

**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 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 for its Organizational Meeting.

Board Members

Mrs. Don Sherwood, President ProTempore Presiding
Mr. Fred Marcum, Member
Mrs. Kathy Mock, Member
Mr. Harold Porter, Member
Mrs. Kim Smrek, Member

Administration

Timothy Kelty, Superintendent
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

Mr. Sherwood was elected at the December 19, 2024 Board of Education Meeting to preside as President Pro-Tempore for the 1/14/2025 Organizational Meeting.

2025-1/14-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Mr. Sherwood, President Pro-Tempore with all members present.

2025-1/14-2 Roll Call

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

2025-1/14-3 Agenda Approval

Mrs. Mock moved to approve the agenda for the Organizational Meeting of 1/14/25. 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).

2025-1/14-4 Opening the Floor for the Nominations of the 2025 Board of Education President and Election of the Board President

The motion was made by Mrs. Mock to open the floor for nominations for the 2025 Board of Education President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcum 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).

Upon a call for nominations for the office of President of the Austintown Board of Education for the calendar year of 2025

1st Nomination of Mr. Marcum made by Mr. Porter

2025-1/14-5 Closing the Floor to Nominations for the 2025 Board of Education President and Election of the 2022 Board of Education President

Mrs. Mock moved to close nominations for the 2025 Board of Education President. Mr. Porter seconded the motion and the vote to close nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

Vote for the Office of President of the Board

On the nomination of Mr. Marcum for 2025 President of the Austintown Board of Education, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, No; Mrs. Smrek, No. The motion was carried (3-2).

Mr. Marcum is elected President of the Board of Education for the calendar year of 2025.

2025-1/14-6 Opening the Floor for the Nominations of the 2025 Board of Education Vice President and Election of the Board Vice President

The motion was made by Mr. Marcum to open the floor for nominations for the 2025 Board of Education Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock 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).

Upon a call for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Austintown Board of Education for the calendar year of 2025 Mrs. Mock was nominated by Mr. Porter.

2025-1/14-7 Closing the Floor to Nominations for the 2025 Board of Education Vice President and Election of the 2025 Board of Education Vice President

Mr. Marcum moved to close the floor to nominations for the 2025 Board of Education Vice President. Mr. Porter seconded the motion and the vote to close nominations resulted as follows: Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

Vote for the Office of Vice President of the Board

On the nomination of Mr. Marcum for the 2025 Vice President of the Austintown Board of Education the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, No; Mrs. Smrek, No. The motion carried (3/2).

The Administration of the Oath of Office for the newly elected President and Vice President was conducted by Blaise Karlovic, Board Treasurer. The gavel was passed to the newly elected President who will preside over the meeting from this point forward.

2025-1/14-8 Robert's Rules of Order-Parliamentary Procedure Guideline

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the Board's recommendation to use Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure guidelines for meetings of the Board and its committees.

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).

2025-1/14-9 Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Legislative Liaison

Mr. Sherwood moved to nominated Mr. Sherwood to serve as the OSBA Legislative Liaison.

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).

2025-1/14-10 Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Student Achievement Liaison

Mrs. Smrek moved to nominate Mrs. Mock to serve as the OSBA Student Achievement Liaison.

Mrs. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-11 Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Delegate to Capital Conference

Mrs. Mock moved to nominate Mrs. Smrek to serve as the Delegate to the OSBA Capital Conference.

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).

2025-1/14-12 Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Alternate Delegate to Capital Conference

Mrs. Mock moved to nominate Mr. Marcum to serve as the Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Capital Conference. 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).

2025-1/14-13 Disbursements and Investments

Mrs. Smrek moved to authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements for payroll, bonds, and accounts payable when due and invest funds within the authority, and in accordance with the Board adopted investment policy. Mr. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-14 Service Fund

Mrs. Mock moved to approve, as recommended by law, the establishment of a "Service Fund" in the amount of \$4,000. Such funds may be used to make reimbursements to members of the Board for expenses incurred in the performance of duties outside the district.

Mr. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-15 Purchase of Goods or Services

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the resolution for the Board of Education to reserve the right of approval for the purchase of certain goods or services (including utilities, fuel and food products) in excess of the \$15,000 with the provision that in exceptional circumstances, due to Board meeting dates, approval may be granted by the Board President or Vice President.

Mrs. Mock 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).

2025-1/14-16 Travel Expenses

Mrs. Mock moved to approve the recommendation that travel expenses for Board Members, Superintendent, Treasurer, Curriculum Director and Special Education Director for OSBA, OASBO, ODE, Regional Chamber of Commerce, and other school related professional activities, be approved through January 1, 2026. Mr. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-17 Board Compensation

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the recommendation that compensation for board members at the rates and for the purposes outlined in ORC 3313.1 be authorized. Mrs. Mock 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).

2025-1/14-18 Superintendent's Authority to Fill Vacancies Between Board Meetings

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Superintendent to temporarily hire staff when vacancies occur between Board meetings and to fill vacancies when it becomes necessary pending Board approval. Mr. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-19 Superintendent's Authority to Accept Resignations Between Board Meetings

Mr. Sherwood moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Superintendent to accept resignations between Board meetings. 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).

2025-1/14-20 Project and Grant Applications

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the recommendation authorizing the Superintendent to file applications for projects and grants considered desirable for the Austintown Local School District. Mr. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-21 Retainment of Legal Council

Mr. Smrek moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent approve retainment on an as needed basis of the following legal council for District needs:

- Ennis Britton
- Gingo and Bair, LLC
- Squire, Patton, & Boggs
- Weston Hurd

Mrs. 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).

2025-1/14-22 State and Federal Grant Programs for 2022 Calendar Year

Mrs. Mock moved to approve the recommendation to continue participation in the following State and Federal Grant Programs during the 2025 calendar year:

- Title I-A Improving Basic Programs
- Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA-B Special Education
- IDEA Early Childhood Special Education
- K-12 Network Connectivity
- ARP Homeless
- ARP IDEA
- ARP Preschools Disability
- BWC
- State Safety Grants
- Federal Safety Grants
- State Preschool Grant
- ESSER Funding

Mrs. Sherwood 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).

2025-1/14-23 Non-Profit Booster Organizations

Mr. Sherwood moved to approve the resolution

Whereas the following 501.C3 non-profit booster organizations and school support groups may operate for the 2025 calendar year effective 1/1/25 to 12/31/25 and be permitted to use the school's name and district logo as they seek student enrichment and strive to reach educational goals, and

Whereas the following booster organizations and school support groups shall provide annual financial reports for money that flows in and out of the club coffers, and

Whereas the Austintown Board of Education shall not oversee the financial operations of booster organizations or school support groups.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the following groups be approved in accordance with adopted *Board Policy KMA – Relations with Booster Organizations*, and the *Booster Organization Handbook*:

Austintown Fitch Baseball Boosters
Austintown Mat Boosters
Austintown Orchestra Parents Organization
Austintown Robotics Boosters
Austintown Track and Field Boosters
Band Parents Club
Boys Basketball Boosters
Boys Soccer Boosters
Cheerleaders
Choir Parents
Cross Country Boosters
Falcon Swim Team Booster Club
Fastpitch Club

Fitch Bowling
Fitch Football Club
Fitch Girls Basketball Boosters
Fitch Golf Boosters
Fitch Tennis Boosters
Fitch Volleyball Boosters
Football Parents
Girls Soccer Boosters
Hall of Fame
Wrestling Boosters

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).

2025-1/14-24 Day, Time, and Location for Regular Board of Education Meetings During 2025

Mr. Sherwood moved to approve the third (3rd) Thursday of the month beginning at 5:00 PM in the Austintown Middle School Cafeteria for monthly Regular Sessions of the Austintown Board of Education.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

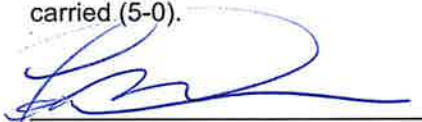
Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2025-1/14-25 Adjournment

Mrs. Smrek moved to adjourn at 5:10PM.

Mrs. Mock seconded the motion as the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Smrek, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).


Mr. Fred Marcum, President
Austintown Board of Education
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
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