

Austintown Board of Education

February 20, 2025

Work Session 3:30 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. Fred Marcum, President
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Vice President
Mr. Harold Porter, Member
Mr. Don Sherwood, 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

- Annual Review of Federal Programs- JP

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 _____

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

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 2/20/2025 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- Andrew Scarmack, AMS Principal

8. STUDENT RECOGNITION

- AES Gifted Poetry Contest Winners- Donna Shilling
- AMS Competition Cheer Team- Macy Kittelberger

9. TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 1/14/2025
- b. Special Session held on 1/24/2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. January, 2025 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. January, 2025 Month End Forecast Report
- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$250 to Austintown Schools Food Pantry from AESCU
- b. \$100 to Fitch Speech/Debate from Howland Speech and Debate Boosters for State Tournament
- c. \$1750 to Austintown Middle School from Robert Senn studios
- d. \$20,600 to Austintown Camp Invention 2025 via the National Inventors Hall of Fame from the Burton D Morgan Foundation
- e. \$500 to Fitch Food Pantry/Care Closet from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
- f. \$500 to Fitch Choir from Diane Ferguson
- g. \$400 to Fitch Band from The Bodnar Family, The Svenson Family, and The Cox Family in Memory of Elizabeth Wood

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. SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Erica Ramirez, Athletic Groundskeeper effective 1/13/2025, personal
- b. Katelyn Ray, Food Service worker effective 2/14/2025, job change

2. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

- a. Susan Roberts, OAPSE Secretary effective 6/30/2025 after 19 years of service with Austintown Schools
- b. Ross Linert, OAPSE Sweeper Cleaner effective 2/10/2025 after 7 years with Austintown Schools

Corrections to Effective dates

- c. Tamara Deeley- July 31, 2025
- d. Antonetta Malvestuto- July 31, 2025
- e. Sue Tamulonis - August 31, 2025
- f. Thomas Bonder - August 31, 2025

3. OAPSE Appointments

- a. Sarah Fenstermaker, Special Education Paraprofessional at AES; 9-month, 5.75 hours (10:15am-4pm) replacing Regina Ashby effective 2/10/2025
- b. Thomas Zetts, Sweeper Cleaner at AMS; 9-month, 5.75 hours (1:15pm-7pm) replacing Michael Pemberton effective 2/3/2025
- c. Barbara McGirr, Sweeper Cleaner at Fitch; 9-month, 5.75 hours (4pm-9:45pm) replacing William Emler effective 3/3/2025

4. OAPSE Transfers

- a. Cheryl Nagle, Sweeper Cleaner at AMS; 9-month, 7-hours (3pm-10pm) per day replacing Isabella Napolitano effective 1/30/2025
- b. Robin Cole-Armbruster, Sweeper Cleaner at Fitch; 9-month, 7-hours (3pm-10pm) per day replacing Ross Linert effective 2/10/2025
- c. Dana Kosco, Sweeper Cleaner at Fitch; 9-month, 7-hours (8am-3pm) per day replacing Robin Cole-Armbruster effective 2/10/2025 following probationary period

5. AEA Appointments

- a. Luke Kelty, (K-12) Intervention Specialist assigned to Fitch High School for the 2024-2025 school year; Youngstown State University, Master of Science in Education; 0-years teaching experience, Masters Column-Step-0 effective 12/20/2024

B. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

- a. Frank O'Brien, Title I MathTutor -AMS at the rate of \$25 per hour; 5.75 hours per day limited to 73 days effective 1/28/2025
- b. Paige Campbell, Title I PBIS/IAT Aide AMS at the rate of \$16.50 per hour limited to 83 days effective 2/18/2025
- c. Haley Costellano, Long-term Intervention Specialist Substitute at AIS for grade 5 effective 2/7/25

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Brielle Glista - FMLA - effective 2/14/25 through 3/27/25
- b. Robin Cole-Armbruster - FMLA - effective 1/15/2025-2/10/2025
- c. Victoria Chiera - FMLA - effective 5/15/2025-5/23/2025
- d. Jody Bartlett - FMLA Intermittent - Effective 1/31/25-12/31/25
- e. Mary Loeb - Intermittent FMLA - effective 1/31/25 - 5/23/2025
- f. Carrie Whitehouse- Bus Aide request for four (4) unpaid days; 2/10/25, 2/11/25, 2/12/25 and 2/13/25
- g. Marla Morton, AEA Teacher request for one (1) unpaid day on 5/2/2025

D. AFTER SCHOOL INTERVENTION

- a. Kari Knight, Title I After School Tutor -AMS at the rate of \$25 per hour
- b. Jessica Tomic, Title I After School Tutor -AMS at the rate of \$25 per hour

E. AEA DISTRICT-WIDE SUPPLEMENTALS 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (AEA)

- a. Melissa Richards, District Coordinator of Summer School - 10%

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

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

AMS

- a. Jessica Beall, Track Assistant Girls - 9%
- b. Kaitlyn White, Track Assistant (MOU) - 9%

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

- a. Nathaniel Armstrong, Track Assistant Boys - 9%

H. CLASSIFIED NON-TEACHING SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

- a. Kiara DiPietro - Custodial Substitute
- b. Mark Julian - Paraprofessional substitute

I. VOLUNTEERS- Athletic/Academic

- a. Joseph Chepke, Baseball
- b. Joseph E. Chepke, Baseball

J. STUDENT TRIPS

- a. What: Fitch Swim Camp
When: March 19, March 21, from 6:30-8:30 PM
For: Austintown Students in grades 3rd-8th
Where: Downtown Youngstown YMCA
Cost: \$40
Contact: Greta Barninger - gbarninger@gmail.com
- b. What: Fitch Softball Youth Camp
When: March 18, March 19, March 26 from 5:30-7:30 PM
For: Austintown Students in grades 2nd-6th
Where: Austintown Fitch High School
Cost: \$40 (\$10 discount if they are enrolled in Austintown Community Baseball)
Contact: Steve Ward - ward@austintownschools.org

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. PROPOSAL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following proposal with Wadsworth Solutions to conduct an ASHRAE Level 2 Energy Audit at Fitch High School to provide a comprehensive assessment, in the amount of \$30,000, of the school's energy usage and identify cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, effective 1/23/2025.

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. AGREEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following contractual agreement:

The Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of January 28, 2025 (this "Master Lease") is entered into by and between Apple Inc. ("Lessor") and Austintown Local Schools ("Lessee"), and is effective 4/1/2025 to 4/1/2028, with annual payments not to exceed \$15,600.13.

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. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the amendment to the following contractual agreement, previously approved 6/27/2024, between the Austintown Local School District ("District") and Supplemental Educational Services, Inc. (SESINC) for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 to provide staff for delivery of Title I services to the Austintown Local School District students at the following:

- Valley Christian School Title I Services
- St. Christine School Title I Services
- St. Rose School Title I Services
- ACLD School Title I Services
- St. Nicholas School Title I Services
- IAY Title I Instruction

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. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required - in accordance with Federal and State law (i.e., the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEA"), 34 C.F.R. 300.201, Ohio Revised Code 3323.08, and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-01) – to adopt and implement written policies and procedures approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW"); and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, the DEW released updated Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that an educational agency can adopt to meet the preceding legal requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the DEW's Model Policies, and agrees to use the written policies and procedures in accordance with the IDEA and the Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities (hereafter referred to as the "Operating Standards"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education agrees to use the required special education forms that are located on the DEW's website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the Model Policies, while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"), and/or the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC"), and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws, regardless of whether their provisions are restated in the Model Policies; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

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. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Austintown Local School District hereby retains KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., ("the Adviser") a registered adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, to provide advice and supervision for the District's investment portfolio managed by the Adviser consistent with its duties and obligations under the Advisers Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, except to the extent superseded by the Advisers Act.

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. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following resolution regarding the 3rd grade testing on paper format:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0711(G)(4) states beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other public school, or chartered nonpublic school may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format. ; and

WHEREAS, A district board of education or governing authority must make the choice to use paper tests and submit a board or governing authority resolution by May 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby confirms Austintown Local School District will administer the third-grade English language arts assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format for the 2025-26 school year.

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

17. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following resolution:

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.

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION:
For the 2024/2025 school year

Student First	Student Last	Parent(s)	School	Grade
Dani	Ferrell	Donna Ferrell	Akiva Academy	6
Dominica	Murray	Joe Murray	Heartland Christian	1
Marion	Pazin	Gloria Pazin	Akiva Academy	8
Natalie	Pazin	Gloria Pazin	Akiva Academy	6
Zack	Fields	Adam Fields	Heartland Christian	12
Caleb	Fields	Adam Fields	Heartland Christin	6
Carl	Sarigianopoulos	Joseph and Cyndi Sarigianopoulos	Northeast Ohio Impact Academy	9

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

18. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Austintown Local School District (District) and Stark State College (College, Institution of Higher Education, IHE) College Credit Plus for this agreement is defined as providing middle and high school students, grades 7-12, the opportunity to be enrolled in a college-level course or series of courses taught by the college and the IHE faculty (including courses taught by high school teachers who are credentialed IHE adjuncts). Upon successful completion of the course, the student will receive both high school graduation credit and college credit from the cooperating IHE.

Stark State College and the District will comply with all the laws, rules and timelines associated with College Credit Plus.

The District and Stark State College agree to the following as listed in the MOU:

1. Student Requirements
2. Program Requirements:
3. Financial Structure

The term of this agreement shall be for the 2025-2026 academic year, including the Summer session in 2025-2026. This agreement cannot be used by either party to limit participation of a student enrolling in courses that are not part of this agreement.

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

19. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and between **Youngstown State University** and Austintown Local School District to participate in the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) with Youngstown State University. This agreement is in effect from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. This agreement shall expire on June 30, 2026.

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

20. DISTRICT CALENDAR

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2025-2026 Austintown Local School District Calendar as presented.

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

21. BOARD POLICY- RE-ADOPTION/REVISION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve re-adoption/revision of the following board policies:

- PO1130- Conflict of Interest
- PO3113- Conflict of Interest
- PO4113-Conflict of Interest
- PO6110- Grant Funds
- PO6111- Internal Controls
- PO6112-Cash Management of Grants
- PO6114-Cost Principles- Spending Federal Funds
- PO6325-Procurement- Federal Funds/Grants
- PO6550- Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation
- PO7310- Disposition of Surplus Property
- PO7450- Property Inventory

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

22. PUBLIC MEETING FOR MARCH, 2025

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

23. TREASURER COMMENTS

24. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

25. BOARD COMMENTS

26. 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