

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Video conference via Zoom:

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Mission: Prepare individual learners to navigate an evolving global community using 21st century competencies

The Regular Work Session Meeting of the Richmond Heights Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, virtually by President, Nneka Slade Jackson.

The following members answered the roll: Nneka Slade Jackson, Bobby Jordan, Frank Barber, Linda Pliodzinskas, and Dr. Hugh Turner.

RESOLUTION NO 07-142-2020

Moved by Mrs. Pliodzinska, seconded by Mr. Jordan to adopt the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Barber, Ms. Slade Jackson, and Dr. Turner.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

PARTICIPATION NOT RELATIVE TO THE AGENDA

-Lori Gecina, Anne Smith, Jodi Hanford, and Carol Tizzano

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **School Re-Opening Plan** – Dr. Renée T. Willis

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Levi Information** – Cooper Martin and David Conley

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO 07-143-2020

Moved by Mrs. Pliodzinskas, seconded by Mr. Barber to approve the second reading and passage of the following board policy change. (ATTACHMENT #1)

8600 Transportation

(To transport students living beyond the ½ mile radius)

Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Mr. Barber, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Slade Jackson, and Dr. Turner.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER

RESOLUTION NO 07-144-2020

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FISCAL OFFICER FOR A CALCULATION NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 5.0 MILL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME

The Board of Education of the Richmond Heights Local School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in open session on the 27th day of July, 2020, with the following members present:

Nneka Slade Jackson, President

Bobby Jordan, Vice President

Linda Pliodzinskas, Member

Frank Barber, Member

Dr. Hugh Turner, Member

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and Section 12 of H.B. 197 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Dr. Hugh A. Turner moved the adoption of the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Richmond Heights Local School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of the Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Richmond Heights Local School District Board of Education within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the District, and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax upon the entire territory of the Richmond Heights Local School District in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of current operating expenses of the District, in accordance with R.C. 5705.21, at a rate of 5.0 mills for each One Dollar of valuation, which amounts to Fifty Cents (\$0.50) for each One Hundred Dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional tax for current operating expenses is to be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Richmond Heights Local School District at the election to be held November 3, 2020. The tax year in which the tax first will be levied is 2020, and the calendar year in which the tax first will be collected is 2021. The District has territory only in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to certify immediately a copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County for the calculation and certification to the Board the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional tax of the 5.0 mill levy described herein.

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 the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197.

Mr. Bobby Jordan seconded the Motion, and upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes – Dr. Turner, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, and Ms. Slade Jackson.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO 07-145-2020

Moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Jordan to add an additional Resolution of Necessity for the Certification of 5.9 mills by the County Fiscal Officer

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Barber, Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Ms. Slade Jackson, and Dr. Turner.
Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO 07-146-2020

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EXPENSES FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME**

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The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and Section 12 of H.B. 197 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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Section 1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Richmond Heights Local School District Board of Education within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the District, and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax upon the entire territory of the Richmond Heights Local School District in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of current operating expenses of the District, in accordance with R.C. 5705.21, at a rate of 5.9 mills for each One Dollar of valuation, which amounts to Fifty Cents (\$0.59) for each One Hundred Dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time.

Section 2. The question of an additional tax for current operating expenses is to be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Richmond Heights Local School District at the election to be held November 3, 2020. The tax year in which the tax first will be levied is 2020, and the calendar year in which the tax first will be collected is 2021. The District has territory only in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to certify immediately a copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County for the calculation and certification to the Board the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional tax of the 5.0 mill levy described herein.

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 the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197.

Dr. Hugh A. Turner seconded the Motion, and upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Jordan, Dr. Turner, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, and Ms. Slade Jackson.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO 07-147-2020

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION
OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS
PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.21 AND 5705.25**

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Linda Pliodzinskas, Member

Frank Barber, Member

Dr. Hugh Turner, Member

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of R.C. 121.22 and Section 12 of H.B. 197 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mr. Bobby Jordan moved the adoption of the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Richmond Heights Local School District, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members of the Board elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1: It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the Board of Education of the Richmond Heights Local School District within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, and that it is therefore necessary to renew all of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of general permanent improvements in the amount of 2.0 mills for a period of five years.

Section 2: Pursuant to R.C. 5705.21 and 5705.25, this Board of Education intends to submit to the electors of the entire District, at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, the question of a renewal of all of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in the amount of 2.0 mills each year for a period of five years upon the entire territory of the District, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2020, the proceeds of which levy first would be available in the calendar year 2021, for the purpose of general permanent improvements. The District has territory only in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 3: The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County for the calculation of the total current tax valuation of the District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 2.0 mills, as provided in R.C. 5705.03.

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 the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 12 of H.B. 197.

Dr. Hugh A. Turner seconded the motion, and upon roll call on the adoption of the resolution, the vote was as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Jordan, Dr. Turner, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Mr. Barber, and Ms. Slade Jackson.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO 07-148-2020

Moved by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Barber to ratify Bricker & Eckler filing a proof of claim for Richmond Heights Local Schools in the class action suit against Purdue Pharma.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Jordan, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Ms. Slade Jackson, and Dr. Turner.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION NO 07-149-2020

Moved by Mrs. Pliodzinskas, seconded by Mr. Jordan employ the following classified personnel as casual, day-to-day substitutes and at the Board-approved rate of compensation, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, pursuant to Board Policy 3120.04., pending completion of their personnel file.

Substitute Cleaners

Lynetta Roberts

Floretta Wilson

Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Barber, Ms. Slade Jackson, and Dr. Turner.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

BOARD'S REPORT

- **Board Goals, Review and Update**
 - **Establish A Budget Planning Process**
 - **Reclamation Campaign/Communication**
 - **Support Superintendent in Advocacy**
 - **Entrepreneurial Mindset (Future Ready Scholars)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO 07-150-2020

Moved by Mrs. Pliodzinskas, seconded by Dr. Turner to enter into executive session at 9:23 p.m., pursuant to ORC §121.22, for the purpose of:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the **check marked** items with respect to a public employee or official:
 - 1. ☐ Appointment;
 - 2. ☐ Employment;
 - 3. ☐ Dismissal;
 - 4. ☐ Discipline;
 - 5. ☐ Promotion;
 - 6. ☐ Demotion;
 - 7. ☐ Compensation of a public employee or official; or
 - 8. ☐ Investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual (unless public hearing requested).
- B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the public interest.
- Ⓒ Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- D. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.
- F. Details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Heights Local School District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items C. as listed above.

Roll Call: Ayes – Mrs. Pliodzinskas, Dr. Turner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Jordan, and Ms. Slade Jackson.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.

The Board reconvened from executive session at 9:50 p.m

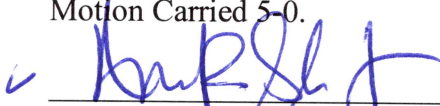
ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO 07-151-2020

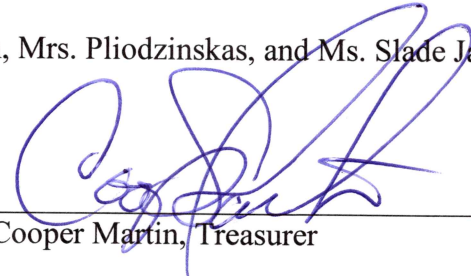
Moved by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Barber to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Dr. Turner, Mr. Barber, Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Pliodzinskas, and Ms. Slade Jackson.
Nays – None.

Motion Carried 5-0.



























































































Nneka Slade Jackson, President





































Cooper Martin, Treasurer

July 27, 2020 ZOOM Attendees

	Cooper ... (Host, me) 		
	Deborah Darby		
L	Linda		
LG	Lori Gecina		
	Renée Willis		
AT	Alyssa thorpe		
AR	Amy Rossman		
A	Anne Smith		
B	bobby		
C	Carol Medve		
C	caroltizzano		
CN	Cassandra Nelson		
CS	Cindy Schade		
C	Cynthia		
O	Owner		
P	Patricia		
PS	Phillip Stevens		
RA	RH_Kelly Askew		
R	RH_Lashford		
RD	Rhonda Dulaney		
TE	Tamika Ellis		
T	Tiffany Kilbane		
MR	Mayor Roche		

JL	Juanita Lewis		
J	Judy		
KA	Kari Andolek		
	Karla Smith		
K	Katrina		
	Kim Thomas		
	Kimi Hille		
K	King		
LD	Lakisha Davies		
L	Leonard		
LG	Lori Gecina		
MB	Marnisha Brown		
M	maroline		
	Mayor Roche		
MS	Michael Schwartz		
MC	Molly Collins		
NJ	Nneka Jackson		

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D	David		
DM	David Miller		
	David Brock		
	Delbert Patterson		
D	delgados		
DM	Denise McKinley		
	Desiree Hawthorne		
FJ	Frank jr		
FI	Frank's iPad		
	Fred Cash		
I	iphone		
JB	Jacky Brown		
JB	Janitta Boyd		
JH	Jodi Hanford		
JR	Joy Richey-Howard	