Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.

Mr. Lambert was appointed at the last meeting to serve as president pro tem of this meeting.

1. President pro tem called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.


3. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Nominations to elect the 2021 Board of Education President: Mr. Abate nominated Ms. Whiting. With no further nominations, Mr. Abated moved, and Mr. Perry seconded to close nominations for President. All members voted for Ms. Whiting to be the 2021 Board of Education President.

5. Nominations to elect the 2021 Board of Education Vice President: Mrs. Long nominated Mr. Perry. With no further nominations, Mr. Lambert moved, and Mr. Abate seconded to close nominations for Vice President. All members voted for Mr. Perry to be the 2021 Board of Education Vice President.

6. The Board of Education established the following meeting dates for the 2021 calendar. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

   Monday, January 11 – Virtual
   Monday, January 25 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, February 8 – Weaver MS
   Monday, February 22 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, March 15 – Heritage MS
   Monday, March 22 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, April 12 – Memorial MS
   Monday, April 19 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, May 17 – Weaver MS
   Wednesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 27 – Friday, May 28 – Graduations
   Monday, June 14 – Central Office
   Sunday, June 27 & Monday, June 28 – Potential Retreat
   Thursday, July 8 – Central Office (For Contractual Release per ORC)
   Monday, August 9 – Central Office
   Monday, August 23 – Alton Darby Creek Campus
   Monday, September 13 – Washington Elementary
   Monday, September 20 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, October 11 – Hilliard Station Sixth Grade
   Monday, October 25 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, November 8 – Horizon Elementary
   Monday, November 29 – Work Session – Central Office
   Monday, December 13 – Hoffman Trails Elementary
Dr. Marschhausen noted a potential date for a Board Retreat in June. We are hopeful that we can meet in person by June instead of virtually. He also stated that several meetings had been moved off of the traditional meeting schedule to permit Board members and Hilliard City Council members to attend each other’s meetings. Also, we have scheduled a meeting on a Thursday in July for hiring purposes.


Dr. Marschhausen explained that this is the second one-year term appointment due to Tolles’ request to stagger their board members’ terms. As part of this planned transition, HCSD would appoint a representative for two one-year terms. This is the second one-year term. Next year, our appointment will be a three-year appointment.

8. The Board of Education adopted the following standing authorizations for 2021:
   a. **Advisory Committees** – Authorized the Superintendent/Board of Education to establish advisory committees that coincide with the district’s mission and vision.
   b. **Investments of Inactive and Interim Funds** – Authorization for the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive and interim funds are available.
   c. **Payment of Bills** – Authorized the Treasurer to pay all bills, within the limits of the appropriations resolution, as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
   d. **Resignation of Employment/Provisional Employment** – Authorized the Superintendent to accept on behalf of the Board any resignation from employment tendered (either orally or in writing) by a District employee. Also authorized the Superintendent to provisionally employ an applicant for District employment, subject to ratification and approval of such employment by the Board at its next regular meeting.
   e. **Appointment of Purchasing Agent** – Authorized the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Director of Business to serve as purchasing agents for the school district.
   f. **Authorized Federal Agent and Authorized Representative** – Authorization for the Coordinator of Data and Accountability to be appointed the district’s Federal Agent and Authorized Representative to transact all district business in any and all Federal programs and projects in which the district may become involved.
   g. **Notice of Exemption Applications** – Authorized the Superintendent to notify the State Tax Commissioner of the Board’s desire to be notified of all real estate tax exemption applications affecting the Hilliard City Schools and that such notice be forwarded to Rich & Gillis Law Group, LLC, attorneys acting as the Board’s agent in such cases.
h. **Board Compensation** – Authorized the compensation of each Board member upon initiation of a new term to be at the maximum level authorized by the Ohio Constitution and Statutes, but limited to 24 meetings per year.

i. **Release for Transportation Purposes Only** – Authorized the Director of Business to approve releases to other school districts for transportation purposes only.

j. **Membership in OSBA, NSBA, and MEC** – Authorized the Treasurer to purchase for the Board annual memberships for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), National School Board Association (NSBA), and Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC).

k. **Appoint Coordinator** – Affirmed that no person should, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity. This shall extend to employees therein and to admission thereto. Inquiries concerning the application of policy may be referred to the superintendent or designated coordinator. To carry out policy statements the following office shall be identified with responsibility for compliance within the stated areas:

1. Title IX Coordinator (nondiscrimination based on sex) – Executive Director of Human Resources
2. Title VI Coordinator (nondiscrimination based on race, color or national origin) – Executive Director of Human Resources
3. Section 504 Coordinator (nondiscrimination based on disability) - Director of Student Support Services

l. **Grandparent Release** – Authorized the Superintendent to act on behalf of the Board for admittance or non-admittance of students under the Grandparent Law (Section 3313.64 O.R.C. and House Bill #723 effective 11-8-90).

m. **Disposal of Excess Property** – Authorized the Director of Business to dispose of excess material and equipment whose estimated value is less than $10,000 upon the filing of an itemized list, including location, serial, or inventory number, with the district’s Treasurer.

n. **Administrative Work Schedule** – Authorized the Superintendent to alter the daily, weekly, monthly, or annual work schedule of administrative personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the official duties of the District.

o. **Transportation of Non-Residential Students and Impracticality Determinations** – Authorized the Director of Business to decline requests for non-residential student transportation and authorized the Director of Business to determine, approve and authorize Payment in Lieu of transportation when any transportation request or route is deemed impractical, providing a listing of qualifying families to the Board of Education annually at its organizational meeting.

p. **Purchasing and Procurement Networks** – Authorized the Director of Business to utilize the below-listed networks for district purchases and services including, but not limited to, supplies, contracted services, building improvements, and construction needs:

1. State of Ohio Procurement Services
2. Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) Solutions
3. Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA)
4. National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)
5. National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA)
6. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
7. U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance
8. E & I Cooperative Services
9. BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative

q. Property Tax Advances – Authorized the Treasurer to secure real estate and personal tax advances from the County Auditor(s) when funds are available and payable to the school district. This authorization shall be effective this date and shall be in effect through the organizational meeting to be held in January 2022.

r. Resolution to Appoint a Designee to Hear Expulsion Appeals

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3313.66 and Board Policy JGE allow the Board of Education to identify a designee to hear an appeal of a student expulsion;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it appropriate to identify individuals to serve as the Board’s designee for all expulsion appeals;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates Mr. D. Wesley Newhouse, Esq. and Mr. Loren L. Braverman, Esq. as the Board’s designee(s) to hear any appeal of a student expulsion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to appoint one of the Board’s designees for an appeal of a student expulsion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designee may affirm the order of expulsion, reinstate the student, or otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of expulsion heard on appeal.

s. Resolution to adopt the 2021-2022 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Whereas, the Hilliard City Schools of 2140 Atlas Street, Columbus, 43228, Franklin County, Ohio, has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

Whereas, the Board of Education (“Board”) and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education/Governing Board that the district’s middle and high schools do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and
Be it further resolved that the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director’s Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Sports Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director’s Office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

Dr. Marschhausen thanked Mr. Lambert for catching a couple of policy changes on our Title Coordinators (Letter k). Our resolution has been corrected to match the current adopted Board policy.

9. The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to enter into memoranda of understanding with the Hilliard Education Association and/or the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and its Local 310 related to discrete personnel matters; amendment, interpretation, and clarification of the respective master agreements; and the resolution of grievances provided such are within the financial limitations as identified in the annual appropriations resolution as may be amended during each fiscal year and/or are consistent with Board policy. Additions to the respective master agreements or financial commitments in excess of budgetary line items must be voted upon by the Board prior to execution by the Superintendent.

Mr. Lambert thanked the superintendent for adding this to the resolution. The notion is not about constraining the superintendent’s ability to be the CEO of the district, but only to recognize there is a level of commitment that I believe requires Board scrutiny.

10. This item does not require Board action. The Board of Education committee appointment by Board President per Policy BCE:
**Committee** | **Scheduled** | **Abate** | **Lambert** | **Whiting** | **Long** | **Perry**
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Dyslexia Task Force |  |  |  | x |  | 
Diversity & Equity | x | x |  |  |  | 
HEF | 4th Wed of month, 6:30 pm |  |  | x | x | 

**Liaisons**

| Liaison | Scheduled | Abate | Lambert | Whiting | Long | Perry |
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Senior Citizens |  |  |  | x |  | 
PTO / Booster Presidents |  |  |  | x |  | 
ISPTO |  |  |  | x | x | 
Hilliard Rec & Parks | As needed |  |  | x |  | 
OSBA Legislative | As needed |  |  |  | x | 
Local Govt Liaison | 1st Friday of month, 8:30 am |  |  |  | x | 

*Policy BCE: “The Board may authorize the establishment of committees from among its membership as it finds such action necessary to study operations in specific areas and to make recommendations for Board action. The Sunshine Law and its exceptions apply to Board meetings and Board-appointed committee and subcommittee meetings.”*

11. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.