

JANUARY 2021 APPROVED MINUTES

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The annual organizational and regular meeting of the Centerburg Board of Education was held on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Centerburg Elementary Multipurpose Room.

The meeting was called to order by President Kris Weldy.

Members present: Lynn McCann, Roger Clark, Tracey Myers, Kris Weldy

Member absent: Lori Jones-Perkins

Administrators present: Superintendent Mike Hebenthal, High School Principal Ryan Gallwitz, Middle School Principal John Morgan, Treasurer Lori Houck

Guests present: Mari Ross, Tracy Wright, Alex McIntire, Bryan Hetterscheidt, Kim Miller-Smith of OSBA

Kim Miller-Smith of the Ohio School Boards Association presented Lynn McCann with a plaque honoring him for 25 years of service as a school board member, and she thanked all board members for their service to the community.

Mr. McCann moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to elect Roger Clark as Board President for 2021.

Yea: McCann, Myers, Weldy

Abstain: Clark

The president declared the motion adopted. (038-21)

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weldy, to elect Lynn McCann as the Board Vice President for 2021.

Yea: Clark, Myers, Weldy

Abstain: McCann

The president declared the motion adopted. (039-21)

Mr. Weldy moved, seconded by Mr. McCann, to set the second Monday of each month at 6pm as the date and time for regular board meetings. Meetings will continue to be held in the Elementary Multipurpose Room to adhere to COVID-19 spacing requirements.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (040-21)

Tracey Myers was appointed as Legislative representative, Lori Jones-Perkins at KCCC representative, and Lynn McCann as Alumni Committee representative.

Mr. Weldy moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the following resolution:

Whereas the Ohio Legislature has recognized the need to allow flexibility for substitute teachers during the COVID pandemic and

Whereas the Ohio Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed HB 409 which allows local schools to set their own rules and regulations for substitute teaching for the remainder of the 20-21 school year and

Whereas the Centerburg Board of Education feels there are many individuals in our community that would serve well as a substitute teacher without meeting the state mandates

Therefore it is resolved that the Centerburg Board of Education agrees to permit substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as long as they have

high school diploma, have met with the Superintendent to be advised of the policies and procedures of classroom management and safety, be approved by the superintendent and meet the state requirements of a state background check and interim substitute license from the Ohio Department of Education.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (041-21)

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. McCann, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular board meeting.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (042-21)

Mr. Weldy moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the treasurer's items as follows:

Approve the Treasurer's December report as presented.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (043-21)

Mr. Hebenthal shared information about the reorganizational items and the school voucher litigation board resolution, and reported that approximately 83% of the student population is attending school in person. He also informed the board about a recent OHSAA announcement that the organization will be announcing a new fee structure, and discussed the possibility of issuing chromebooks to board members so that financial reports and board meeting documents could be shared electronically.

Mr. McCann moved, seconded by Mr. Weldy, to approve the following standard reorganizational items for 2021:

- a. A service fund of \$3,500 to be established for the use of paying the expenses of Board Members or their respective representatives, when on business to promote the welfare of the Centerburg Local School District.
- b. The Superintendent be designated as the official purchasing agent for the school district.
- c. The Treasurer be authorized to secure tax advances from the county auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- d. The monthly bill payment resolution be dispensed with and authorize the Treasurer to pay all debts in the limits of the Board approved appropriations.
- e. The Superintendent be authorized to approve the attendance of all employees at professional meetings, unless he feels the need for Board authorization.
- f. The Treasurer be authorized to invest interim and active funds at the most productive rate whenever such moneys are available to invest with Park National Bank, Chase, Star Ohio or for U.S. Treasury Bonds, pending they are legal investments for school districts. All other investments require prior Board approval.

- g. Approve the use of Board funds to pay for the transportation costs of approved extracurricular activities.
- h. The Superintendent be granted the authority to hire temporary personnel as needed and report same to the Board of Education at the next regular meeting
- i. The Superintendent and Treasurer be authorized to approve the activity account budgets and approve modifications when deemed appropriate.
- j. Approve the superintendent to apply for and accept all state and federal grants that the district may be eligible to receive.
- k. Designate the Mount Vernon News as the official newspaper for Centerburg Local Schools.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (044-21)

Mr. McCann moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the following resolution and direct the Treasurer to ensure that Representative Carfagna and Senator Brenner receive notification of the resolution:

Whereas the Legislature of Ohio has drastically increased the program by which public school funds are transferred to private schools for student tuition and

Whereas because these institutions are private and have no requirement to publicly disclose nor defend the use of these public funds and

Whereas the transfer of these funds to private entities cause the loss of taxpayer input or control of public funds and

Whereas private schools are exempt from the same mandates derided by the legislature even though they are the body that has instituted these mandates and

Whereas private schools are exempt from most of the accountability requirements forced on public schools Therefore

The Centerburg Local School board, as a longtime member of the Coalition for Equity and Adequacy for School Funding, does hereby support and join the Coalition in the pending litigation to declare Ohio school voucher laws to be unconstitutional and detrimental to the majority of students in Ohio's public schools.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (045-21)

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weldy, to approve the following board action items:

Approve membership with The Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy for 2021.

Approve membership with the Ohio Education Policy Institute for 2021.

Approve membership in OHSAA for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve membership in the Knox County Area Development Foundation for 2021.

Recognize indoor track as a club sport for the 2021 winter/spring season with no transportation or paid coaching position.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (046-21)

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Gallwitz reported on the operations of the middle school and high school, respectively.

Mr. Myers gave a legislative update in regards to HB 409, HB 231, and HB 259.

Mr. Weldy moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, that the board move to executive session to discuss upcoming negotiations at 6:35pm. (047-21)

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The board returned from executive session at 7:05pm.

Roll call: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

Absent: Perkins

Mr. McCann moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, to return to regular session.

Yea: McCann, Clark, Myers, Weldy

The president declared the motion adopted. (048-21)

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.



President



Treasurer