

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
McCormick Middle School
January 16, 2024
6:15 P.M.

President Ratliff called the meeting to order by asking for a roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kazmierczak, McClafin, Shellhouse, Mohrman, Ratliff

Absent: None

#24-032 APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by McClafin to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

1. Page 7, add under "Contracts": c. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lorain County Community College to provide College Credit Plus to Wellington Exempted Village School District students for the 2024/2025 School Year (see attachment);
2. Page 7, under "Contracts", item a. Approve the Home Instruction Agreement for Kathleen Dickason, move vote for after Executive Session;
3. Page 10, under "New Business", item A. Superintendent Search Contract, move vote for after Executive Session.

Yes: Mohrman, McClafin, Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-033 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Ratliff to approve the minutes of the Regular Session conducted on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and the Organizational Meeting conducted on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and the Special Session conducted on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Yes: McClafin, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Mohrman

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

PRESENTATION

1. Middle School Agriculture Education Courses - Amy Sword

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - See Attached Reports

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

REPORTS

1. Athletic Council – J. Kazmierczak/P. McClafin – Mrs. Kazmierczak reported they last met in December.
2. Finance – J. Kazmierczak/P. Mohrman – Mrs. Kazmierczak reported they have a tentative meeting scheduled for January 20, 2024.
3. Strategic Planning – P. Mohrman/P. McClafin – No report
4. Policies and Communications – J. Kazmierczak/P. Shellhouse – Mrs. Kazmierczak reported they will be scheduling a meeting in February.
5. Endowment – P. Mohrman – Mr. Mohrman reported The Endowment’s next meeting is February 5, 2024.
6. OSBA Liaison/Student Achievement Liaison– Mr. Ratliff reported the bus safety task force has not published a report yet. The following bills were signed at the end of December 2023: Senate Bill 91, Senate Bill 9 and House Bill 68. Senate Bill 9 will go into effect on March 26, 2024.
7. J.V.S. Board – A. Ratliff – Mr. Ratliff reported January 30, 2024 the JVS will hold a Destination Success for students and parents to attend to see if their 8th or 9th graders have any interest in attending the JVS.

#24-034 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEM

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

1. Financial Statements for December 2023.

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-035 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEM

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by McClafin to approve the following financial item:

1. Resolution to authorize the Treasurer of the Wellington Exempted Village School District to engage in certain transactions by using electronic transactions, including receipt of funds from the Lorain County Auditor; the Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing all automated clearing house (ACH) arrangements for the District; the Treasurer is authorized to share the district's banking information with the Lorain County Auditor and to make changes to the bank account where funds will be settled on behalf of Wellington Exempted Village School District; the Treasurer shall be responsible for accounting, reporting and generally overseeing compliance.

Yes: Kazmierczak, McClafin, Shellhouse, Mohrman, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

Operations Update for January 2024 - Treasurer, Mark Donnelly

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD

#24-036 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL

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

1. Employment:
 - a. Hire the following after school tutors at \$30.00 per hour on an as-needed basis; Rachel Neenan, effective for the 2023/2024 School Year;
 - b. Supplemental Contracts for the 2023/2024 School Year:

SUPPLEMENTAL	NAME	DIFFERENTIAL
LPDC Chair	Sherry Arcuri	EL0
WHS Assistant Drama Advisor	Barbara Gott	EL0
Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Anthony Budka	EL5
Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach (change in EL only)	Anthony Schmook	*EL5

Varsity Track Assistant Coach	Jerrica Hopkins	EL5
Varsity Track Assistant Coach	Dylan Lowery	EL3
Varsity Track Assistant Coach	Garrett Gerken	EL0
Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach	John Kinter	EL4
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Matthew Norton	EL2

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-037 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND CONTRACTS

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following resolutions and contracts:

1. Resolutions:

- a. Approve the Resolution declaring transportation to be impractical and authorizing payment in lieu of transportation for chartered nonpublic and community schools for the 2023/2024 School Year. (see attached resolution with additional student families);
- b. Approve the acceptance of the donation of Sadie K. Goble of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Wellington Exempted Village School District and the creation of the Wellington Schools - Tom R. Brown Agricultural Education Fund to support students in the participation of field trips and other travel related to agricultural education and/or by providing teacher grants for further education or programming support in agricultural education (see attached resolution);
- c. Approve the reimbursement of background checks for direct hire substitutes (certified and classified) not to exceed \$65.00 each effective January 1, 2024 (The ESC of Lorain County raised their price by \$5.00);
- d. Approve the removal and disposal from inventory of miscellaneous items no longer in working condition (see attachments).

2. Contracts:

- a. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University to provide College Credit Plus to Wellington Exempted Village School District students for the 2024/2025 School Year (see attachment);
- b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lorain County Community College to provide College Credit Plus to Wellington Exempted Village School District students for the 2024/2025 School Year (see attachment).

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-038 APPROVAL OF GRANT, SALES PROJECT AND DONATIONS

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by McClafin to approve the following grant, sales project and donations:

1. Grant:
 - a. TC Energy 4th Grade STEM - Malynda Perchinske - \$5,000.00
2. Sales Project:
 - a. Valentine Flowers - Senior Class
3. Donations:
 - a. An anonymous donor donated \$250.00 toward district student lunch debt;
 - b. VFW Post 6941 donated \$300.00 toward the 4th Grade Duke Dollar Auction;
 - c. Rick Powell of Audiax Communications donated an internal radio speaker for Bus #13 and the labor cost for adjusting the video camera on Bus #5 for a donation with an estimated value of \$158.20;
 - d. Mary Seliga donated \$100.00 toward district student lunch debt;
 - e. Stuart Muszynski and Values-in-Action Foundation donated activities, events, and items to promote kindness, caring and respect valued at \$2,500.00;
 - f. National Honor Society members donated eighteen (18) \$25.00 gift cards to various businesses for the NHS Calendar Fundraiser for a total donation of \$450.00;
 - g. Moira Erwine donated a variety of food and toiletries to the Westwood Dukes Care Closet with a total estimated value of \$325.00;
 - h. Edward Weber donated fifteen (15) \$10.00 McDonald's gift cards for transportation employees for a total donation of \$150.00;
 - i. Edward Weber donated ten (10) \$10.00 McDonald's gift cards for Wellington High School Students who completed the College Now ImpACT Program for a total donation of \$100.00;
 - j. Edward Weber donated half of the cost of a recognition dinner for Jessica Reynolds, our former Board of Education President, at a cost of \$64.85.

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-039 APPROVAL OF DONATIONS

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

1. Ayers Ratliff donated eight (8) 9"x12" certificate holders to be used by the board of education in the recognition of student achievements valued at \$25.00 each for a total donation of \$200.00;
2. Ayers Ratliff donated \$200.00 to the McCormick Builders Club which is part of the Kiwanis National Service Organization;
3. Ayers Ratliff donated name plates for the boys basketball team from the Lorain County Joint Vocational School valued at \$21.00;
4. Ayers Ratliff donated half of the cost of a recognition dinner for Jessica Reynolds, our former Board of Education President, at a cost of \$64.85.

Yes: McClafin, Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Shellhouse

Abstain: Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

Total Donations = \$4,883.90

Year-to-Date Total of Donations for 2023/2024 School Year = \$59,173.96

OLD BUSINESS

#24-040 APPROVAL TO TABLE THE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Kazmierczak to table the following until February 20, 2024:

1. Table the Facilities Use Agreement with the Fellowship Church for the use of the Wellington High School cafeteria, restrooms, hallway closest to the cafeteria and the library/media center for a weekly facility fee of \$250.00 for Four (4) hours of use effective October 29, 2023 (See Attachment).

Yes: Mohrman, Kazmierczak, McClafin, Shellhouse, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

#24-041 APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP WITH OHIO EDUCATION POLICY INSTITUTE

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

1. Approve the membership with Ohio Education Policy Institute for 2024 for a total annual cost of \$500.00 (see attachment).

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-042 APPROVAL TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by McClafin to move to Executive Session at 8:03 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.

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-043 APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by McClafin and seconded by Mohrman to return to Regular Session at 9:54 p.m.

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-044 APPROVAL OF HOME INSTRUCTION AGREEMENT - TABLED

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Ratliff to table after Executive Session the following agreement:

1. Table the Home Instruction Agreement for Kathleen Dickason to provide home instruction for a Wellington High School student at a rate of \$30.00 per hour effective November 16, 2023.

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

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-045 APPROVAL OF OSBA FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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

1. Approve the Superintendent Search Contract with Ohio School Boards Association for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00

Yes: Mohrman, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, McClafin, Shellhouse

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - None

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

- A. Tuesday, February 6, 2024, Work Session, 6:00 PM, Westwood Elementary School and via Zoom;
- B. Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Wellington High School and via Zoom.

#24-046 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Shellhouse to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:58 p.m.

Mr. Ratliff mentioned to other Board members about if they should be doing and paying for the evaluation for the Superintendent since he is retiring.

Yes: Mohrman, Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, McClafin, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

Board President

Treasurer

Note: There was an audio recording of this meeting and is available upon request with the Treasurer.