stacy Johnson | Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor, Secretary (effective 9/10/24) |
| Jennifer Matson | Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor, Paraprofessional, Library Tech Aide (effective 9/24/24) |
| Nancy Nicholson | Cafeteria (effective 9/23/24) |
| Christina Patient | Secretary, Paraprofessional, Library Aide (effective 9/16/24) |
| Beth Patterson | Cafeteria, Secretary, Paraprofessional, Library Aide (effective 9/11/24) |
| Charlotte Riedl | Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor, Secretary (effective 10/17/24) |
| Greg Summmerfield | Custodian (effective 9/23/24) |
| Roxanne Thompson | Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor (effective 10/8/24) |
| Beth Wade | Bldg. Proctor, Secretary, Study Hall Monitor, Paraprofessional Library Aide (effective 10/1/24) |
| Syrus Wright | Custodian (effective 10/7/24) |
| Brandy Zerby | Custodian (effective 10/1/24) |

OTHER

5. Approve the following employment recommendations for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requirements:

Transfers

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| Amy Bricker | From Paraprofessional at LES to Paraprofessional at LHS (effective 9/17/24) |
| Owen Gramoy | From Permanent Sub to Intervention Specialist at LHS (effective 9/10/24) |
| Brandi Kittle | From Asst. Cook at LMS to Paraprofessional at LES (effective 10/15/24) |
| Sarah Rowland | From Asst. Cook at LMS to Paraprofessional ay NN (effective 10/21/24) |

Supplemental Contracts

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| Josette Folk | CHAMPS Advisor |
| Chloe Millard | Speech/Debate Asst. (.5) |
| Celeste Alters | LMS Sources of Strength |
| Amanda Scott | LMS Sources of Strength |

Athletic Supplemental Contracts-LHS

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| Chase Barstow | Bowling- Asst. (.5) |
| Kevin Canterbury | Volleyball- JV |
| Kevin Canterbury | Volleyball Asst. (.33) |
| Craig Crislip | Football- 9th/Asst JV (.5) |
| Shelby Hostetler | Volleyball- Asst. (.33) |
| Micah Kullman | Wrestling- Head |
| Jeff McDivitt | Volleyball- Asst. (.33) |
| Nick Schillig | Boys Basketball- Asst. |

Athletic Volunteers- LHS

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| Matt Kelly | Football |

Athletic Supplemental Contracts- LMS

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| Eric Brickwood | 8th Girls Basketball |

Athletic Volunteers- LMS

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| Michael Degenhard | Boys Basketball |
| Ryan Hostetler | Boys Basketball |

Athletic Game Workers

Ally Ivey
Mike Mercorelli
Wendy Mercorelli
Lesha Powell

Video Production Club Workers

Jason Buydos
Gage Coss
Skylar Eckles
Kyleigh Gibb
Jasper Gilbert
Zachary Grosenbaugh
Harley Harlow
Varrick King
Bailey Kress
Gabriel Lilly
Audrey Mercier
Luke Ochsenbine
Mariya Ott
Sierra Ott
Glenn Plavka
Nolan Schwab
Emily Sullivan
Jacob Teel
Adyson Thomas
Alyssa Tucker
Austin Wade

Outdoor Education April 28- May 2, 2025

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| Paul Farrah | 4 days |
| Joe Grecco | 4 days |
| Raegan Atkinson | 2 days |
| Matthew Benson | 2 days |

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| Lori Cole | 2 days |
| Andrea Greco | 2 days |
| Lisa Kruse | 2 days |
| Delana Leahy | 2 days |
| Ashley Macri | 2 days |
| Hope Richards | 2 days |
| Melissa Simon | 2 days |
| Emily Swope | 2 days |
| Ashley Wulff | 2 days |

Miscellaneous

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| Andrea Krynicky | 20 days extended time for the 2024-25 school year |
| Emily Burns | Student Teaching 2024-25 (per university agreement) |
| Casey Polumbo | Student Teaching 2024-25 (per university agreement) |
| Erin Schuler | Student Teaching 2024-25 (per university agreement) |
| Kathryn McAlister | ELL Instructor (2024-25 school year) |
| Karen Andrews | Home Instructor (2024-25 school year) |

6. Approve the adjustments of the following contracts effective for the 2024-25 school year:

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| Owen Gramoy | BA to MA (effective 9/10/24) |

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-112** PRESENTATION OF RECORDS

Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as read, the presentation of financial records as presented, and the invoices for payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-113** BUGETARY

Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the following:

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| FY25 Revenue Budget Revision(s) | (Exhibit T-1) |
| FY25 Permanent Appropriations | (Exhibit T-2) |

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-114** RESOLUTION- ELECTRICTY RFP

Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to approve the resolution authorizing Stark County Schools Council of Government, acting Jointly as a member of the Ohio School Consortium, to issue a request for proposal for the purchase of competitive retail electric service from the lowest and best bidder submitted to the Consortium and authorizing the Board to purchase competitive retail electric service from such bidder as presented on Exhibit T-3.

Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-115** OTHER
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to approve the following:

FY2024 Disposition of Capital Assets (Exhibit T-4)

Donations

Sponsors:
The Gruder Foundation
Ted's Auto sales
Formetco
The Thomas Family
The Spotlight Media Network
The Program (Siegfried Family)
The Mathie Family
The Coon Family
The Doug Pugh Family
Carr Excavating
Consumers National Bank

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| Stark State College | $150,000.00 | Video Board in LHS gymnasium |
| Drs. Michael & Julie Thomas | $8000.00 | Fireworks for stadium scoreboard |
| Carri Norris Memorial Scholarship | $2000.00 | Girls Volleyball |
| Paradise United Church of Christ | $345.00 | Care Team |
| Daisy Lane Property Mgt | $100.00 | Backpack Program |
| Ruth Royer | $100.00 | NN Playground fund |

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-116**
Motion by Mr. Antonacci and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the Superintendent Agreement with Sandy Valley Local Schools for student C.W. for the 2024-25 school year as presented on exhibit S-1.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-117**
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to approve participation in an agreement between the Stark County Educational Service Center and the Stark County Prosecutor to reduce truancy as presented on Exhibit S-2.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-118**
Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to approve the overnight extended field trip to Camp Muskingum in Carrollton, Ohio on April 28-30 and April 30-May 2 for the fifth grade students at Louisville Elementary at no expense to the Board of Education.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-119**
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to approve the unpaid leave request for employee A.D. at the exhaustion of their paid leave, effective on or about September 27, 2024 and until released by doctor to return.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**24-120**
Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the unpaid leave request for employee B.G. at the exhaustion of their paid leave, effective on or about December 2, 2024 and until released by doctor to return.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

**E.** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Brian Beatty

**F.** ANNOUNCEMENTS
The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at R.G. Drage Career center located at 2800 Richville Drive, Canton, Ohio 44706.

**24-121** ADJOURN
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Antonacci to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Antonacci, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

President

Attest