

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHILLCOTHE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting

December 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.
CMS/CHS Auditorium

Members Present: Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Corzine, Mr. Hartmus, Mr. Mullins, Mrs. Shoemaker

Staff Present: Ms. Swinehart, Mrs. Lawwell

Call to Order

Mr. Mullins called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lawwell called the roll. Mr. Mullins announced the meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mullins.

20-12-01 Approval of Board Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to adopt the agenda for the December 21, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Transportation Presentation

Transportation Supervisor Bobby Lowry updated the Board on the need for new buses in the District. She provided an inventory of buses for Board Members including the ages of buses, mileage numbers and discussed the problems with buses that are not good for this year. Members discussed the concerns and Treasurer Lawwell reviewed the current budget allocations. The Board has the opportunity to plan for new buses in the new year.

Public Participation

Mr. Mullins welcomed all visitors to the meeting and opened the floor for public participation.

The District’s Safe School Coordinator, Obadiah Harris, addressed the Board and Administration regarding the importance of school athletic programs to school athletes and coaches. He pointed out the possible negative impact on a student’s athletic career when school sports are cancelled. He asked the Board to reconsider their recent decision to accept the Ross County Health District’s recommendation to cancel school sports events during the holiday break to avoid an increase in pandemic cases. School sports are presently scheduled to resume games in January.

Student Liaison Report

Student Liaison Oscar Mikus updated the Board and Administration on current events across the District before Christmas Break.

BOARD ACTION

20-12-02 Board Resolution Appointing Members to PRJVS Board

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to adopt the following Resolution as presented.

Board Resolution
Appointment of Member to Pickaway-Ross JVSD
Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education is comprised of members appointed by each participating school district board of education in accordance with the joint vocational school district plan submitted to the State Board of Education;

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WHEREAS, the **Chillicothe City Schools** Board of Education is a participating school district board of education entitled to appoint a member to the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education;

WHEREAS, members of the joint vocational board shall be appointed by the member school district boards of education. Members of a joint vocational school district board may either be a current elected board member of a school district board that is a member of the joint vocational school district or an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give preference to individuals who have served as members on a joint vocational school business advisory committee;

WHEREAS, the Board determines **Andrew Vitaoe** has experience and qualifications as a current board member; or

WHEREAS, the Board determines **Andrew Vitaoe** to be an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give preference to individuals who have served as members of a joint vocational school business advisory committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Chillicothe City Schools** Board of Education appoints **Andrew Vitaoe** to the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education for a 3-year term of office commencing on January 1, 2021.

Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-12-03 Board Resolution Appointing Members to PRJVS Board

It was moved by Mr. Mullins and seconded by Mr. Corzine to adopt the following Resolution as presented.

Board Resolution
Appointment of Member to Pickaway-Ross JVSD
Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education is comprised of members appointed by each participating school district board of education in accordance with the joint vocational school district plan submitted to the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, the **Chillicothe City Schools** Board of Education is a participating school district board of education entitled to appoint a member to the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education;

WHEREAS, members of the joint vocational board shall be appointed by the member school district boards of education. Members of a joint vocational school district board may either be a current elected board member of a school district board that is a member of the joint vocational school district or an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give preference to individuals who have served as members on a joint vocational school business advisory committee;

WHEREAS, the Board determines **Mike Throne** has experience and qualifications as a current board member; or

WHEREAS, the Board determines **Mike Throne** to be an individual who has experience or knowledge regarding the labor needs of the state and region with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give preference to individuals who have served as members of a joint vocational school business advisory committee; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Chillicothe City Schools** Board of Education appoints **Throne** to the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Board of Education for a 3-year term of office commencing on January 1, 2021.

Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-12-04 Board Resolution Regarding Proposed Downtown Redevelopment District

It was moved by Mrs. Corzine and seconded by Mr. Bonner to adopt the following Resolution as presented.

**BOARD RESOLUTION
REGARDING PROPOSED DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF CHILLICOTHE**

WHEREAS, the City of Chillicothe (City) provided notice to the Board of Education on or about October 28, 2020 regarding a proposed creation of Downtown Redevelopment Districts (DRD) in the City and that such notice was provided in accordance with R.C. 5709.83; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the proposed DRD, the City was proposing that the DRD would continue for a period of 30 years and the City was proposing a 70% exemption of the entire 30 year period; and,

WHEREAS, R.C. 5709.45 provides that the maximum exemption amount of 70% can only be authorized for a ten (10) year period unless the Board of Education certifies a resolution allowing the exemption to extend beyond 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education passed a Resolution on November 30, 2020 opposing the terms of the proposed DRD;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Board of Education met with representatives of the City to discuss revisions to the proposed DRD and that the Board of Education has agreed to support the DRD provided the following revisions are made to the DRD ordinances.

1. That the City would be authorized to grant a 70% exemption for years 1-10 in accordance with R.C.5709.45;
2. That during years 11-20, the percentage of the exemption that could be granted would be reduced to 50%;
3. For years 21-30, the percentage of the exemption would be reduced to 30% that could be granted;
4. The Ordinances would require the City to appoint a Member of the Board of Education or a designee of the Board of Education to serve on the City’s Board governing DRD ordinances during the entire period of the exemption.

Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-12-05 Approval of Amended M.O.U. Between the City of Chillicothe and Chillicothe City Schools

It was moved by Mr. Mullins and seconded by Mr. Hartmus to approve the Amended M.O.U. between the Chillicothe City Schools and the City of Chillicothe to provide medical care for school age children attending schools as presented. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

20-12-06 Treasurer’s Report and Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Mullins and seconded by Mrs. Corzine to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the Board of Education minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting and the November 30, 2020 special meeting as presented.

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B. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

To approve the financial reports for the month of November 2020 as presented.

C. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

To authorize the Treasurer of the Chillicothe City School District to advertise for the Public Budget Hearing and to set the date and time of the public hearing on January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Atwood District Office Conference Room, 425 Yoctangee Parkway. Immediately following the public budget hearing will be the 2021 Board of Education Organizational Meeting, which in any event will not begin prior to the Public Budget Hearing.

D. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM TO SERVE AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2021

To appoint Mr. Jeff Hartmus as President Pro Tem of the 2021 Organizational Meeting on January 11, 2021.

E. APPROVAL OF MVECA CONTRACT FOR INTERNET SERVICES

To approve a 1 GB lit fiber circuit provided by MVECA to connect our new Athletic Facility to the High School. This will provide connectivity and Internet Access to the building. The annual cost, beginning July 1, 2021, will be \$10,896 with E-Rate covering 90% of the cost.

F. APPROVAL OF OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Whereas, the Chillicothe City School Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose, therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2021 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00

G. APPROVAL OF OSBA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

To approve the Chillicothe City School District membership in OSBA for 2021 in the amount of \$7,654.

H. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS / DONATIONS

Walmart donated school backpacks / totes, folders, notebooks, pencil pouches, and three ring binders to provide students with school supplies.

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motions carried.

20-12-07 Superintendent's Recommendations

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to approve the following resolutions / recommendations as a group:

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

To approve the following board policy revisions. These policies were presented for review at the November 2020 Board of Education meeting. These policy changes bring District policies into compliance with the current laws and are recommended by the Ohio School Boards Association.

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- DM Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)
- *EDE Computer / Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
- DH Bonded Employees and Officers

B. APPROVAL OF ROSS-PIKE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

To approve the M.O.U. between the Ross-Pike Educational Service District and the Chillicothe City School District for the Ross-Pike ESD to hire an approved list of employees on behalf of the Chillicothe City Schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION FOR 2020-2021

To approve early acceleration for graduation for the following students who must meet all their graduation curriculum requirements and proficiency / graduation requirements.

Chillicothe High School
2020-2021 Early Graduates
7-Semester Graduates
December 2020

The following CHS Seniors have applied to graduate in December 2020:

- Lonnie Darling
6-Semester Graduates
May 2021

The following 3rd year CHS students have applied to graduate in May of 2021:

- Hunter Bartram

D. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

To approve the following personnel recommendations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the new employee's individual contract and his / her job description. Said employment will be contingent upon (1) receipt of a satisfactory criminal record check, (2) receipt of licensure / certifications from ODE, (3) verification of experience and training, and (4) negative results on the drug testing.

1. Retirement - Certificated Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year
Tami Frazier – CPS – 2nd Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Frazier has been with the District for 34 years.
2. Retirement – Classified Administrator – 2020-2021 School Year
Bobbi Lowry – Transportation Supervisor – effective December 31, 2020
3. Retirement – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year
Jaci McAllister – CPS – Aide – effective December 31, 2020
4. Employments – Certificated Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year
Maisie Hurless – K-3 VLA Teacher – effective January 4, 2021, 2nd Semester Only, Bachelors 0 exp
Madelyn Ayers – CMS – 7th Grade Social Studies – effective January 4, 2021, 2nd Semester Only, Bachelors 0 exp
5. Employment – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year
Patricia Pollinger-Smidly – Bus Driver (Permanent Substitute) – Transportation – effective December 14, 2020 – 2 yrs exp, \$19.01 / hour

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6. Step-Salary Increase 2020-2021 School Year
Jessica Orr – CHS – Masters to a Masters+15
Nicholas Winland – CMS – Bachelors to a Bachelors+150
7. Assignment Transfers – Classified Personnel – 2020-2021 School Year
Karrin Harris from Aide at CPS to VLA Aide through CPS effective January 4, 2021
April Leach from 4 hour Aide at CPS to full-time Aide at CPS effective January 4, 2021
8. Leave of Absence (Short Term) Without Pay
Ashleigh Dotson – 13 days
9. Supplemental Contract – 2020-2021 School Year
Kelly Price – CPS – 2nd Grade Team Leader – 0 exp – \$943
10. Substitute Staff (used on an as needed basis)
Catherine Thornburg – Substitute Aide
Catherine Thornburg – Substitute Secretary
Michael Baker – Substitute Custodian

Roll call on above group of resolutions: Mr. Bonner - yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motions carried.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Corzine, Mr. Hartmus and Mr. Bonner thanked Mr. Mullins for his years of service and leadership as Board President. As a board they have been able to accomplish many things together during his tenure. Mr. Mullins thanked everyone for their kind comments and the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education with them. He commended both Treasurer Lawwell and Superintendent Swinehart for the outstanding jobs they are doing for the Chillicothe City Schools.

20-12-08 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Hartmus and seconded by Mr. Bonner to adjourn. Roll call: Mr. Bonner-yes, Mrs. Corzine - yes, Mr. Hartmus - yes, Mr. Mullins - yes, Mrs. Shoemaker - yes. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.