

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Rittman Board of Education

Meeting

Held on: January 11, 2022

The Rittman Board of Education met January 11, 2022, in the Professional Development (#117) of Heritage Hall. Mrs. Avery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, Mrs. Avery and Mr. Beltz were present. Mr. Stuart was not physically present but did listen in via Zoom.

#01-2022
President
Pro-tem

Oath of Office for Elected Members was given by Treasurer to:
Abby Avery, Andy Baillis and Craig Beltz

Motion by Mr. Plahuta seconded by Mr. Beltz to appoint Abby Avery as President Pro-tem.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, Mr. Beltz while Mrs. Avery abstained.

The motion carried with 3 ayes - 0 - 1 abstention.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Plahuta nominated Mr. Stuart for President of the Board of Education for 2022, the motion seconded by Mr. Beltz.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Avery, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Beltz and Mr. Baillis

The motion carried with 4 - 0 vote.

#02 -2022
President

Mr. Plahuta nominated Mrs. Avery as Vice President of the Board of Education for 2022, the motion seconded by Mr. Baillis.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mr. Beltz, while Mrs. Avery abstained. The motion carried with 3 ayes - 0 - 1 abstention.

#03-2022
Vice-President

Mrs. Avery completed the Oath of Office as Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Stuart was appointed as Legislative Liaison for 2022. Mr. Stuart will serve as the legislative contact for the Board of Education with OSBA.

Mrs. Avery was appointed as Student Achievement Liaison for 2022. Mrs. Avery will serve as a member of OSBA's Student Achievement Initiative.

Mr. Beltz was appointed as Rittman Recreation Liaison for 2022. Mr. Beltz will serve as the Rittman Board contact on the Rittman Recreation Center Board.

Mr. Stuart was appointed as Rittman Small School District Advisory Network Liaison for 2022, with Mr. Beltz appointed as alternate.

Established regular monthly meetings for 2022:

Mr. Plahuta made the motion seconded by Mr. Beltz to hold the monthly meetings for 2022 on the third Tuesday of each month in the Rittman Board Office, Heritage Hall, 100 Saurer Street, at 7:00 p.m. With the exception of June, July and August meetings which will be held at 7:00 a.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery

The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

#04-2022
Established
Meetings 2022

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Mr. Baillis made the motion seconded by Mr. Plahuta for the Board of Education to authorize and establish at its organizational meeting a service fund. This fund pays for board training, travel, non-Rittman board meetings and other obligations. This must be done at this time even though the accounts (001-2310-431 and 434) are established and appropriated in the annual appropriations resolution. We recommend that the Board of Education establish a service fund as provided in O.R.C. 3315.15 with the maximum appropriation not to exceed \$7,500.

#05-2022
Service Fund

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Baillis made the motion seconded by Mrs. Avery to approve the Annual Authorizations of the Treasurer:

#06-2022
Annual
Authorizations
Treasurer

- A. Advances on tax collections from the county auditor as they are available or the maximum amount available and appropriate these funds.
- B. Pay all bills as they come due, with such payments to be approved by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.
- C. Making investments within the limits provided in law and regulations.
- D. Pay "in lieu of" payments or mileage for approved student transportation instead of providing bus service, with any approved "in lieu of" situations to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.
- E. Resolution authorizing reduction in force (see attachment).

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Beltz made the motion seconded by Mrs. Avery to approve the Annual Authorizations of the Superintendent:

#07-2022
Annual
Authorizations
Superintendent

- A. Attendance at professional meetings within the limits of the amount approved in the annual appropriations resolution.
- B. Travel for the purpose of conducting school district business and to attend professional meetings and to be reimbursed for all appropriate and reasonable expenses within the approved appropriations.
- C. Employ personnel as needed subject to confirmation by the Board of Education at its first regular meeting after the temporary employee's criminal records check is received and the temporary employee is confirmed employable.
- D. File applications for federal and state or other available grants.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

TAX BUDGET MEETING

#08-2022
Tax Budget

Mr. Plahuta made the motion seconded by Mr. Baillis to approve the Tax Budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Public hearing was held.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Mr. Beltz made the motion seconded by Mrs. Avery to approve the Minutes from the November 16, 2021 regular board meeting.

#09-2022
Minutes

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Baillis and Mrs. Avery. Mr. Plahuta abstained
The motion carried with 3 ayes - 0 - 1 abstention.

Public Participation - None

Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The presiding officer may prohibit public comments that are frivolous, repetitive and/or harassing.

Presentation of significant accomplishments & activities

Mr. Ritchie recognized the Board Members for their dedication and service as part of the Board Member Appreciation Month.

Mrs. Avery made the motion seconded by Mr. Beltz to approve the Consent Agenda of the Treasurer as follows:

#10-2022
Consent
Agenda of
Treasurer

- A. Approved the November and December Financial Reports. (See Doc Book.)
- B. Approved establishing the standard gas mileage reimbursement costs at .58.5 cents a mile, beginning January 1, 2022 as set by the Internal Revenue Service.
- C. Approved the following donations:
 - \$ 250.00 NEA/CA Casualty Rittman Elementary
 - \$ 140.00 Shaffer Athletics - Volleyball
 - \$ 250.00 Cross Country Athletics - Cross Country
 - \$ 250.00 Crawford Athletics - Girls Basketball
- D. Approved the Service Agreement between Rittman Exempted Village School District and Education Alternatives for services during the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Rittman Exempted Village School District and O'Huddle Incorporated
- F. Accepted the bid from Cardinal Bus Sales for the purchase of one new bus. (see Doc Book.)

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis and Mrs. Avery.
The motion carried with 4-0 vote.

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Mr. Baillis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Plahuta to approve the Consent Agenda of the Superintendent as follows:

#11-2022
Consent
Agenda of
Superintendent

- A. Approved the employment of Adam Grassi, Certified, Athletic Trainer effective December 7, 2021 thru June 30, 2023 to be paid an annual salary of \$48,500, amount to be prorated per effective date.
- B. Approved correction to October 2021 item and award two-year classified contracts to the following:

Deborah Miller, beginning October 5, 2021

Sammi Beery, beginning October 26, 2021

- C. Approved stiped (\$100) to the following as Wayne County Spelling Bee Advisors for the 2021-2022 school year.

Hailey Booth (50/50)
Courtney Ramsier (50/50)

- D. Approved stipend (\$650) to Liza Meehl as Aultman Ambassador Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Approved the following letter of resignation from Miles Jackson, Classified Substitute effective January 31, 2022.
- F. Approved the following for Supplemental positions during the 2021-2022 school year:

Trent Shaffer	Weight Room Advisor (Winter)
Matthew Snyder	Varsity Head Boys Track Coach
Matthew Snyder	Varsity Head Girls Track Coach
Crystal Ward	Varsity Assistant Track Coach
Todd Shreve	Varsity Assistant Track Coach – 50/50
Madelynn McDermott	Varsity Assistant Track Coach – 50/50
Brianna Hill	MS Track Coach – 50/50
Liza Meehl	MS Track Coach – 50/50
Hannah Banfield	MS Track Coach – 50/50
Andrew Kollin	MS Track Coach – 50/50
Matt Carr	Facility Manager – Fall
Chad Milosevich	Facility Manager - Winter
Mark Wesolowski	JV Baseball Coach

- G. Approved the following Volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year:

James Hunter	Varsity Boys Basketball
Hannah Banfield	Track
Anne Baumann	Track
Madison Smith	Girls Basketball & Softball

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- H. Approved the following staff for employment in the After-School Enrichment Program as follows:

Teachers (Certified) – Pay at \$25/hour

Kathy Johnson
Kristen Corcoran
JoAnna Hrepcak

Aides (Classified) – Pay at hourly rate

Kristi Trogdon
Deb Triner
Moryah Blough

- I. Approved the resolution for travel related official duties while serving OSBA to Doug Stuart for the 2022 calendar year.
- J. Approved the adoption of the following resolutions:

The National Association for Music Education and the Ohio Music Education Association has designated March 2022 as Music in Our Schools Month, focusing on the theme *“Music, The Sound of my Heart”*.

Also Youth Art Month, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association. The 2022 Youth Art Month theme is *“Art Connects Us”*.

Discussion Items – None at this time.

Career Center, Rittman Recreation Center & Legislative Liaison Updates – None at this time.

Mr. Plahuta made the motion, seconded by Mr. Beltz to adjourn for executive session:
For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee.

#12-2022
Executive Session

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Avery call the Board back into regular session at 8:25 pm.

Mr. Baillis made the motion seconded by Mr. Plahuta to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting on February 15, 2022.

#13-2022
Adjourn

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Beltz, Mr. Plahuta, Mr. Baillis, and Mrs. Avery
The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Board President

Treasurer