

*Minutes of Western Reserve Board of Education Regular Meeting*

*January 4, 2023*

The Western Reserve Board of Education met in organizational session at 7:06 p.m., in the MSHS library.

Dr. Ommert, President Pro Tempore, presided over the meeting.

Dr. Ommert called the meeting to order with the following members responding to roll call: Dr. Scott Ommert-yes, Mr. Kris Green-yes, Mr. Frank Edwards-yes, Mr. James Todd-yes, Mr. Caleb Buck-yes.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

The tax budget hearing was held per policy 6230.

Dr. Ommert declared the next order of business to be the election of President for 2023 and requested nominations from the floor.

Mr. Edwards nominated Dr. Ommert. Mr. Todd seconded the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Ommert declared nominations closed.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Green seconded that Dr. Ommert continue as Board President for the 2023 calendar year.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, abstain.  
Motion Passed.

Dr. Ommert presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Dr. Ommert declares the next order of business to be election of Vice-President for 2023 and requested nominations from the floor.

Mr. Todd nominated Mr. Green. Mr. Edwards seconded the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Ommert declared nominations closed.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Edwards seconded for Mr. Green to continue as Vice President for the 2023 calendar year.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, abstain; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Board Appointments for 2023:

WR Endowment Fund Board of Trustees-Frank Edwards

Finance/Audit Committee –Frank Edwards and Jim Todd

Buildings and Grounds Committee-Scott Ommert and Caleb Buck

OSBA Legislative Liaison-Scott Ommert

Labor Relations/Communications Committee- Kris Green and Jim Todd

DLT Board- Kris Green

Mr Green moved and Mr. Todd seconded that the Board establish regular monthly Board meetings as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Notice of all regularly scheduled meetings will be published in the monthly calendar of the local newspaper and the Western Front.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Mr. Buck moved and Mr. Green seconded to approve the following items:

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- Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds in 2023.
- Authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the appropriations. (a bill list will still be provided to the Board).
- Authorize the Treasurer to ask for tax advances when they become available.
- Authorize the Treasurer to issue Then and Now Certificates up to the amount established within the Ohio Revised Code.
- Authorize the Treasurer to make budget and appropriation changes as necessary.
- Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for grants and supplemental funding that will provide additional opportunities and enhanced learning experiences for students.
- Authorize the Superintendent to approve professional leave requests by the staff within the approved budget during 2023.
- Designate the Treasurer to act as Superintendent during a temporary absence of the Superintendent.
- Designate the Norwalk Reflector as the District’s official newspaper
- Designate Superintendent and Treasurer as the Board’s representatives for record retention training.
- Allow Board members to have a choice to participate in the School Employees Retirement System.
- Appoint the Board President to act as President pro tem at the 2024 Organizational Meeting.
- Approve the transportation of non-Western Reserve preschool students to the elementary building.
- Authorize the participation in the Ohio DAS Purchase Program.
- Designate the following institutions or agencies as authorized depositories of public funds: KeyBank, Edward Jones, Multi-Bank Securities, StarOhio, BayCoast Bank, CIBC Bank, NY Community Bank, and JP Morgan Chase.
- Approve all certified staff members as Home Tutors, VLA Instructors and Summer School Instructors.
- Approve all District and School Emergency Operation Plans.
- Approve all Building Principals as OTES and OSCES Evaluators.
- Approve the Superintendent and the Building Principals as OPES Evaluators.
- Designate the following institutions or agencies as authorized attorneys: Bricker & Eckler and Squire Patton Boggs

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Mr. Snyder presented his Superintendent report to the Board.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded to approve the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF SELECTING THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE BLEACHER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTRACTOR**

The Superintendent recommends Outdoor Aluminum, Inc. (“Outdoor Aluminum”) as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Western Reserve Local School District Board of Education (the “Board”) for the Bleacher Project (the “Project”) and requests authority to negotiate an agreement with Outdoor Aluminum based upon its proposal and to execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

Rationale:

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1. The Board has identified a need to install new bleachers at the Middle School / High School Stadium.
2. The Superintendent, working with other administrators obtained competitive proposals for the Project.
3. The Project is not subject to the bidding statute, R.C. 3313.46, because the scope of the Project falls outside the parameters of that statute, as it is not a “school building” as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4101:1-2-01.
4. Two firms submitted timely proposals for the Project. A third firm was solicited for a proposal, but it did not provide one.
5. The Superintendent, working with other administrators, reviewed and evaluated the submitted proposals and determined that Outdoor Aluminum’s proposal was in the best interest of the Board.
6. The Superintendent recommends that the Board select Outdoor Aluminum as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
7. The Superintendent requests authority to negotiate an agreement with Outdoor Aluminum for the Project and to execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations in an amount not to exceed \$590,100 (“Contract Sum”).
8. The Superintendent also requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for its approval.

The Western Reserve Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board selects Outdoor Aluminum as the contractor who is in the best interest of the Board for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with legal counsel to negotiate an agreement with Outdoor Aluminum for the Project, based upon Outdoor Aluminum’s proposal, and execute the agreement at the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations in an amount not to exceed \$590,100.
3. The Board grants authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for its approval.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

There was a first reading of NEOLA Policy Review of the Bylaw Section: 0100, 0132, 0142, 0142.3, 0143, 0146, 0147, 0149, 0152, 0153, 0154, 0156, 0165.1, 0166, 0167, 0171, 0171.1, 0171.2, 0171.3, 0173, 0175.1.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded to approve district membership with the Ohio School Board Association for 2023.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded to approve Christine Markley as Transportation Coordinator.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

Mr. Green moved and Mr. Todd seconded to approve the 2023 tax budget as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**


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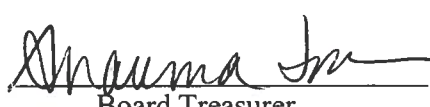
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It was announced there will be a special board meeting January 18, 2023.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.  
Motion Passed.

  
Board President

  
Board Treasurer