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OPENING CEREMONY

Prayer was offered by Larry Cain

Pledge of Allegiance

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Board Member Shaun Roe, and to newly-elected Board Member Dave Taylor by Bernie Thompson, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stenger, President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cain, present; Mr. Fowkes, present; Dr. Roe, present; Mr. Stenger, present; Mr. Taylor, present.

(001-2024)—ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Nominations for President:

Mr. Stenger nominated by Mr. Cain.

Mr. Stenger nominated by Dr. Roe.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to close nominations.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Vote on Nomination:

Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the nomination.

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, no. Motion carried 4-1.

Oath of Office

Mr. Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Stenger.

Mr. Stenger assumed the Chair.

(002-2024)—ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Nominations for Vice-President:

Mr. Fowkes nominated by Mr. Cain.

Mr. Fowkes nominated by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to close nominations.

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Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Vote on Nomination:

Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Stenger, to approve the nomination.

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, no; Mr. Taylor, aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Oath of Office

Mr. Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Fowkes.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Roe made the following Committee Appointments for 2022:

A. Finance (Finance, Negotiations, Insurance, Audit, Transportation)

Dylan Fowkes, Chairperson
Ed Stenger
Larry Cain (Alternate)

B. Culture and Core Values (Policy, Grievance Proceedings, Personnel, Community Relations, Legislative Liaison)

Shaun Roe, Chairperson
Ed Stenger
Dave Taylor (Alternate)

C. Facilities (Building, Grounds, Athletics)

Shaun Roe, Chairperson
Dylan Fowkes
Larry Cain (Alternate)

D. Education Innovation (Curriculum, Student Achievement, Student Board Member)

Larry Cain, Chairperson
Dave Taylor
Shaun Roe (Alternate)

(003-2024)—ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING TIME & PLACE

Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to approve the following:

DAY: 3rd Thursday of Each Month

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Union Local Learning Center or Middle School Auditorium

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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(004-2024)—ESTABLISHMENT OF MONTH REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVE to set compensation for members at \$125 per meeting pursuant to law. Members of the Union Local Board of Education will be compensated for a maximum of 25 meetings.

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(005-2024)—ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the following Annual Resolutions:

WARRANT SIGNATURE:

To resolve that the Treasurer of the Union Local School District be and is hereby authorized to sign all payroll checks issued by the Board of Education of the Union Local School District, and be it further resolved that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to be the prime signature for all warrants other than payroll warrants.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVANCE IN AND ADVANCE OUT FUNDS:

To resolve that the Board of Education of the Union Local School District authorizes the Treasurer of the Board to advance in and advance out funds if such is necessary, prior to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AND TABULATE BIDS

Whereas the Union Local Board of Education advertises for bids on materials and/or equipment from time to time, and whereas, the process of opening and tabulating bids for Board consideration is time consuming, and whereas, provision is made in the Ohio Revised Code 3314.46 for the Treasurer of the School District to be empowered to open and tabulate bids for the Board's consideration at the next scheduled meeting, therefore, be it resolved that the Union Local Board of Education hereby empowers the Treasurer to open and tabulate bids for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.

TAX COLLECTION - ADVANCES:

To resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to request advance payments of funds derived from the County Auditor during the year 2024 as authorized under Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

AUTHORIZATION TO INVEST FUNDS:

To resolve that whereas, the Union Local Board of Education is desirous of conserving funds wherever possible, be it resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to invest funds in U. S. Securities and/or Bank Time Deposits whenever such funds are available.

AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY:

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To resolve that the Board of Education of the Union Local School District authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the Board to borrow money if such is necessary prior to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Such borrowing shall include between funds on a temporary basis.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS:

To resolve that the Board of Education of the Union Local School District authorize the Treasurer to pay bills as they are presented provided that funds are available, and report monthly to the Board of Education.

PURCHASING AGENT:

To resolve that the Board of Education of the Union Local School District authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to serve as purchasing agents of the school district up to limits of the Ohio Revised Code. All purchases above \$3,000.00 excluding contractual obligations, i.e. wages, benefits, utilities, advanced guarantees for sporting events, bus fuel, field trips, fundraisers, workbooks and tuition shall be approved by the Board before the fact. The Superintendent's signature is required on all requisitions.

SERVICE FUND:

That whereas, ORC 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the General Fund a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child so enrolled, or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater, such sum of money to be known as the "Service Fund" to be used only in paying expenses of Board of Education members in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives, such payments to be made only in such amount as may be approved by the Board of Education on statement of several members or their official representatives, furnished at the next succeeding regular meeting of such Board of Education. Such expenses shall be limited to those actually incurred by the Board of Education member.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Union Local School District does hereby establish a Service Fund, such fund to be set aside as an account within the General Fund.

FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECTS/GRANTS:

To resolve that the Union Local Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to apply for Federal and State projects/grants as appropriate and available.

HIRING OF PERSONNEL:

To authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

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FIELD TRIPS:

To resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or his designee as the agent to approve the use of buses for field trips.

OPEN MEETINGS:

To resolve that the Board of Education establish that all actions and meetings of the Board will be as directed and in compliance with the requirements of law. (ORC 121.22)

APPOINTMENT OF TITLE IX COORDINATOR:

To resolve to approve the Union Local Superintendent/CEO as the Title IX Coordinator.

Recommended to accept the aforementioned annual resolutions A through O

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(006-2024)—FY2025 TAX BUDGET

Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the Tax Budget for FY2025.

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(007-2024)--ADJOURNMENT

At 5:18 PM Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Treasurer

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stenger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cain, present; Mr. Fowkes, present; Dr. Roe, present; Mr. Taylor, present; Mr. Stenger, present.

PRESENTATION

A. Jet Setters Award Winners RE: Tracie Yereb, Jodi Frye, Stephanie Moeller
Trilby Henderson, Tim Barricklow &
Tracey Childress

(008-2024)—CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Stenger moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes
 - 1. December 14, 2023- Regular Board Meeting
 - 2. December 27, 2023- Special Board Meeting
- B. December 2023 Bills
- C. December 2023 Financial Report
- D. December 2023 Investment Report
- E. December 2023 Monthly/Annual Comparison
- F. Purchase Orders:
 - 1. GovConnection Inc. \$ 9,374.40
(Three View Sonic Boards)
 - 2. Total Sports Connection \$ 3,375.00
(JayPro Hoops for MS Gym)
 - 3 Junior State Of America \$ 4,500.00
(Registration for Winter Congress in DC)
- G. Use of Facilities
 - 1. MS Auditorium - February 12, 2024 - Local Landowner Town Hall Meeting - Meyer Wilson, LPA and Emens, Wolper Jacobs & Jasin
 - 2. ES Cafeteria - February 15, 2024 - Soup and Salad for Teachers – Band Boosters
 - 3. ES Cafeteria and Gym - February 23, 2024 - Father/Daughter Dance – PTO
 - 4. HS Commons - May 14, 2024 - Academic & Scholarship Banquet – NHS

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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(009-2024)—ADVANCES

At the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the following Advances from the General Fund:

Food Service (006)	\$160,713.53
ECE (439-9023)	\$ 10,639.41
ECE (439-9024)	\$ 36,596.55
ARP ESSER III (507-9923)	\$ 8,774.28
IDEA-B (516-9023)	\$ 33,082.28
IDEA-B (516-9024)	\$ 86,046.96
ARP IDEA (516-9923)	\$ 4,188.31
ARP IDEA (516-9924)	\$ 81,356.70
Title I (572-9023)	\$ 49,016.25
STRCG (584-924S)	\$ 12,500.00
ECSE (587-9024)	\$ 2,479.49
Title II-A (590-9023)	\$ 6,624.56
Title II-A (590-9024)	\$ 14,643.35

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(010-2024)—DONATION

At the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to accept the donation of carpet squares from Flag Floors.

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(011-2024)—TAX VALUATION SERVICES

At the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the Tax Valuation Services Agreement with East Central Ohio ESC at the cost of \$4,000.00 for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2024.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(012-2024)—DISPOSAL OF BOOKS

At the recommendation of the Treasurer, Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the disposal of 733 library books.

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(013-2024)—RESIGNATION

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the resignation due to retirement of Mary Zink, 2nd Grade Teacher, effective May 31, 2024.

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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(014-2024)— TRANSFER

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to approve the transfer of Ryan Kutcher, School Bus Driver to Temporary Groundskeeper, effective January 16, 2024.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(015-2024)— COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS TEACHERS

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the following College Credit Plus Teachers for the Second Semester of the 2023-2024 school year

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| 1. Renee Edwards | Two Sections |
| 2. Katherine O'Brien | One Section |
| 3. Dona Omaitis | One Section |

Roll Call: Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(016-2024)—EMPLOYMENT

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Roe moved, seconded by Mr. Fowkes, to approve the following employment <Supplementals, Volunteers, Certified & Non-Certified Substitutes>:

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| 1. 2023-2024 Supplementals | |
| a. Josef Meholovitch | MS Detention Supervisor |
| b. Tracey Wodarcyk | MS Drug-Free Club Advisor |
| c. Mike Menges | HS Drug-Free Club Advisor |
| d. Elyse Swallie | HS Diversity Club Advisor |
| e. Katherine O'Brien | HS Diversity Club Advisor |
| 2. 2023-2024 Substitutes | |
| a. Lauren Koch | Aide |
| b. Heather Helms | Teacher/Aide |
| c. Louie Balk | Teacher |

Roll Call: Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(017-2024)— KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Fowkes moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for school year 2024-2025 with Kent State University College Credit Plus.

Roll Call: Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMSFundraisers

1. Drama Boosters - Superbowl Boards - January 10 - February 9, 2024
2. HS Student Council - Winter Formal Ticket Sales - January 29 – February 23, 2024
3. Class of 2026 - Sarris Candy - February 1 - 26, 2024
4. HS Student Council - Parent Night Out - February 9, 2024
5. Band Boosters - Soup and Salad for Teachers - February 15, 2024
6. Class of 2026 - T.V. Raffle - March 4 - 22, 2024
7. Class of 2026 - Pepperoni Rolls - April 8 - 26, 2024

(018-2024)—OSBA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to approve the renewal of the Ohio School Boards Association annual membership dues at the cost of \$6,108.00.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(019-2024)—INDOOR TRACK

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to approve the proposal to establish an indoor track team.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(020-2024)—EDUCATIONAL AIDE SUBSTITUTES

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to approve Educational Aide Substitutes to not be required to have the ESEA-qualified Endorsement on their Educational Aide License to substitute in a Paraprofessional position effective immediately.

Roll Call: Mr. Taylor, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Cain, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

(021-2024)—ADJOURNMENT

At 5:49 PM Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Roe, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Cain, aye; Dr. Roe, aye; Mr. Fowkes, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Stenger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Treasurer