

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the March 16, 2021, Regular Meeting
HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2021-5

Call to Order

Mr. Paul Ward, Board President, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Huron City School District on March 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Board Conference Center of the Huron City School District Board of Education Office. Also present: Dennis Muratori, Superintendent, Randy Drewyor, Treasurer, Steve Camella, Athletic Director, Chad Carter, Principal McCormick Jr. High, Holly Charville, Director of Special Services, Mark Doughty, Principal Woodlands Intermediate, Dennis Antonelli, Assistant Principal Huron High School, Tim Lamb, Principal Huron High School, Julie Lenner-McDonald, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Denise Zielske, Director of Operations and Nate Hinners.

Roll Call

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

Mr. Ward announced that the meeting was being broadcast on YouTube.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation by Mr. Muratori, Mrs. Green moved for approval of the March 16, 2021, regular meeting agenda. Mrs. Mast seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

21-0025 –
Agenda
Approval

21-0026 –
Approval of
Minutes

Motion Passed.

Audience/Community Participation

Dr. McDonald, at the request of the board, read an email from Maria Fry. Ms. Fry has three children in the district and is requesting that the district reinstate recognition for top academic performers. The current system puts the district's top performing students at a disadvantage for scholarships and competitive college entrance programs. If we want to reward the hard work of our students this recognition is necessary. She suggests a recognition program similar to the All-SBC Awards.

Superintendent's Discussion Items

Dr. McDonald provided the board with an update on the district's "Recovery and Extended Learning Plan." The Governor is requiring every district to submit such a plan. Huron's plan has been in process for almost a year with many, many iterations. The last delayed start time was used to gather input from the staff on the plan. This district has worked to ensure this plan is aligned with our CCIP plan and the district's strategic plan. The plan utilizes the district's four pillars as an organizing structure.

Mr. Muratori updated the board on a project to upgrade the lighting in the high school gymnasium. The district has a potential private donor who will pay for new LED lighting. The district would also invest in the gym improvements by painting the walls and refinishing the floor. The district's contribution would come out of permanent improvement funds and not general fund.

Treasurer's Discussion Items

Mr. Drewyor provided an overview of current district revenues and spending. The return of about \$180k in state funding is positively impacting the forecasted revenues. Currently the district is expected to end the year with revenues about \$68k higher than expected. Expenditure control efforts are showing positive impacts with expenditure being about \$300k less than forecast. Spending and revenue are tracking right at expected levels.

As a result of the levy campaign, questions have arisen concerning real estate values and tax rates. Mr. Drewyor reviewed the trends since 2013. Property values have increased approximately \$50M and correspondingly tax rates have dropped about 3 mils. As a result of HB 920 the district cannot see additional tax revenues due to increasing property values on existing levies.

As part of the Board of Revision, Mr. Drewyor reviewed with the board the district's past practice of not challenging residential complaints. The district has filed two commercial complaints but it is expected that these will be settled prior to a hearing later this summer.

During the past month, the County Auditor, Rick Jeffrey, held his annual meeting with the county's public school treasurers, superintendents and school board members. Mr. Ward and Mrs. Mast attended the session.

The county Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met last week to review all of the current tax abatements. The businesses currently receiving tax abatements are meeting their commitments and the abatements were therefore approved for another year.

Mr. Drewyor attended the Athletic Council Meeting and was able to review with the district's coaches expectations on the handling of their biddy funds. Mr. Ward also attended that meeting.

As part of the fiscal office's on-going communications, two additions of "The Fiscal Tiger" were published during the month. Also, a set of financial questions & answers has been posted on the district website. A copy of the Q&A was provided to each board member.

Treasurer Recommendations

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

- A. The monthly financial statements for the close of February 28, 2021, as per exhibits.
- B. Donations for the month of February 2021, totalling \$1775.

From	Benefactor	Amount
Lou Ann Cebull	Athletic Department in Memory of Walt Taylor	\$25.00
Christine Routh	Athletic Department in Memory of Walt Taylor	\$150.00
Jack and Rosemary Routh	Athletic Department in Memory of Walt Taylor	\$500.00
Michael and Kelli Lagando	Huron Football Scholarship Fund0	\$1,000.00
Barbara Lamb	Athletic Department	\$100.00
		\$1,775.00

- C. Approve the following contracts for FY22:
 - Quadient – 3 year lease on postage meter
 - Auditor of State – 5 year extension for IPA Julian & Grube
- D. Accept and approve new fund and appropriation as follows:
 - 572 9121 – Expanding Opportunities for Each Child \$4507.94
- E. Approve resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission.
- F. Approve the expenditure of \$17,800 with Bricker & Eckler LLP on a “then and now” basis, certifying the expenditure was properly funded and appropriated at the time of occurrence.
- G. Approve the following purpose statements and budgets:
 - Biddy Wrestling
 - Class of 2021
- H. Approve FY21 Amended Permanent Appropriation and Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

Superintendent Recommendations

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

21-0027 –
Superintendent
Recommendations

- A. Approve Deborah Hassenmeier rehired to a 2-hour cashier position at Shawnee Elementary effective February 16, 2021.
- B. Approve the rehiring of Diane Chevalier as a 2-hour educational aide at Shawnee Elementary effective February 16, 2021.
- C. Approve up to 6 additional hours per week for Tricia Rosekelly, HVA Facilitator, for mentoring responsibilities, at the per diem hourly rate, effective February 16, 2021 through April 30, 2021.
- D. Approve the retirements of Dayle Ritter and Gwen Aber effective June 30, 2021.
- E. Accept the resignation of Patrick Phillips, Girls High School Basketball Coach effective February 23, 2021.
- F. Approve Richard Obergefell as a substitute custodian effective March 9, 2021.
- G. Approve athletic supplementals for SY21 as follows:
 - Joel Hassinger – Biddy Girls Basketball
 - Jennifer Wood – VB Scorer
 - Regina Rockwell – JH Girls Track
 - Adaleine Jackson – 7th Grade Girls Basketball

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

OFCC Resolution

Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion to approve a resolution for the Huron City School District in participate in the OFCC’s Expedited Local Partnership Program.

21-0028 –
OFCC
Resolution

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

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

Mrs. Mast brought a request to the board to look at the high school academic program, and to specifically reexamine the decision made six years ago to eliminate class rankings. Mr. Lamb walked through the rationale at the time the decision was made. Mrs. Mast indicated she has received at least five emails asking for reconsideration of the district’s current practices. The board discussed the issue with Mr. Muratori and Mr. Lamb committing to look at what can be done to further recognize top performing students.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will April 13, 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. Mast moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Green.


Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

Mr. Ward declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

President 

Attest 

20-0029-
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.