

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Westwood Elementary School Dining Hall and via Zoom  
January 2, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

Penny McClafin, President Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Donnelly administers the Oath to the new Board Member - Penny McClafin

Roll call was taken.

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

#24-001 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT - AYERS RATLIFF

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Ratliff to nominate Ayers Ratliff as Board President for 2024.

Yes: McClafin, Ratliff  
No: Kazmierczak, Mohrman

The Treasurer declared this motion not passed.

#24-002 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT - PHILLIP MOHRMAN

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Mohrman to nominate Phillip Mohrman as Board President for 2024.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
No: McClafin, Ratliff

The Treasurer declared this motion not passed.

Treasurer Donnelly declared a deadlock for the election of the President.

#24-003 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT – TABLED

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Mohrman to table the election of the Board Vice-President for 2024 until the fifth Board Member has been approved.

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

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-004 ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER PRO TEMPORE - TABLED

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Kazmierczak to table the election as Board Treasurer Pro Tempore for 2024.

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

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-005 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Mohrman to hold the Regular Sessions of the Board of Education on the dates shown on the attached proposed "2024 Meeting Dates".

January 16	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – McCormick Middle School
February 6	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
February 20	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – High School
March 5	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
March 19	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – Lindley Center
April 2	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
April 16	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – Westwood Elementary
May 7	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
May 21	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – McCormick Middle School
June 4	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
June 25	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – Lindley Center
July	-	Board Workshop/Retreat - Dates to be determined
July 16	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – McCormick Middle School
August 20	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – McCormick Middle School
September 3	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
September 17	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – McCormick Middle School
October 1	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
October 15	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – Westwood Elementary
November 5	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
November 19	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – High School
December 3	-	Tuesday – Work Session – Westwood Elementary
December 17	-	Tuesday – Business Meeting – Lindley Center

Yes: Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Ratliff, McClafin

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-006 ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by McClafin to establish a Board Member Compensation. No changes from last year.

1. Members elected on or after November 2019: \$125.00 per meeting.

Yes: Ratliff, McClafin, Kazmierczak, Mohrman

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-007 ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD SERVICE FUND

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to establish a Board Service Fund which shall not exceed those limitations as defined in Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, McClafin

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-008 ELECTION FOR THE WELLINGTON SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TABLED

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to table the nomination of the Endowment Representative.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, McClafin

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-009 ELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AYERS RATLIFF AS OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by McClafin to nominate Ayers Ratliff as the OSBA Legislative Liaison and OSBA Student Achievement Liaison.

Yes: Mohrman, McClafin, Kazmierczak, McClafin

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-010 ELECTION OF THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE - TABLED

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Ratliff to table the nomination on the Board Policy Committee.

Yes: McClafin, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-011 ELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - TABLED

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Ratliff to table the nomination on the Board Strategic Planning Committee.

Yes: McClafin, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-012 ELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - TABLED

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Mohrman to table the nomination on the Board Finance and Audit Committee.

Yes: McClafin, Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Ratliff

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-013 ELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD ATHLETIC AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE - TABLED

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Mohrman to table the nomination on the Board Athletic and Facilities Committee.

Yes: McClafin, Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Ratliff

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-014 APPROVAL OF VARIOUS STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2024

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following standing authorizations for 2024:

1. Hire Matthew John Markling of McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A., as District Harassment Officer;
2. Authorize the Superintendent to approve professional leave for all employees;
3. Authorize the Board President and Vice President to attend the workshop for new board presidents;
4. Authorize the Treasurer to invest district funds to generate interest income (certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, banker's acceptance, etc.);
5. Authorize to require only the Treasurer's signature on payroll and budgetary checks;
6. Authorize the Treasurer to process check payments on purchase orders within appropriations prior to Board approval;
7. Authorize the Treasurer to request tax advances from the County Auditor's Office as funds become available.
8. Authorize the Treasurer to attend Public Records Training as the designee of the Board of Education and as approved by the Ohio Attorney General RC149.43E;
9. Authorize the Superintendent to act as purchasing agent;
10. Authorize the Superintendent to approve employee resignations between regular meetings;
11. Authorize the Superintendent to employ such personnel as needed for emergency situations, with such employment to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting;
12. Authorize the Superintendent to approve all applications for federal, state, and local funds;
13. Utilize the following newspapers for advertising and announcements: *Lorain County Community Guide (formerly The Wellington Enterprise), The Lorain Morning Journal, The Chronicle Telegram, The Ashland-Times Gazette and The Rural Urban*;
14. Purchase property, fleet and liability insurance as in the past;
15. Approve the Tax Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year as presented.

Yes: Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, McClafin

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

#24-015 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Ratliff to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Yes: McClafin, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman

No: None

President Pro-Tem McClafin declared this motion passed.

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Board President Pro-Tem

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Treasurer

Note: An audio recording was made of this meeting and is on file in the Treasurer's Office.