

**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 Fitch High School at 2:30 PM on May 13, 2026 for a Work Session and at 4:30 PM for the May 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

2026-5/13-1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM with all members present.

Mrs. Berdis, Present; Mr. Marcum, Present; Mr. Porter, Present; Mr. Sherwood, Present; Mrs. Smrek, Present

2026-5/13-2 Work Session

- Annual Review of Federal Programs- Janet Polish gave the Board and any attending community members a 2025-2026 Federal Programs overview and Title I Review.
- 2026-2027 School Year- The superintendent discussed enrollment trends for the 26-27 school year
- Board Owned Property- The treasurer discussed the process of selling and or auctioning off District owned property
- Fitch Mechanical Update- The Board discussed the next steps in the selection of a qualified engineer to manage the Fitch High School Project

2026-5/13-3 Executive Session

Mr. Sherwood motioned to recess to Executive Session at 3:22 PM for the purpose to discuss Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee and to consider legal matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes

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

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

The Executive Session ended at 4:22PM.

2026-5/13-4 Recall to Order

The Board returned to Regular Session at 4:30 PM with all members present.

2026-5/13-5 Agenda Approval

Mr. Marcum moved to approve the agenda for the 5/13/2026 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).

2026-5/13-6 Public Comments

- Sherry Yacucci- Robotics
- Don Crum

2026-5/13-7 Principal Report

Mr. Maiorana gave a district wide academic and extra-curricular update

2026-5/13-8 Treasurer's Consent Items

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Treasurer to approve the Treasurer's Consent Items:

A. MINUTES

- a. Regular Session held on 4/21/2026
- b. Special Sessions held on 5/6/2026

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. April, 2026 Monthly Financial/Expenditure Activity Report
- b. April, 2026 Month End Forecast Report
- c. Purchase Orders over \$15,000 and transfers for the month as submitted

C. DONATIONS

- a. \$150 from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to Fitch Food Pantry
- b. \$500 from Joseph and Rebecca Caruso to the Nohra Scholarship
- c. \$1000 donation from Rise Political Strategies to Speech and Debate
- d. \$2500 in the form of a printer and ink from Dennis Merdich of TPI photo lab to the Fitch Business Department

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).

2026-5/13-89 Superintendent's Consent Items

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

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a. Tina Kubacki, AEA Supplemental-Interact Club Advisor, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- b. Christopher Martini, AEA Supplemental-Football JV Coach, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- c. Luke Kelty, AEA Supplemental-Fitch Football Assistant Coach, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year
- d. Taylor Susany, AEA Intervention Specialist at AMS, effective August 25, 2026

2. OAPSE Transfers

- a. Robin Guzzo, Temporary Assignment- AMS Food Service Kitchen Manager, effective 4/20/26 through 5/22/2026
- b. Angela Bouch, Transfer from: AMS 3-hour food service position to Fitch 3.5-hour food service position, replacing Alisha Harris effective 5/4/2026.
- c. April Dahl, Transfer from: AIS Special Education Paraprofessional to Fitch Paraprofessional-Attendance Office, replacing Margaret Sofranko effective 5/18/2026
- d. Kimberly Hall, Transfer from: AMS Special Education Paraprofessional to Fitch Paraprofessional-Attendance Office, replacing Margaret Sofranko, effective 5/18/2026

3. AEA Transfers

- a. Joseph McMahon, Transfer from Fitch Intervention Specialist to District Special Education Coach
- b. Karen Lamm ,Transfer from Kindergarten to Preschool Intervention Specialist
- c. Krista Moltchan Displaced from AES Computer Technology to Preschool Intervention Specialist
- d. Amy Iacofano, Transfer from Grade 2 to Preschool Teacher
- e. Julie Toth,Transfer from Grade 2 to Preschool Teacher

B. NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACT

- a. Stephanie Peterson
- b. Jeffrey Gessler

C. EDUCATOR CONTRACTS- CONTINUING- AEA

- a. Nicole Esau
- b. Ryan McKeown
- c. Alexis Rice
- d. William Fleming
- e. Nina Melfi
- f. Jacqueline Rutledge
- g. Jacob Kilroy
- h. Danielle Mordocco
- i. Kaitlyn White

D. EDUCATOR CONTRACTS- LIMITED 1 YEAR- AEA

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Laura Akers | z. Samantha Giardina |
| b. Amy Fierst | aa. Robert Liddell |
| c. Gina Kingston | bb. Romona Robbins |
| d. Tiffany Polish | cc. Alexandra Bowen |
| e. Valerie Baiss | dd. Ryan Gill |
| f. James Fisher | ee. Thomas Marhulik |
| g. Megan Klein | ff. Rebecca Shrake |
| h. Danielle Raeber | gg. Joseph Buonavolonta |
| i. Caleb Baldwin | hh. Brielle Glista |
| j. Brian Forgac | ii. John Martin |
| k. Meghan Ladner | jj. Kaitlin Slater |
| l. Dawn Rhoads | kk. Kaylee Clark |
| m. Jessica Beall | ll. Kayla Gregorich |
| n. Tara Foster | mm. Bethany Martinez |
| o. Sarah Lape | nn. Ann Marie Snitzer |
| p. Morgan Benning | oo. Carrie Copeland |
| q. Emily Frame | pp. Carly Griffin |
| r. Lori Leecue | qq. Christopher Martini |
| s. Jessica Lowe | rr. Jason Stroh |
| t. Kevin Riley | ss. Katie Corbett |
| u. Kelly Bobovnik | tt. Felicia Herndon |
| v. Carolyn George | uu. Kira Mettelle |
| w. Kimberly Lewis | vv. Tamara Sudano |
| x. Adam Rivello | ww. Elise Cretella |
| y. Salvatore Bolan | xx. Dylan Hogue |

yy.	Krista Moltchan	nnn.	Isabella Kelty
zz.	Derek Sumner	ooo.	Krystal Naples
aaa.	Mark D'Eramo	ppp.	Janelle DeSanto
bbb.	Mirjana Jelic	qqq.	Luke Kelty
ccc.	Andrew Morchak	rrr.	Courtney O'Connell
ddd.	Monica Theis	sss.	Autumn Walker
eee.	Michael Dahmen	ttt.	John Drummond
fff.	Chelsea Kachelries	uuu.	Matthew Kidd
ggg.	Carly Neher	vvv.	Kristin O'Neill
hhh.	Heidi Thompson	www.	Marissa Wiley
iii.	Melissa Dellagatta	xxx.	Lisa Fabry
jjj.	Rupa Keenan	yyy.	Sarah Kidd
kkk.	Joy Noble	zzz.	Tracie Odom
lll.	Tiffany Tokar	aaaa.	Britney Zarlenga
mmm.	Michelle Deniro		

E. NON-TEACHING CONTRACTS-OAPSE CLASSIFIED STAFF

Limited 1-Year Contract

- a. Mary Breckner

First Limited 2-Year Contract

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Tiffany Anderson | o. Justina Meade |
| b. Kaylee Lazich | p. Lillie Marshall |
| c. Laura Boyles | q. Patrica Cohol |
| d. Kiara Dipietro | r. Kaitlin Stanec |
| e. Bridgette Bobonick | s. Chelsie Sheets |
| f. Pamela Markulin | t. Michaela Samuels |
| g. Heather Conley | u. Thomas Cucaro |
| h. Robert Headley | v. Bionna Collins |
| i. Malynda Carter | w. Greg Tibolla |
| j. Stephanie Miles | x. Christopher Hoskinson |
| k. Regina Locicero | y. Nicole Geradi |
| l. Alonda James | z. Madison Schrader |
| m. Heidi Chepke | aa. Anthony Vaccaro |
| n. Anthony Rudolphi | bb. Thomas Humphreys |

Second Consecutive Limited 2-Year Contract

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Alice Denovchek | i. Kimberly Hall |
| b. William Walker | j. Karen Colla |
| c. Amanda Morse | k. Loren Wilson |
| d. Judy Cook | l. Michael Landgraver |
| e. Carrie Eckert | m. Carla Hamrock |
| f. Kimberly Chamberlain | n. Kimberly Klapac |
| g. Debbie Wallace | o. Nathan Needham |
| h. James Emler | p. Mathew Shaw |

Third Consecutive Limited 2-Year Contract

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| a. Holly Brady | d. Donald Hughes Jr. |
| b. Jodie Stipanovich | e. Jennifer Conroy |
| c. Kevin Benford | f. Alexis Arnett |

- g. Nathan Bryant
- h. Teddy Phillips
- i. Rebecca Feicht
- j. Myra Papa

- k. James Jones
- l. Gerald Tarr
- m. Tammy Ruscitti

Non-Teaching Continuing Contract

- a. Debra Koperdak
- b. April Ferguson
- c. Kaylee Myers
- d. Melissa Carney
- e. Kerry Lanterman
- f. Constance Morales

- g. Dan Johnson
- h. Gary Slatinsky
- i. Roxanne Alexander
- j. Lisa Mozzillo
- k. John Jones
- l. Olivia Suverison

F. NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

- a. Ian Stauffer, Part-time CTE Instructor - Entrepreneurship and Food Truck Operations

G. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- a. Ryan Gill - FMLA -5/7/2026-5/15/2026
- b. Cindy Marzullo, Unpaid days: May 20, 21, & 22, 2026

H. SUMMER PERSONNEL

1. Fitch Summer Testing Bootcamp Staff at contracted hourly rate of \$25

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| a. Carlo Trafficante | Algebra I |
| b. Janelle DeSanto | Algebra I |
| c. Debbie Berni | Geometry |
| d. Gina Cardillo | English II |
| e. Andrea Reed | English II |
| f. Kaitlin Slater | Intervention Specialist |
| g. Dylan Hogue | Testing Coordinator (School Counselor) limited to 10 total hours |

2. AMS Summer Grade Recovery Teachers at contracted hourly rate of \$25

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Jolene Ross | ELA / Social Studies |
| b. Kristina Miller | Math / Science |
| c. Melissa Crump | Intervention Specialist |

3. AIS Summer Intervention

Teachers at the contracted hourly rate of \$25 funded by Title I Grant

- a. Carrie Copeland
- b. Lisa Fitzgerald
- c. Marina Ohlin
- d. Tiffany Mraz
- e. Jenna Riccardo
- f. Monica Theis
- g. Britney Zarlenga

4. AES Summer Intervention

Teachers at the contracted hourly rate of \$25 funded by Title I Grant

- a. Stacy Banko
- b. Jennifer Lemke
- c. Molly Walsh
- d. Brittany Telshaw
- e. Anjelika Postlethwait
- f. Rachel Mrazik

Tutors at at the hourly rate of \$20

- g. Rae Jeanne Mollica
- h. Kathy Buonavolonta

5. AES/AIS Summer Intervention Specialist and Support Staff

- a. Tracie Odom AIS Intervention Specialist at \$25 per hour
- b. Karma Minkewicz AES Tutor at \$20 per hour
- c. Mike Polder AIS Aide at the hourly rate of \$16.50

6. Classified Staff- Extra Summer Hours at their contracted rate

- a. Cathy Mellott AES Paraprofessional
- b. Tracy Boyd AES Paraprofessional funded by Title I
- c. MaryJane Loeb AIS Paraprofessional funded by Title I
- d. Nicole Spencer AIS Paraprofessional funded by Title I
- e. Roxanne Alexander Medical Assistant
- f. Brionna Collins Medical Assistant
- g. Heather McGahagan Medical Assistant
- h. Constance Morales Medical Assistant
- i. Rita Evans IT Tech

7. Camp Invention - Grant funded by the National Inventors Hall of Fame

- a. Dr. Dorothy Reppy Director
- b. Jeffrey Swavel Assistant Director
- c. Alicia Burnfield Instructor
- d. Carrie Copeland Instructor
- e. Lisa Fitzgerald Instructor
- f. Andrea Reed Instructor
- g. Jenna Riccardo Instructor

8. Success By 6 Program - Grant funded by United Way

Teachers at hourly rate of \$25

- a. Carrie Copeland
- b. Jennifer Lemke
- c. Tiffany Mraz
- d. Rachel Mrazik
- e. Anjelika Postlethwait
- f. Brittany Telshaw

Support Staff at contracted hourly rate

- g. Cathy Mellott
- h. Tracy Boyd
- i. Ashley Byrd

9. Summer Cleaning Staff at contracted hourly rate of \$13.64

- a. Tammy Baytos
- b. Kevin Benford
- c. Ashley Byrd
- d. Kaylea Carkido
- e. Betsy Cercone
- f. Darcy Fletcher
- g. Mary Hahn
- h. Sharmayne Gay

- i. Lily Marshall
- j. Robert Millich
- k. Darlene Peters
- l. Michael Prince
- m. Jean Profanchik
- n. Heidi Thomas
- o. Amanda Zanchi

I. ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS - AEA MEMBERS

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

FITCH

- a. Allison Jones, Assistant Athletic Director - 13%
- b. Juliana Williams, Cheerleading Varsity - 13%*
- c. Michael Dahmen, Cross Country Boys - 14.5%
- d. Anthony (TJ) Parker, Football Head Varsity Coach - 25%**
- e. Joseph McMahon, Football Defensive Coordinator - 17.5%**
- f. Mark D'Eramo, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%
- g. Dylan Hogue, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%
- h. Steven Ward, Tennis Head Girls Coach - 15%**
- i. Kylee Herberger, Volleyball Head Coach- 18%
- j. Kaitlyn White, Volleyball Assistant Coach- 11%

AMS

- a. Jerry Bruff, Assistant Athletic Director - 18%**
- b. John Hudson, Cross Country B/G - 15%**
- c. John Burd, Football Head Coach - 15%**
- d. Brian Forgac, Football Assistant - 6%**
- e. Adam Rivello, Football Assistant - 9%
- f. Alexis Rice, Volleyball Grade 8 (Blue) - 11%*
- g. Alexis Rice, Volleyball Grade 7 (Blue) - 11%*
- h. Jessica Beall, Volleyball Grade 8 (Red) - 10%
- i. Jessica Beall, Volleyball Grade 7 (Red) - 10%

J. ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS NON-AEA MEMBERS

FITCH

- a. Julie Ciolino, Cheerleading Assistant - 8.5% (MOU)
- b. ShayLynn Wall, Cheerleading Assistant - 8.5% (MOU)
- c. Catherine Donadee, Danceline - 10%
- d. Robert Korenic, Football Defensive Assistant - 10%
- e. Andre Elliott Sr., Football Defensive Assistant - 10%
- f. Michael Polder, Football Offensive Assistant - 10%
- g. Derek Patterson, Soccer Assistant Girls Coach - 11%

K. SUMMER CAMPS

a. **Wrestling:**

What: Girls Introductory Wrestling Camp

When: June 3, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For: girls entering 1st-11th grades

Where: Austintown Wrestling Room

Cost: \$30

Contact: John Burd, Coach (jburd@austintownschoools.org)

b. **Volleyball:**

What: Little Spikers Volleyball Camp

When: 6/1/26-6/4/26 9:00-11:00 AM

For: students entering 3rd through 6th grade

Where: Fitch High School

Cost: \$50

Contact: Kylee Herberger Coach (kherberger@austintownschoools.org)

What: Little Spikers Volleyball Camp

When: 6/1/26-6/4/26 12:00-2:00 PM

For: students entering 7th through 8th grade

Where: Fitch High School

Cost: \$50

Contact: Kylee Herberger Coach (kherberger@austintownschoools.org)

c. **Boys Basketball**

What: Boys Basketball Day Camp

When May 26-29 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

For: students entering grades 2-8

Where: Fitch High School

Cost: \$50

Contact: Brian Beany, Coach (bbeany@austintownschoools.org)

d. **Soccer**

What: Soccer Camp for Boys and Girls

When: June 22-25

For: Boys and Girls entering Kindergarten-8th grade

Where: Fitch High School

Cost: Division I- \$60 Division II-\$60 Division III-\$40

Contact: Holly Wilson Boys Soccer Booster President

(hollywilson1983@gmail.com)

e. **Girls Basketball**

What: Girls Basketball Summer Camp

When: May 26-29th 8:00AM - 1:00 PM

For: Students entering grades 1 through 8

Where: Austintown Middle School

Cost: \$50

Contact: afgirlsbasketball@gmail.com

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).

2026-5/13-10

Mrs. Smrek moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 1-year contract for Catherine Dorbish, Elementary Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2027. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-11

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Joanie Jones, Middle School Assistant Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-12

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Salvatore Maiorana, High School Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-13

Mr. Sherwood moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Angel Owens, High School Assistant Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-14

Mrs. Berdis moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Timothy Pappagallo, Elementary Assistant Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-15

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 1-year contract for David Phillips, High School Assistant Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2027. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-16

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Jim Riccardo, High School Assistant Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-17

Mrs. Smrek moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Andrew Scarmack, Middle School Principal from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-18

Mrs. Berdis moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year contract for Tom Ventresco, Technology Supervisor from 8/1/2026 to 7/31/2029. Salary in accordance with the Board approved administrative salary schedule.

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).

2026-5/13-19 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 3-year Agreement with Euna Solutions (Marketplace), the district's budgeting and procurement system, effective 8/1/2026 through 7/31/2029, at the following annual rates:

- 8/1/2026-7/31/2027: \$9,590
- 8/1/2027-7/31/2028: \$10,070
- 8/1/2028-7/31/2029: \$10,575

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).

2026-5/13-20 Falcon Fives Pre-Kindergarten Rates

Mrs. Smrek moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Falcon Five Pre-kindergarten rates for the 2026-2027 school year.

Registration Fee - \$50

Monthly Tuition - \$400

District Employee Monthly Tuition - \$365

Monthly Tuition with Falcon Care - \$650

District Employee Monthly Tuition with Falcon Care - \$615

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).

2026-5/13-21 Preschool Handbook

Mrs. Smrek moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Austintown Local School District Preschool Handbook for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Mrs. Berdis 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).

2026-5/13-22 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Agreement with The Ohio Department of Higher Education for the 2026-2027 school year:

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Ohio Department of Higher Education ("ODHE") and Austintown Local Schools ("LEA") to establish the terms under which the LEA will participate in the Ohio Direct Admissions Pilot Program established under section 381.770 of House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly ("Direct Admission") and disclose student data to ODHE in a manner consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99 as well as additionally applicable federal and state laws, through the ODHE managed portal operated by the Management Council of Ohio Computer Network ("MC"), for the limited purpose of enabling direct admissions matching and facilitating postsecondary enrollment opportunities for students.

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).

2026-5/13-23 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio for Transportation for Special Education Classroom Services:

This Agreement is made by and between the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio with its principle place of business at 7320 North Palmyra Rd., Canfield, OH 44406 (herein "ESC of Eastern Ohio") and Austintown Local School District an individual or company residing/located at Austintown Local School District (herein "Contractor").

This agreement will be effective from August 15, 2026, through May 31, 2027. or until earlier terminated as provided in this Agreement.

ESC of Eastern Ohio shall reimburse Contractor for the following expenses incurred in performing duties under this Agreement: Transportation Costs not to exceed \$40,000.

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).

2026-5/13-24 Agreement

Mr. Marcum moved to table the Right School LLC agreement

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).

2026-5/13-25 Agreement

Mr. Sherwood moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following contractual agreement with Frontline Technologies Group LLC dba Frontline Education from 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027 for implementation services in the amount of \$15,000, with at one time fee of \$2,750.

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).

2026-5/13-26 New Booster Club

Mr. Marcum moved, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the new student managed activity/club at Austintown Fitch High School, Fitch Business Education Booster Club, and the following policies, procedures, and guidelines.

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).

2026-5/13-27 Board Policy- Re-Adoption/Revision

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

- PO2280
- PO5512
- PO2431

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).

2026-3/19-28 Public Meeting for June, 2026

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

Work Session: June 29, 2026 at the BOE Office Conference Room beginning at 4:00 PM

Regular Session: June 29, 2026 at Austintown Middle School beginning at 5:00 PM

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).

2026-5/13-29 Treasurer's Comments

N/A

2026-5/13-30 Superintendent's Comments

N/A

2026-5/13-31 Board Comments

None

2026-5/13-32 Adjournment

Mr. Sherwood moved to adjourn at 4:53PM.

Mr. Marcum 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