

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the September 21, 2021, Regular Meeting
HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2021-17

Call to Order

Mr. Paul Ward, Board President, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Huron City School District on September 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Huron City School District. Also present: John Ruf, Superintendent; Randy Drewyor, Treasurer; Chad Carter, Principal McCormick Jr. High; Brian Kucbel, Principal Shawnee Elementary; Mark Doughty, Principal Woodlands Intermediate; Eric Mast, Valerie Weiss, Ryan Hathaway, Elizabeth Laffay, Andra Kurtz, Kimberly King, James Scally III, Curt Brunow, Mindee Brunow, Ralph Kraus and Amy Hurst. Several members of the audience did not sign-in or signatures were unrecognizable. Also present were search firm representatives: Ryan Pendleton and Ed Vitardi from Finding Leaders, Terri Morgan from OSBA, and Doug Crooks from North Point ESC. Chris Mohr, Debbie Campbell and Tom Ash from K-12 Consulting participated via Zoom.

Roll Call

Mr. John P. Jones	Present
Mrs. Donna Green	Present
Mr. Paul Ward	Present
Mr. Scott Slocum	Present
Mrs. Jody Mast	Present

Mr. Ward announced that the meeting was being live streamed on YouTube.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ward led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation by Mr. Ruf, Mrs. Mast moved for approval of the September 21, 2021, regular meeting agenda. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting and the August 30, 2021 Special Meeting.

Roll Call:

21-0095 –
Agenda
Approval

21-0096 –
Approval of
Minutes

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Search Firm Presentations

K-12 Consulting

Chris Mohr, Tom Ash and Debbie Campbell from K-12 Consulting participated via Zoom presenting their search proposals.

Finding Leaders

Ryan Pendleton and Ed Vitardi from Finding Leaders presented their proposal(s) for a Treasurer and/or Superintendent search.

OSBA

Terri Morgan from OSBA presented their proposal(s) for a Treasurer and/or Superintendent search.

North Point ESC

Doug Crooks from North Point ESC presented their credentials for handling the district's Treasurer and/or Superintendent search.

The board discussed having a special meeting September 28, 2021 to discuss the proposals and to make a decision.

Audience/Community Participation

Amy Hurst 1225 Brookview Dr

Ms. Hurst urged the board not to use K-12 Consulting or Finding Leaders. She suggested the district save the money and promote from inside. Ms. Hurst expressed frustration with communicating with district administrators and the board. She commented that Mrs. Mast did respond and that Mr. Ward gave her "Abe Lincoln" responses. She wants more transparency and accountability. She said kids are only getting one side – the left side and not the right.

Stacey Hartley 310 Canterbury Dr.

Ms. Hartley read a letter she sent to Mr. Ruf and Mr. Ward. She made a public records request for communications concerning the August 17, 2021 executive session. She commented on text comments between Mr. Ruf and Mr. Ward via text. Ms. Hartley alleged that these communications demonstrated a coordinated effort against a board member and an attempt to chill her first amendment rights. Ms. Hartley asked that Mr. Ruf and Mr. Ward publically acknowledge and apologize to Mrs. Mast and the community.

Ryan Hathaway 536 Snowy Egret Rd

Mr. Hathaway provided positive feedback on the mask policy. He commented that frequent public records requests are being used to attack the district and board members and these requests are costing the district significant dollars. Mr. Hathaway thanked the board for what they do.

Superintendent's Discussion Items

Ohio Facilities Construction Commission - The OFCC has been in the district this month to begin collecting information for a facilities' usage report. We should get results/information back in late November. The district looks forward to engaging the Huron community as the process moves forward.

Bikers Against Abused & Neglected Children - The Huron chapter attended the August meeting at the bus garage. Joe Jenkins is the Co-Founder and his wife Pam is the Secretary/Treasurer. They are a non-profit organization with a mission that helps local children in their time of need. The Huron City Schools are grateful for their outreach and support.

COVID Updates - As of 9/14/21, the district is experiencing increased absenteeism, but cannot confirm or deny that this is all COVID related. The Governor is supposed to provide new guidelines for student quarantine by the end of the week (9/17/21). So far this school year, the district has had 40 quarantined students. Mr. Ruf commended parents for doing a good job of keeping students home when they are experiencing symptoms of illness.

Levy Committee Update – A committee has been formed and is organized. The plan is for this PAC to remain in place for the long term. The issue is a 5.6 mill levy to be on the November 2 ballot. The effective millage will probably be lower due to changes in valuation but will still generate \$2.1M annually.

Transportation – The district is still experiencing some transportation hiccups. The staff is working through the issues. We are just not where we want to be at this time.

Treasurer's Discussion Items

Mr. Drewyor commented that from his experience the search firm presentations accurately depicted these firms.

The transition with the Interim Treasurer will continue this week. Mr. Drewyor plans on working through the weekend to ensure a smooth change over on September 27.

Mr. Drewyor reviewed August financial statements. Two months into the new fiscal year the district is tracking as expected. The district continues to pull in cash reserves as investments mature. Return on investments are very low at this time.

Mr. Drewyor reviewed the financial information sharing session held on September 8th. The session went well. Regrettably we had not done more of these sessions because it seemed very productive.

Mr. Drewyor thanked the board and the administration for their support over the last two plus years. The board and administration have been very good to work with and leaving was a very tough decision.

This month's recommendations are all normal business items.

Treasurer Recommendations

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Mast seconded to approve the following financial items:

- A. The monthly financial statements for the close of August 31, 2021, as per exhibits.
- B. Donations for the month of August 2021, totalling \$1,700 and a non-cash donation of four tubs of peach ice cream from Quarry Hill Orchards LLC.

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Treasurer
Recommen
dations

Benefactor	Beneficiary	Amount
CIVISTA	Huron Memorial - FY21 Civista Scholarship award	\$500.00

Robert Beal	Scott Klaiber Memorial Scholarship	\$100.00
Huron Podiatry	Cross Country Program	\$100.00
Thunderbird Hills	Cross Country Program	\$100.00
The Crawford Insurance Group	Cross Country Program	\$100.00
Huron Pizza House	Cross Country Program	\$250.00
Costa Azul	Cross Country Program	\$250.00
Domino's	Cross Country Program	\$100.00
Ahner Commercial	Cross Country Program	\$50.00
Kim Kastor	Cross Country Program	\$50.00
The North Shore Running Store	Cross Country Program	\$100.00
		\$1,700.00

- C. Approve the FY22 permanent appropriations and amended official certificate of estimated resources as presented.
- D. Approve the expenditure of \$14,243.41 with Educators Preferred Corporation (EPC) on a "then and now" basis, certifying the expenditure was properly funded and appropriated at the time of occurrence.
- E. For information: Contracts as submitted for FY22.
- North Central ESC – Visually Impaired Services
 - North Central ESC – Orientation and Mobility Service

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Superintendent Recommendations

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the following personnel items:

- A. Approve the resignations of Kathy Koelsch and Jennifer Cammalieri.
- B. Approve the new hire recommendations as follows pending receipt of proper certificates:
- Sophia Young – Step 0, 2-hour aide at Woodlands effective September 14, 2021
 - Melissa Carr, Step 6, 3.75-hour PreK Aide at Shawnee effective September 17, 2021
- C. Approve the voluntary placement of Mary Pisano from head cook at HHS to administrative assistant HHS Guidance office effective August 23, 2021.
- D. Approve the following substitute aides in Tiger Kids Club:

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Superintendent
Recommendations

- Carolyn Ochs
- Kari Case

E. Approve the removal of reduction in force list status, according to the HCEA contract agreement for the following:

- Terri Blake
- Mary Petronella

F. Approve the following volunteers:

- Laura Tooman (BCI 8/19/21)
- Kelly Gray (BCI 8/10/21)
- Shannon Findley (BCI 8/10/21)
- Cynthia Lampley (BCI 8/10/21)
- Sarah Gilbert (BCI 8/26/21)
- Curtis Brunow (BCI 8/3/21)
- Mindee Brunow (BCI 7/30/21)
- Amy Nevison (BCI 8/25/21)

G. Approve change of placement on certified salary schedule for the following:

- Scott Demos, MA+20, effective August 23, 2021
- Mary James, MA+30, effective August 23, 2021
- Robin Sweet, MA+30, effective August 23, 2021

H. Approve academic supplementals for SY22 as follows:

- Patricia Ryan – Resident Educator Liaison
- Chris Scherley – Resident Educator
- Aimee Johnson – Resident Educator
- Laura Pittenger – Resident Educator
- Leah LaCrosse – Resident Educator
- Erin Smith – Buddy Mentor

I. Approve athletic supplementals/pupil activity contracts as follows for FY22:

- Sam Kudrin - HS Girls Soccer Asst.
- Lauren Zimmerman - HS Cheerleading Asst.
- Janet Gioffre - MJH Cheerleading Advisor
- Jude Schmidt - HS Girls Softball Head Coach
- Keith Lobsinger - HS Girls Basketball Asst.
- Keith Lobsinger - HS Boys Track Asst. 50%
- Tammy Thomas - HS/MJH Ticket Seller
- Bobby James - JH Boys Track

J. Approve Summer Learning Institute as follows:

- Amy Lauer - 6 hours at \$25.00 per hour
- Chris Scherley - 4 hours at \$25.00 per hour

K. Approve three-year contract and step increases for administrators as follows:

- Brian Kucbel, Shawnee Elementary Principal - with an increase to Step 2, effective August 1, 2022.
- Denise Zielske, Director of Operation - with an increase to Step 2, effective August 1, 2022.

- L. Approve Amy Shafer, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Special Education a step increase from step 3 to step 4 effective July 1, 2021.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Textbook Adoption

On the recommendation of the Director of Curriculum, it was moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Mast to approve the updated science textbooks.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Policy Recommendations

On the recommendation of Policy Committee, it was moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the following new and/or revised Huron City School policies:

- AC - Nondiscrimination (revised)
- AC-R - Discrimination Complaint Procedure (revised)
- DH - Bonded Employees and Officers (revised)
- EF/EFB Food Services Management/Free and Reduced-Price Food Services (revised)
- IGCK - Blended Learning (new policy)

A. Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

21-0099 –
Textbook
Adoption

21-0100–
Policy
Recommendations

Interim Treasurer

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, it was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Slocum to approve the contract with North Point Educational Service Center for Interim Treasurer services and to appoint Ms. Betty Schwiefert as Interim Treasurer effective September 27, 2021, until replaced.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

21-0101 –
Interim
Treasurer

Consulting Contract

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Mast to approve a limited consulting contract with Randy Drewyor, for a maximum of 20 days on an “as needed” basis between September 27, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

21-0102 –
Consulting
Contract

Board Committee Reports

This portion of the meeting is to be set aside for the Board members to provide updates for the Board Committees for which the members have volunteered.

Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Ward
Operations & Facilities	Mrs. Mast
Policies	Mr. Slocum
Finance & Audit	Mr. Jones
Hall of Fame / Athletic Council	Mr. Ward
Community Relations	Mr. Jones
Economic Development & Business Round Table	Mrs. Mast
Huron Schools Education Foundation & Tiger Grant	Mrs. Mast
Joint Recreation District	Mr. Slocum
EHOVE	Mrs. Green
Safety & Security	Mr. Jones

New Business

No new business was brought in front of the board.

Next Meeting

The board will be meet in a special session on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Board of Education Conference Room to discuss and select a search firm for the Treasurer and/or Superintendent searches.

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Green moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Mr. Ward declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

President _____

Attest _____

20-0103-
Adjournme
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Certificate of Available Resources

Certificate
Section ORC §5705.412

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED the Huron City School District Board of Education, Erie County, Ohio has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Board President

Treasurer

Comments:

See ORC §5705.412

This certificate must be attached to any contract or order involving the expenditure of money with certain statutory exceptions.