Minutes of an Organizational session of the Bellefontaine Board of Education Meeting

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2025

Roll Call: Present --- Board Members Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tipple, and Christi Dodds.

ADJOURNMENT OF SINE DIE

Kristen Lang moved, and Karen Wilson seconded the sine die adjournment.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

Bryn Stewart moved, and Mark Fissel seconded to go into the Organizational Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM COLIN YODER TAKES THE CHAIR

OFFICIAL OATHS OF OFFICE – administered by the Treasurer.

- I, Mark Fissel, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and understanding, this I do as I shall answer unto God.
- I, Kristen Lang, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and understanding, this I do as I shall answer unto God.
- I, Karen Wilson, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and understanding, this I do as I shall answer unto God.

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I, Colin Yoder, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability and understanding, this I do as I shall answer unto God.

PRESIDENT ELECTED FOR 2025

Mark Fissel nominated Colin Yoder for president of the Bellefontaine Board of Education for 2025. Bryn Stewart moved that the nomination for president be closed.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED FOR 2025

Karen Wilson nominated Mark Fissel for vice president of the Bellefontaine Board of Education for 2024. Kristen Lang moved that the nominations for vice president be closed.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL OATHS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Mr. Wasson administered the oath of office to the elected Board President.

I, Colin Yoder, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as President of the Board of Education of the City School District of Bellefontaine, Ohio, to the best of my ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted.

OFFICIAL OATH OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Mr. Wasson administered the oath of office to the elected Board Vice President.

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I, Mark Fissel, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Vice President of the Board of Education of the City School District of Bellefontaine, Ohio, to the best of my ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted.

PRESIDENT COLIN YODER NOW IN THE CHAIR

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS IN 2025

Karen Wilson moved, seconded by Mark Fissel that the calendar of the Board meetings in 2025, be as follows:

 Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise stated. All meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will be held at the High School Sloan Distance Learning Center, 555 E. Lake Ave., on the following dates unless otherwise stated:

January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Roll Call:

Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

PROCEDURE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Kristen Lang moved, seconded by Bryn Stewart that the order of business be continued in accordance with policy established through Section 0100-0170 of the <u>BOARD POLICY MANUAL</u> as modified, and that the procedure of meetings continue to be governed by <u>Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised</u>.

Roll Call:

Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Bryn Stewart moved, seconded by Karen Wilson, that the compensation for each Board member will be at the maximum legislated rate per meeting. The maximum number of meetings per year for Board member compensation shall be twenty (20).

Roll Call:

Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FUND

Karen Wilson moved, seconded by Kristen Lang, that the following resolution be adopted.

Whereas, R.C. 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the General Fund a sum of not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled (or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater), such sum of money to be known as the "Service Fund" to be used in paying expenses of members of the Board actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Bellefontaine City School District does hereby establish a Service Fund, such fund to be set aside as an account within the General Fund, and there is hereby appropriated for the purpose of said Service Fund the sum of \$3,000.00 which amount shall be incorporated into the appropriations of this school district for the year 2025.

Roll Call:

Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO INVEST FUNDS AND OBTAIN ADVANCES

Bryn Stewart moved, seconded by Mark Fissel, that the Treasurer is authorized to invest active funds throughout the year when available, and to request advances from the Logan County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the district.

Roll Call:

Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Karen Wilson moved, seconded by Mark Fissel, that the Bellefontaine Board of Education continue its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and that the annual dues for 2025, in the amount of \$6,692.00, be authorized.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF OSBA DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR 2024

Mark Fissel moved that Kristen Lang be appointed the official delegate to Ohio School Boards Association for 2025. The delegate will represent this Board at the OSBA Annual Business meeting held in November, 2025. In the event the above named delegate cannot meet all commitments, this Board appoints Bryn Stewart as alternate delegate. Karen Wilson moved that the nominations for OSBA delegate and alternate be closed.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BOARD TO APPROVE DESIGNEES TO ATTEND PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

Kristen Lang moved, seconded by Bryn Stewart that the Board will approve the Superintendent, Assistant Treasurer, and Technology Coordinator to act as their designees in attending the Public Records Training.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF LOCAL MEDIA

Karen Wilson moved, seconded by Mark Fissel, that the <u>Bellefontaine Examiner</u> and WPKO Radio will be designated as the official media outlets of the school district.

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karen Wilson and seconded by Bryn Stewart to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.

Noes --- None. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT - Colin Yoder

TREASURER - Joshua Wasson