A recording of the meeting has been made that accurately records the proceedings of the meeting and is deemed a part of the minutes. The recording is maintained by the treasurer’s office, and members of the public can contact the Treasurer’s Office at 614-921-7029 to access the recording.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kara Crowley Yea
Nadia Long Yea
Beth Murdoch Yea
Brian Perry Yea
Zach Vorst Yea

13-23 Superintendent recommended, Mrs. Crowley moved, and Mrs. Murdoch seconded that the Board of Education adopt the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Kara Crowley Yea
Nadia Long Yea X Passed
Beth Murdoch Yea
Brian Perry Yea Failed
Zach Vorst Yea

14-23 Superintendent recommended, Mrs. Murdoch moved and Mr. Perry seconded that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to serving our community by utilizing several Hilliard City School buildings as designated polling locations and,
WHEREAS, the Board supports the exercise of free speech whenever possible or legally required and,
WHEREAS, no students are present when school buildings are used as polling locations and,
WHEREAS, Board policy KJA typically prohibits certain electioneering activities on school grounds and,
WHEREAS, Board policy BFF allows for the suspension of current policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Board policy KJA subdivision 7 is hereby suspended for the entirety of the day of November 7th, 2023, and for no other day, with the exception that signs placed in or on the ground on district property shall still be prohibited and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Board policy KJA-R, permission shall be granted for candidates on the November 7th, 2023 ballot, their supporters, and supporters/opposition groups for any ballot initiative also on the November 7th ballot to display/distribute campaign literature subject to KJA subdivisions 1-6 regarding subject matter and appropriateness and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in keeping with Board policy BFF this resolution granting a temporary partial suspension of Board policy shall automatically sunset at the next regular meeting of the Board following November 7, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Kara Crowley Yea
Nadia Long Yea X Passed
Beth Murdoch Yea
Brian Perry Yea Failed
Zach Vorst Yea

15-23 Superintendent recommended, Mr. Perry moved and Mrs. Crowley seconded that Subject to Board of approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Hilliard City School District Board of Education’s policy KJA(7) states a general prohibition on the “distribution/advertisement/promotion” of “literature that promotes or opposes any political figure, candidate or issue, including ballot issues of any kind and;
WHEREAS, board policy KJA(7) defines literature as including, but not being limited to “a notice, placard, advertisement and written/printed material of any nature” and;
WHEREAS, board policy KJA(7) allows the board to grant exemptions to this general prohibition so long as they relate specifically to “issues that directly affect Hilliard City Schools including, but not limited to, District levies and bond issues” by passing a resolution stating the nature of the exemption to be granted and;
WHEREAS, an election for seats on the Hilliard Board of Education constitutes an issue that directly affects the Hilliard City Schools and;
WHEREAS, members of the public deserve the opportunity to hear directly from candidates for the Hilliard Board of Education, and the candidates’ representatives, prior to making voting decisions and;

WHEREAS, there is decades long tradition of allowing board candidates and their representatives to speak to fellow residents at certain football games hosted by the Hilliard City School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an exemption to board policy KJA(7) shall be granted for certified candidates running for the position of Hilliard Board of Education Member, and their representatives, which shall allow the following:

I. The wearing of campaign attire such as shirts/buttons/nametags and the like on district property.

II. Polite discussion with the general public promoting or opposing a certified candidate for the Hilliard Board of education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution does not allow for the distribution of any literature of any kind, nor does it allow for yard signs to be placed on or in district property and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that election materials and displays must comply with board policy KJA regarding content, and must comply with all applicable election laws.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that this exemption shall only apply on district property during all varsity football games hosted by the Hilliard City School District where at least one of the teams playing is from a Hilliard City School District high school, and only at the premises where such a game is being played.

ROLL CALL: Kara Crowley Yea 
Nadia Long Yea X Passed
Beth Murdoch Yea
Brian Perry Yea Failed
Zach Vorst Yea

16-23 Superintendent recommended, Mrs. Long moved and Mrs. Murdoch seconded that Subject to Board of approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, school boards create a vision for what students should know and be able to do;

WHEREAS, school boards establish clear standards for student performance;

WHEREAS, school boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards;

WHEREAS, school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement;

WHEREAS, school boards align school district resources to ensure that students meet standards;

WHEREAS, school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels;

WHEREAS, school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork, and shared accountability;

WHEREAS, school boards are committed to continuous education and training on issues related to student achievement;

WHEREAS, the month of January is designated as School Board Recognition Month; and

WHEREAS, the success of this district is due in part to those Hilliard City School Board Members who came before us, the Tolles Career Center Board of Education, and Ohio’s State Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, hereby declare our appreciation to all of these individuals who have contributed to ensuring our students are Ready for Tomorrow.

ROLL CALL: Kara Crowley Yea 
Nadia Long Yea X Passed
Beth Murdoch Yea
Brian Perry Yea Failed
Zach Vorst Yea

Policies submitted for a second reading
a) BF – Board Policy Development and Adoption
b) JFE – Pregnant Students
c) KKA – Recruiters in the Schools
d) KMA – Parent/Citizen Organizations
17-23  Mrs. Murdoch moved and Mr. Vorst seconded that the Board of Education caucus to executive session to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
Time: 6:43 pm.

ROLL CALL:  

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Let the record reflect that the Board returned from executive session at 8:35 pm.

18-23  Mr. Perry moved and Mr. Vorst seconded that the Board of Education meeting is hereby adjourned.
Time: 8:35 pm.

ROLL CALL:  

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Attest:

Mrs. Murdoch, President  
Mr. Wilson, Treasurer