

Austintown Board of Education

July 23, 2025

Special Session 12:00PM

Dr. Ritchie Legacy Room Central Office

700 S. Raccoon Road

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

Vision and Mission Statement of the Austintown Schools

The Austintown Local School District is a united community, with a proud legacy and a progressive approach to education.

We provide an inspiring education that strengthens and prepares our students for unlimited future opportunities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Time: _____

Mrs. Mock, P/A; Mr. Marcum, P/A; Mr. Porter, P/A; Mr. Sherwood, P/A; Mrs. Smrek, P/A

2. RESOLUTION

Approve the following resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 4.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Mahoning County Auditor to make certain certifications, pursuant to sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the revised code:

WHEREAS, at an election on November 3, 2020, the School District's voters approved the renewal of an existing 4.9-mill ad valorem tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that 4.9-mill tax expires with the levy on the 2025 tax list and duplicate for collection in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to renew that 4.9-mill levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years, commencing with a levy on the tax list for the year 2026 to be first distributed to this Board in calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Mahoning County Auditor a resolution stating items as required by Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) through (j), as applicable to the levy, and requesting that the County Auditor make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described above, the County Auditor is to certify certain matters as required by Section 5705.03(B)(2)(a) through (e), as applicable to the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Austintown Local School District, County of Mahoning, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definition. As used in this Resolution and in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) of the Revised Code, "mills" refers to mills for each one dollar of taxable value.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, (ii) it is necessary to renew the School District's existing 4.9-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, (iii) it intends to submit the question of that renewal tax levy to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held on November 4, 2025, as authorized by Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the School District has territory only in the County of Mahoning. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for five years, commencing in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

Section 3. Request for Certification. This Board requests the Mahoning County Auditor to certify to it the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2)(a) through (e), as applicable to the proposed renewal levy.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mahoning County Auditor.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

3. RESOLUTION

A resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing 7.3-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses and requesting the Mahoning County Auditor to make certain certifications, pursuant to sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the revised code:

WHEREAS, at an election on November 3, 2020, the School District's voters approved the renewal of an existing 7.3-mill ad valorem tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that 7.3-mill tax expires with the levy on the 2025 tax list and duplicate for collection in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to renew that 7.3-mill levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, for five years, commencing with a levy on the tax list for the year 2026 to be first distributed to this Board in calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Mahoning County Auditor a resolution stating items as required by Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) through (j), as applicable to the levy, and requesting that the County Auditor make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described above, the County Auditor is to certify certain matters as required by Section 5705.03(B)(2)(a) through (e), as applicable to the levy;

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Section 2. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, (ii) it is necessary to renew the School District's existing 7.3-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses, (iii) it intends to submit the question of that renewal tax levy to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held on November 4, 2025, as authorized by Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the School District has territory only in the County of Mahoning. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for five years, commencing in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

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Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

4. RESOLUTION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resolution declaring transportation impractical for the following identified students for the 2024-2025 School Year:

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Austintown Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION:

For the 2024/2025 school year

Student First	Student Last	Parent(s)	School	Grade
Dennis	Brown Jr.	Dennis Brown Sr.	John F Kennedy	7
Colton	Sinn	Caitlin & Chad Sinn	Heartland Christian	3
Raamon	Johnson	Cierra Mills	Academy of Urban Scholars	10
Briella	De Blok	Hendrick & Johanna de Blok	Heartland Christian	6

Tobias	De Blok	Hendrick & Johanna de Blok	Heartland Christian	1
Tristan	Adams	Latreena Adams	Valley Christian	6
Trinitee	Adams	Latreena Adams	Valley christian	4
Quintin	Hunter	Christina Hunter	Heartland Christian	10
Christiana	Hunter	Christina Hunter	Heartland Christian	8
Richard	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	10
Isabella	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	4
Vincent	Green	Angela Green	Heartland Christian	2
Abbigail	Corll	Cheryl & David Corll Jr.	ACLD	4
Micah	Beck	Brenton Beck	Heartland Christian	6
Levi	Beck	Brenton Beck	Heartland Christian	3
Ayla	Beck	Brenton Beck	Heartland Christian	K
Arielle	Beck	Brenton Beck	Heartland Christian	K
Reagan	Kalahar	Abigail Mclver	Heartland Christian	9
Dominic	Vitullo	Dominic Vitullo	Heartland Christian	1
Olivia	Vitullo	Dominic Vitullo	Heartland Christian	10
Jane	Walters	Denise Walters	ACLD	6

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____;

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by _____; Seconded by _____; Time:____:____AM/PM

Vote: Mr. Marcum, Y/N; Mrs. Mock, Y/N; Mr. Porter, Y/N; Mr. Sherwood, Y/N; Mrs. Smrek, Y/N