

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION
Westwood Elementary School and Via Zoom
November 7, 2023
6:01 P.M.

President Pro Tempore Stump called the meeting to order by asking for a roll call.

Present: Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Ratliff, Stump
Absent: None

#23-172 APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Stump
No: None

President Pro Tempore Stump declared this motion passed.

#23-173 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – KEVIN STUMP

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Mohrman to nominate Kevin Stump as Board President for the remainder of 2023.

Yes: Ratliff, Mohrman, Kazmierczak
Abstain: Stump
No: None

Treasurer Pro Tempore Mohrman declared this motion passed.

Treasurer Pro Tempore Mohrman administered the Oath of Office of the President.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Diane Kerecz - Not a resident of our district

**Mr. Ratliff made a motion to ask the Board for Diane Kerecz to speak and Mr. Mohrman seconded the motion. There was never an official vote.

Ms. Diane Kerecz spoke to our Board about a rated "R" book being read by ninth graders at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School without parents consent.

2. Nick Bolt - Unsure of last name being correct, he did not sign in. Spoke to the Board about it being their job to make sure our students are properly educated.

#23-174 APPROVE OF EMPLOYMENT - JONATHAN CWALINA

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following:

1. Award a one (1) year classified employment contract for Jonathan Cwalina as special education aide (EL1) for the 2023/2024 school year effective November 6, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Yes: Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Ratliff, Stump

No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

#23-175 APPROVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - OSBORN ENGINEERING

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following:

1. Approve the structural engineering services contract for the High School gymnasium wall crack monitoring and preparation of specifications and bid documents to facilitate repairs with Osborn Engineering at a cost of \$32,500.00.

Yes: Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Ratliff, Stump

No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

#23-176 APPROVE PARKING LOT LIGHTING - HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Ratliff to approve the following:

1. Approve the proposal received from Firelands Electric to install seven (7) parking lot light poles at the main High School and Middle School parking lot at a cost of \$69,698.00. Also approve additional costs for ground penetrating radar and conduit with cabling for security cameras to be installed on four of the light poles in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (see attached summary sheet).

Yes: Kazmierczak, Ratliff, Mohrman, Stump

No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

Mr. Ratliff asked the Board if we were notifying our ninth grade parents of the inappropriate material the students are reading at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School. The Board agrees it may not be appropriate, the Lorain County Joint Vocational School is in charge of the education of their students. It was suggested that maybe the parents could write letters to the newspapers about their concerns if the parents were unable to address the Board at the JVS.

#23-177 APPROVE TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to move to Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. per the Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1); to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official; (G)(5). Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Stump
No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

#23-178 APPROVAL TO RETURN TO SPECIAL SESSION

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to return to Special Session at 7:32 p.m.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Stump
No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

#23-179 APPROVAL TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Stump to approve the following:

1. Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the Board of Education by reason of Jessica Reynolds moving out of the school district boundaries; and whereas this Board of Education has the legal authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof. Now therefore, be it resolved that Penny McClafin is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Board of Education of the Wellington Exempted Village School District for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending on January 1, 2024.

Yes: Ratliff, Stump, Kazmierczak, Mohrman
No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

Swearing in of new Board Member - Penny McClafin - Treasurer Pro Tempore Mohrman administers oath to new Board member.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - Mr. Weber asked the Board if they would like to do the donor dinner in January.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

- A. Tuesday, November 28, 2023, Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Wellington High School and via Zoom;
- B. Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Work Session, 6:00 PM, Westwood Elementary School and via Zoom;
- C. Tuesday, December 19, 2023, Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Patricia Lindley Center for the Performing Arts and via Zoom.

#23-180 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Mohrman to adjourn the Special Session, no time was given.

Yes: Ratliff, Mohrman, Kazmierczak, McClafin, Stump
No: None

President Stump declared this motion passed.

Board President

Treasurer

Note: An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request to the Treasurer.