

**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 Tuesday, January 14, 2025 for a Work Session and at 5:00 PM for the January Regular Session Board Meeting.

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

2025-1/14-1 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

2025-1/14-2 Work Session-Topics for Discussion

- Club Sports Discussion- The board members discussed Bass Fishing and spoke about the steps needed for Lacrosse
- School Facilities Update- MB- Mr. Bostian gave an update on the new facility as well as facility updates throughout the district

2025-1/14-3 Executive Session

Mr. Marcum motioned to recess to Executive Session at 4:33 PM for the purpose to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Board of Education.

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

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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 5:00 PM.

2025-1/14-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:24 PM with all members present.

2025-1/14-5 Removing Tabled Item

Mrs. Mock moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to removed item #13 from, the table from the 12/19/2024 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).

2025-1/14-6 Agenda Approval

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the agenda for the 1/14/2025 Board of Education Regular Session.

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).

2025-1/14-7 Public Comments

- Barbara Brothers spoke regarding Fair School Funding and asked the board to show their support
- Amanda Felbaum echoed Mrs. Brothers' information regarding Fair School Funding and also asked the board to show their support

2025-1/14-8 Treasurer's Consent Items

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

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 12/19/2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$500 from Jamie Ciccone Agency to Fitch Athletics
- b. \$1000 donation from Premier Bank Foundation to Fitch Band

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).

2025-1/14-9 Superintendent's Consent Items

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

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. John Peterka, Title I Alternative Learners Aide effective 12/19/2024; personal
- b. Ashley Gerchak, OAPSE Bus Driver effective 12/31/2024; personal

2. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

- a. Donald Martin, OAPSE Maintenance effective July 1, 2025 after 19 years of service with Austintown Schools

3. OAPSE Appointments

- a. Jessica Mate, Food Service at AMS; 2.5 hours effective 1/9/2025

4. Mentors- 2024-2025 Academic Supplementals Held by AEA Members

Mentors for New Hires

- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|----|
| a. Tami Franklin | for | Kristen Dimas | 2% |
| b. Michelle DeNiro | for | Jessica Beall | 2% |
| c. Anitra James | for | Melissa DelBoccio | 2% |
| d. Tina Kubacki | for | Jacob Kilroy | 2% |

Mentors for Year 1 Resident Educators

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|-------------------|-----|--------------------|----|
| a. Rebecca Caruso | for | Stephanie Peterson | 4% |
| b. Carli Cramer | for | Isabella Kelty | 4% |
| c. Anitra James | for | Bailey Doran | 4% |

Mentors for Year 2 Resident Educators

- | | | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------|----|
| a. Tami Franklin | for | Rachel Mrazik | 3% |
| b. Lisa Costello | for | Kira Neef | 3% |

B. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

- a. Taylor Nichols, AIS FPO Program Aide; Title I Grant funded; \$16.50 per hour; limited to 165-days at 5.75 hours per day effective 12/19/2024
- b. Tori Thorne, AIS Title I Aide at the rate of \$16.50 per hour; limited to 165-days at 5.75 hours per day effective 1/16/2025

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Melissa Vinarsky-Hoskins - FMLA - Effective 1/24/2025-2/7/2025
- b. Lesley Busico- FMLA - effective 2/12/25 -3/6/25
- c. Michele Zackasee FMLA- effective 1/9/2025-3/3/2025
- d. Kelly Vinion - FMLA - effective 11/12/2024-2/28/2025
- e. Karen Lamm - AEA, four (4) unpaid days; 4/7/25, 4/8/25, 4/9/25 and 4/10/25
- f. Kara Sertick- AEA- two (2) unpaid days; 2/6/25 and 2/7/2025

D. MVRCOG PERSONNEL

- a. Christopher White, Bus washer January 2025 through May 2025

E. FALCON CARE SUPPLEMENTAL- FLEX SCHEDULE AT \$20 PER HOUR

- a. Bailey Doran, supplemental at \$20 per hour as needed

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

- a. Dylan Latone, Track Assistant - 5.5%

G. ATHLETIC- EVENT STAFF

- a. Joseph McMahon

H. ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS

- a. Rich Raymer, Softball

I. STUDENT TRIPS

Group: Speech and Debate Team

What: Speech and Debate Tournament

Where: Wooster High School

When: Leaving Friday, January 17th at 3:15 pm and returning Saturday, January 18th at 9:00 pm

Cost: Self-funded

Hotel: Staying at the Holiday Inn Express on Riffle Rd in Wooster

Transportation: Traveling by school bus

Chaperones: Coaches Teri Dutton, Jason Long, Faith Marscio, Brooke May

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).

2025-1/14-10 Resolution

Mrs. Mock moved, upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, to approve the following resolution establishing education requirements for substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter:

WHEREAS, the Austintown Local Schools anticipates that the organization may experience difficulty obtaining substitute teachers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted in Section 4 of Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the 134th General Assembly and became effective as an emergency measure on October 28, 2021, the Board of Education was authorized to establish its own education requirements for individuals to serve as substitute teachers in the Organization during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has permanently extended this authority through the enactment of House Bill 33 which is codified in R.C. §3319.102; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adopt education requirements for substitute teachers in accordance with the law as a measure to help ensure the availability of a sufficient number of substitute teachers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Austintown Local Schools that:

Section 1. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the Board of Education authorizes the employment of substitute teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees, as is otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio Revised Code 3301.071, 3319.102, 3319.226, 3319.30, 3319.36, and Chapters 3314 and 3326 Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy 3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes. To be eligible to serve as a substitute in the organization, the Board requires that the employee have an associate's degree with a non-bachelor's degree substitute teaching license, or a high school diploma with a pre-service teacher permit issued by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, to fulfill the educational requirement.

In addition to fulfilling the educational requirements adopted by the Board of Education, an individual must be of good moral character and must have completed all required criminal background checks.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and any amendments thereto.

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).

2025-1/14-11 Memorandum of Understanding

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

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).

2025-1/14-12 New Club Sport

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Bass Fishing for grades 7-12.

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).

2025-1/14-13 Board Policy- Adoption/Re-Adoption/Revision

Mrs. Smrek moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve adoption of the following board policy:

PO2265

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).

2025-1/14-14 Open Enrollment

Mrs. Smrek moved to approve the recommendation to direct the Superintendent to notify the Ohio Department of Education that the Austintown Local School District will again be an Open Enrollment district in the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mrs. Mock, Yes; Mr. Porter, No; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-1).

2025-1/14-15 Public Meeting for February, 2025

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

Work Session: February 20, 2025 at the BOE Office Conference Room beginning at 4:00 PM

Regular Session: February 20, 2025 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 5:00 PM

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).

2025-1/14-16 Treasurer's Comments

None.

2025-1/14-17 Superintendent's Comments

None.

2025-1/14-18 Board Comments

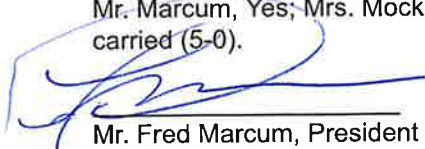
None.

2025-1/14-19 Adjournment

Mrs. Smrek moved to adjourn at 5:35 PM.

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).



Mr. Fred Marcum, President
Austintown Board of Education



Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
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