

Board of Education Special Meeting (Tuesday, September 16, 2025)*Generated by Kimberly Grilli on Thursday, September 18, 2025***Members present**

Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Roll Call - Ms. Dowdell-Burger is on her way, the rest of the Board members are present.

Action 2025-256: 3. Treasurer Pro-Tem

Move to accept Mrs. Gray as Treasurer Pro-Tem for this meeting

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

B. Agenda Approval

Action 2025-257: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray

No: John Kershner, Kathleen Walsh

Action 2025-258: 2. Mr. Kershner moves that we adopt the agenda to legally hire legal counsel prior to executive session. The board will act to approve and engage legal counsel for the purpose of consultation during executive session to investigate the charges against employees or other persons connected with the district. And also go into executive session which would include the employment, discipline, promotion, and compensation of an employee for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel concerning the investigation of charges and disputes involving the board that are subject to pending or eminent court action and matters to be kept confidential by federal rules or state statutes RC 121.22 G5.

Discussion:

- Mr. Kershner - With potential board action, the board may take formal board action in public session on matters discussed in executive session or any other business properly coming before the board.
- Ms. Gray - We already have an existing agenda
- Mr. Kershner - These are not conflicting agendas, they are complimentary.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: John Kershner, Kathleen Walsh

No: Seth Bower, Libby Gray

Action 2025-259: 3. Move to accept the agenda with the following change - The board will enter executive session pursuant to RC 121.22 for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel concerning the investigation of charges and disputes involving the board that are subject to pending and imminent court action RC 121.22 G3 and matters required to be kept confidential by federal rules or state statutes RC 121.22 G5 - Ms. Dowdell-Burger joined the meeting at 7:19 PM

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: John Kershner, Kathleen Walsh, Libby Gray

No: Seth Bower

Abstain: Latoya Dowdell-Burger

C. Executive Session

Action 2025-260: 1. Recommendation to adjourn to executive session at 7:32 pm.

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Motion by Libby Gray, second by John Kershner

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner, Latoya Dowdell-Burger

D. Reconvene Open Session

E. Adjournment.

Action 2025-261: 1. Motion to Adjourn
Adjourn at 10:18 PM

Motion by Latoya Dowdell-Burger, second by John Kershner

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner, Latoya Dowdell-Burger