

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to its rules, the Austintown Board of Education of the Austintown Local Schools met at Austintown Middle School at 5:00 PM on March 19, 2026 for a Work Session and at 6:00 PM for the March Regular Session Board Meeting.

Board Members

Mrs. Kim Smrek, President
Mr. Don Sherwood, Vice President
Mrs. Katie Berdis, Member
Mr. Fred Marcum, Member
Mr. Harold Porter, Member

Administration

Timothy Kelty, Superintendent
Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer

2026-3/19-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM with all members present.
Mrs. Berdis, Present; Mr. Marcum, Absent; Mr. Porter, Present; Mr. Sherwood, Present; Mrs. Smrek, Present

2026-3/19-2 Executive Session

Mr. Sherwood motioned to recess to Executive Session at 5:46 PM for the purpose to discuss Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee
Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:
Mrs. Berdis; Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (4-0).
Mr. Marcum came in at 5:02PM
The Executive Session ended at 6:03PM.

2026-3/19-3 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 6:07 PM with all members present.

2026-3/19-4 Agenda Approval

Mr. Marcum moved to approve the agenda for the 3/19/2026 Board of Education Regular Session.
Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:
Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-5 Public Comments

No public comments

2026-3/19-6 Principal Report

Ms. Dorbish gave a district wide academic and extra-curricular update

2026-3/19-7 Treasurer's Consent Items

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the Treasurer's Consent Items:

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 2/18/2026
- b. Special Sessions held on 3/5/2026

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. February, 2026 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. February, 2026 Month End Forecast Report

- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted
- d. Fiscal Year 2026 Permanent Appropriation Measure and Certificate of Estimated Resources

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$1,675.00 from Robert Senn Studios to AMS
- b. \$245 from Austintown Choral Parents Club to Fitch Choir for Medals
- c. \$1,868.35 from Anonymous to AIS
- d. \$250 from Austintown Rotary Club to RDE Scholarships

D. ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL

<u>Identification Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Method of Disposal</u>
1BAKJCBA3FF313914	School Bus	Transporation	Transportation	Scrap

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-8 Superintendent's Consent Items

Mr. Marcum moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following items by consent action:

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Randy Hixenbaugh, OAPSE Sweeper Cleaner at AELC, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, personal
- b. Katie Dorsey, AEA Teacher, effective 5/22/2026, personal
- c. Mark D'Eramo, AEA Lead Science Teacher (9-12) Supplemental at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, personal
- d. Carrie Whitehouse, Non-Teaching Classified Staff Substitute, effective 3/13/26, personal
- e. Daniel Horacek, AEA Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, job change

2. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

- a. Heather Braunstein, AEA Teacher at Fitch, effective May 23, 2026, after 6 years of service with Austintown Schools

3. OAPSE Appointments

- a. Heidi Chepke, Paraprofessional -Lunch/Recess at AES; 9-month, 5.75-hour, replacing Pamela Markulin, effective 3/10/2026
- b. Kaylee Lazich, Special Education Paraprofessional -Child Specific at AIS; 9-month, 5.75-hours, effective 3/4/2026

4. OAPSE Transfers

- a. Hattie Shank, Involuntary transfer from Child Specific Paraprofessional at AIS to Special Education Paraprofessional at AMS, effective 2/9/2026
- b. Lauren Ohl, Transfer from Food Service Flex 3-hour position assigned to AMS to District Flex Food Service Coordinator, restructured position: 9-month, 6-hours per day, effective 3/2/2026
- c. Jessica Mate, Transfer from Food Service 2.5-hour position assigned to AMS to Food Service 3-hour position assigned to AMS, effective 3/2/2026

- d. Kaylee Myers, Transfer from Food Service 3.5-hour position at AMS to Food Service 3-hour morning position at AMS, effective 3/9/2027
- e. Sarah Tharp, Transfer from Food Service 3-hour position at Fitch to Food Service 3.5-hour position at AMS, effective 3/12/2026

B. NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

- a. Daniel Horacek, Fitch Special Education Tutor; 7.5 hours at \$20 per hour, effective 2026-2027 school year

C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Jackie Moretti, Cancel request for (3.5) unpaid days: Half-day on 3/24/26 and full-days 3/25/26 through 3/27/26
- b. Debra Infante, Unpaid four (4) days: 3/24/26, 3/25/26, 3/26/26, and 3/27/26
- c. Sarah Tharp, Unpaid one (1) day: 3/27/26
- d. Nicole Spencer, Personal day following a break: 4/13/26
- e. Renee Griswold, Unpaid one (1) day: 5/8/26
- f. Kaylee Lazich, Unpaid three (3) days: 5/13/26, 5/14/26, and 5/15/26 following 3 personal day 5/8/26, 5/11/26 and 5/12/26
- g. Heidi Chepke, Personal days before and after a break: 4/1/26, 4/2/26 and 4/13/26
- h. Brielle Glista, Leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year
- i. Gina Cardillo-FMLA- 3/24/26-3/31/26, 4/1/26, and 4/2/26
- j. Carrie Copeland - FMLA- 2/17/2026-5/14/2026
- k. Jody Bartlett- Intermittent FMLA - effective 3/1/26
- l. John Anthony - FMLA - 4/13/2026-5/8/26
- m. Catherine Brancaccio - FMLA - effective 5/8/26-11/2/26
- n. Melissa Crump - FMLA - 2/12/26-5/10/26
- o. Angela Denari - Intermittent FMLA - effective 1/1/26

D. ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS (2025-2026 SY)- AEA MEMBERS

The asterisk () denotes longevity percentage / two (**) denotes maximum longevity percentage*

AMS

- a. Kaitlyn White, Track Assistant Girls (Blue) - 9%

E. ATHLETIC- EVENT STAFF

- a. Daniel Corbett

F. VOLUNTEER

- a. Chase Crago - Bowling

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis, Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-9 Agreement

Mrs. Smrek moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the agreement with NRG Business Marketing LLC. pursuant to the terms of the Commodity Master Agreement ("CMA") between the buyer and seller from 11/1/2026 to 10/31/2028, at a fixed price of \$3.760/MMBTU.

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis, Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-10 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following contractual agreement with ACCESS for internet application services:

Whereas, ACCESS wishes to provide Internet access and application services to User subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

SERVICES PROVIDED

ACCESS agrees to furnish and User agrees to purchase application services, as outlined in Exhibit A

attached hereto (together, the "Services").

User agrees to obtain, at its own expense, any computer and electronic equipment necessary for receipt of services at its facilities.

CHARGES AND PAYMENT

User agrees to pay ACCESS all required fees for the Services listed in Exhibit A hereto, less any discounts granted for E-rate eligible services. Payment will be due monthly on the 25th of each month commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. ACCESS, where applicable, will file a FCC Form 474 to obtain reimbursement for the discount amount.

Notwithstanding the above, User agrees to be solely responsible for all charges associated with the Services throughout the period of the Agreement, regardless of the availability and/or receipt of E-rate funding.

TERM

This initial term of this Agreement shall be for the period of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as outlined in Exhibit A.

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-11 Agreement

Mrs. Berdis moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following contractual agreement with the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD):

This Educational Services Contract ("Contract") is entered into by and between the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities ("DD Board") and Austintown Local School District Board of Education ("Board of Education"). This Contract establishes the terms and conditions pursuant to which the DD Board will provide educational services to certain students with disabilities

who reside within Mahoning County, Ohio, and for whom Board of Education is the District of Residence, and the terms and conditions pursuant to which Board of Education shall pay the DD Board for such educational services.

WHEREAS, certain students with disabilities residing in the Austintown Local School District in Mahoning County, Ohio, require special education services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEIA") and accompanying federal and state law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the DD Board operates a school ("Leonard Kirtz School") that provides education services for students with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the DD Board and the Board of Education hereby agree as presented.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Abstain; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-12 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following contractual agreement made by and between the Austintown Local School District ("District") and The Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio ("Board") pursuant to R.C. 3313.845:

WHEREAS, the Board has expertise in providing services sought by the District, and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to utilize the ESC's services and abilities during the term of this Agreement and the ESC is qualified to provide such services and willing to offer such services upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties agree on the following as presented.

This agreement shall begin on July 1, 2026 and end June 30, 2027, unless earlier terminated herein. This agreement shall not renew unless agreed to in writing by the ESC and the District.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-13 Resolution

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of commercial real property owned by ATCRH Youngstown, LLC. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5715.19:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first (31ST) day of March if the property was sold in an arm's-length transaction during the two (2) years before the tax lien date of January 1, 2025, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2025 by both ten (10) percent and the filing threshold determined under R.C. 5715.19(J);

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution is to include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address and permanent parcel number; b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels; c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 relative to each parcel identified in the resolution; and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed;

WHEREAS, before adopting the resolution, R.C. 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent to adopt the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one (1) of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Treasurer has recommended that the Board proceed with authorizing the filing of the original complaint as indicated below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Mahoning County Property Records, for \$4,490,000 on May 10, 2024, and the County's tax year 2025 value is \$2,570,480:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number(s)	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
1050 Cerni Pl., Austintown, OH	48-049-0-001.0 0-0	ATCRH Youngstown, LLC	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d):	2025
Cerni Pl., Austintown, OH	48-049-0-001.0 1-0		Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	
Cerni Pl., Austintown, OH	48-049-0-001.02-0			

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Weston Hurd, LLP, to file said complaint with the Mahoning County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

Section 3. The Board's Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and

that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-14 Resolution

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of commercial real property owned by Mystery Machine, LLC. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5715.19:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first (31ST) day of March if the property was sold in an arm's-length transaction during the two (2) years before the tax lien date of January 1, 2025, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2025 by both ten (10) percent and the filing threshold determined under R.C. 5715.19(J);

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution is to include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address and permanent parcel number; b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels; c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 relative to each parcel identified in the resolution; and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed;

WHEREAS, before adopting the resolution, R.C. 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent to adopt the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one (1) of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Treasurer has recommended that the Board proceed with authorizing the filing of the original complaint as indicated below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Mahoning County Property Records, for \$1,250,000 on September 28, 2023, and the County's tax year 2025 value is \$678,450:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number(s)	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
330 N. Meridian Rd. Youngstown, OH	48-046-0-018.00 -0	Mystery Machine, LLC	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d): Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	2025

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Weston Hurd, LLP, to file said complaint with the Mahoning County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

SECTION 3. The Board's Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-15 Resolution

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of commercial real property owned by RTRB, LLC. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5715.19:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first (31ST) day of March if the property was sold in an arm's-length transaction during the two (2) years before the tax lien date of January 1, 2025, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2025 by both ten (10) percent and the filing threshold determined under R.C. 5715.19(J);

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution is to include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address and permanent parcel number; b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels; c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 relative to each parcel identified in the resolution; and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed;

WHEREAS, before adopting the resolution, R.C. 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent to adopt the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one (1) of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Treasurer has recommended that the Board proceed with authorizing the filing of the original complaint as indicated below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Mahoning County Property Records, for \$2,160,000 on April 11, 2023, and the County's tax year 2025 value is \$1,015,450:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number(s)	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
835 N Canfield Niles Rd., Austintown, OH	48-090-0-008.0 2-0	RTRB LLC	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d): Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	2025

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Weston Hurd, LLP, to file said complaint with the Mahoning County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

SECTION 3. The Board's Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mrs. Berdis seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-16 Resolution

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of commercial real property owned by Cutting Warren Duryee Trustee, ET, AL. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5715.19:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first (31ST) day of March if the property was sold in an arm's-length transaction during the two (2) years before the tax lien date of January 1, 2025, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2025 by both ten (10) percent and the filing threshold determined under R.C. 5715.19(J);

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution is to include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address and permanent parcel number; b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels; c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 relative to each parcel identified in the resolution; and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed;

WHEREAS, before adopting the resolution, R.C. 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent to adopt the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one (1) of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Treasurer has recommended that the Board proceed with authorizing the filing of the original complaint as indicated below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Mahoning County Property Records, for \$2,814,000 on November 13, 2024, and the County's tax year 2025 value is \$1,004,680:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number(s)	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
5385 Clarkins Dr., Austintown, OH	48-042-0-061.02-0	Cutting Warren Duryee Trustee, et al.	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d): Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	2025

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Weston Hurd, LLP, to file said complaint with the

Mahoning County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

SECTION 3. The Board's Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mrs. Berdis seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-17 Resolution

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of commercial real property owned by MDC Endeavour 1, LLC pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5715.19:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19(A) permits a board of education to file an original complaint with the County Auditor challenging the determination of the total valuation of property it does not own but that is otherwise located within the boundaries of its school district on or before the thirty-first (31ST) day of March if the property was sold in an arm's-length transaction during the two (2) years before the tax lien date of January 1, 2025, and the sale price exceeds the true value of the property for Tax Year 2025 by both ten (10) percent and the filing threshold determined under R.C. 5715.19(J);

WHEREAS, prior to filing an original complaint, a board of education is required to first adopt a resolution authorizing the filing at a public meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution is to include: a) identification of the parcel or parcels that are the subject of the original complaint by street address and permanent parcel number; b) the name of at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels; c) the basis for the complaint under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (f) of Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 relative to each parcel identified in the resolution; and (d) the tax year for which the complaint will be filed;

WHEREAS, before adopting the resolution, R.C. 5715.19(A)(7) provides that a board of education shall mail a written notice to at least one of the record owners of the parcel or parcels identified in the resolution stating its intent to adopt the resolution, the proposed date of adoption, and the basis for the complaint relative to each parcel identified in the resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board, through its counsel, has provided written notice to at least one (1) of the record owners of the parcels identified herein in accordance with the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Treasurer has recommended that the Board proceed with authorizing the filing of the original complaint as indicated below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the following property qualifies for an original complaint as it sold, according to the Mahoning County Property Records, for \$4,870,000 on December 18, 2024, and the County's tax year 2025 value is \$586,290:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number(s)	Name of Record Owner	Basis for the Complaint	Tax Year of Filing
4401 Kirk Rd. Austintown, OH	48-022-0-004.00-0	MDC Endeavour 1, LLC	R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d): Recent sale of the subject property establishes fair market value.	2025

Section 2. The Board approves the filing of an original complaint for the property described in this resolution and authorizes its legal counsel, Weston Hurd, LLP, to file said complaint with the Mahoning County Board of Revision and to take any action necessary to defend the complaint including but not limited to participating in the Board of Revision proceedings and any further appeal.

SECTION 3. The Board's Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and consistent with this Resolution and to take such actions as necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive session as permitted by Ohio law.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-18 Resolution

Mr. Marcum moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the resolution to accept the amount and rates determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor:

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026;and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary

to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Austintown School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to be derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Lim
	Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General	\$6,079,539	\$16,678,601	6.40	48.20
Bond (\$26,000,000)		\$1,918,854		2.02
Bond (\$26,862,099)		\$1,472,389		1.55
Class Facilities		\$323,497		.50
Total	\$6,079,539	\$20,393,341	6.40	52.27

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-19 Online Day Plans

Mr Marcum moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Online Day Plan to deliver instruction online, allowing the district to make up the equivalent of up to three missed school days under permitted circumstances for the 26-27 school year.

Mrs. Smrek seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-20 Online Day Plans

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the updates for the District Wellness Policy as presented.

Mrs. Berdis seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-21 Board Policy- Re-Adoption/Revision

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve re-adoption/revision of the following board policies:

PO3440/4440 Job-Related Expenses
PO6423 Use of District Credit Card
PO6460 Vendor Relations
PO6465 Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs
PO5112 Entrance Requirements
PO5118 Entrance Requirements
PO5223 Released Time for Religious Instruction (RTRI)
PO5421 Grading
PO5430 Class Rank
PO6220 Budget Preparation
PO6320 Purchasing and Bidding
PO6325 Procurement- Federal Grants/Funds
PO6425 Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate
PO7540.09 Artificial Intelligence (AI)
PO4162 Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions
PO4162.01 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees without CDL Licenses who Transport Student in Alternative Vehicles (Non-DOT Testing
PO8600 Transportation
PO 8600.04 Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification
PO8640 Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
PO8560 Transportation by Alternative Vehicles

Mr. Marcum seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-22 Public Meeting for April, 2026

Mr. Sherwood moved for the following day, date, time, and location for the April, 2026 Board of Education meeting to take place:

Work Session: April 21, 2026 at the BOE Office Conference Room beginning at 5:00 PM

Regular Session: April 21 2026 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 6:00 PM

Mrs. Berdis seconded the motion and the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).

2026-3/19-23 Treasurer's Comments

N/A

2026-3/19-24 Superintendent's Comments

N/A

2026-3/19-25 Board Comments

Katie congratulated our female state wrestlers competing at state, and AES winning the Governor Science of Reading Award

Fred thanked the individuals who made donations benefitting the district

Kim spoke about the 4th grade staff vs. student basketball game, as well as graduating our female wrestlers

2026-3/19-26 Adjournment

Mr. Marcum moved to adjourn at 6:22PM.

Mrs. Berdis seconded the motion as the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Berdis Yes; Mr. Marcum, Yes; Mr. Porter, Yes; Mr. Sherwood, Yes; Mrs. Smrek, Yes. The motion carried (5-0).


Mrs. Kim Smrek, President
Austintown Board of Education


Blaise Karlovic, Treasurer
Austintown Board of Education