

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WHEELERSBURG LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Held

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

The Board of Education of the Wheelersburg Local School District met at the Board of Education Office.

In view of the current public health crisis due to COVID-19, the Wheelersburg Local Board of Education has chosen to rely upon Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's letter of March 13, 2020, that "Under this very limited fact pattern, there may be a basis for local public bodies to use electronic means to meet and comply with the law." This privilege has been extended via Ohio HB 404. Members of the Board of Education had the option to participate via Google Meet. The URL for the Google Meet was available to the public on the District's website and all other requirements of Ohio's Open Meeting Act were followed. On this occasion, Matthew Miller used the Google Meet option. Vice-President Scott Jolly led the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The Vice-President called the meeting to order and the following members answered to roll call:

Donna Cunningham-present	Jonathan Eaton-present
Scott Jolly-present	Amy Holsinger- present
Matthew Miller-present	

Prayer was offered by George Grice, Treasurer. Mark Knapp led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION—there was no public participation.

BOARD COMMITTEES—no board committees met since the last Board meeting.

DISCUSSION OF EXPANDING IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent presented a revision of the #RestartTheBurgWay Plan by offering parents the option to return their students to in-person instruction for four days per week beginning March 22 at the beginning of the fourth grading period. Mr. Knapp presented year-to-date data, such as grade point levels and internal testing (like Star), showing comparative decreases in learning achievement in all grade levels. He also reviewed CDC data and proposed strategies for mitigating spread of COVID-19 in school settings. He noted that participating staff members will have had their first COVID-19 vaccination before that date and that he had reviewed typical classroom arrangements to achieve at least three feet of social distancing as much as possible. Mr. Knapp also noted that according to the New England Journal of Medicine, staff members participating in the vaccine will have a virus infection prevention rate of over 90% as of March 22. Scott Jolly asked about any aspects that Mr. Knapp might be uncertain about and Amy Holsinger asked about arrangements for the cafeteria since that will be an obvious unmasked period of time. Mr. Knapp reviewed an implementation timeline which included a staff meeting, an announcement to parents, and a selection period for parents to exercise an option to continue online instruction.

24-21 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Donna Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Organizational and Regular meetings. Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.

Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

25-21 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Donna Cunningham moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for January 2021 (Appendix A) as submitted. Jonathan Eaton seconded the motion.

Matthew Miller asked the Treasurer about the progress of this fiscal year (2021). The Treasurer pointed out that the General Fund was performing better than forecast, in part because the state had restored some of last year's funding reduction and due to how the District is properly charging more of its General Fund costs to the ESSER grant. The Treasurer informed the Board about a second round of federal funding (ESSER) intended to assist public education in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a specific goal of giving students resources to recapture learning opportunities lost during the pandemic.

Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

26-21 APPROVAL OF AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Donna Cunningham moved to approve an amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as submitted (Appendix B). Jonathan Eaton seconded the motion.

Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

27-21 APPROVAL OF AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Donna Cunningham moved to approve amended appropriations as submitted (Appendix C). Jonathan Eaton seconded the motion.

Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.

The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

28-21 APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Jonathan Eaton moved the District’s 2021-2022 school calendar be approved as submitted (Appendix D). Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

29-21 APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Jonathan Eaton moved state-wide Interdistrict Open Enrollment be approved for the 2021-2022 school year. Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

30-21 ADJUSTMENT OF SALARY

Notification has been received from the South Central Ohio ESC superintendent stating Jessica McGraw has filed transcripts showing she has completed the necessary hours to qualify her for a Bachelor’s degree and five years training.
On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Jonathan Eaton moved to adjust the salary of Jessica McGraw based on this certification. Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

31-21 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

February 19, 2021
Dear Mr. Knapp,

This letter is to serve as my intent to retire after this school year. My time at Wheelersburg Schools has been a very positive experience and I regret having to leave my school family. With that being said, I am very excited to join my husband in Florida and begin a new chapter of our lives. I want to thank Wheelersburg Schools for allowing me the opportunity to be a small part of such an awesome educational system.

Sincerely,
Beth Storey

On the recommendation of the Local Supt., Jonathan Eaton moved to accept the resignation of Beth Storey, teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

32-21 FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

Donna Cunningham moved to note the first reading of the following policies:
Policy: BDC Executive Sessions
Policy: DH Bonded Employees and Officers
Policy: DJB Petty Cash Accounts
Policy: DM Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)
Policy: EDE Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use & Internet Safety)
Policy: EDE-E Computer Network Agreement Form
Policy: EDE-R Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use & Internet Safety)

Jonathan Eaton seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

33-21 ADJOURNMENT

Jonathan Eaton moved the Board adjourn. Amy Holsinger seconded the motion.
Roll call: Donna Cunningham-yes; Jonathan Eaton-yes; Amy Holsinger-yes; Scott Jolly-yes; Matthew Miller-yes.
The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is a regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Wheelersburg Board of Education Administrative Offices at 620 Center Street.

_____ President; _____ Treasurer