

# Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the January 2, 2024, Tax Budget Hearing/Organizational Meeting  
HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2024-01

## **Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

Mrs. Stacey Hartley, President Pro Tempore, called to order the Tax Budget Hearing/Organizational Meeting of the Huron City School District on January 2, 2024, in the Board Conference Room (Tiger Union at HHS) of the Huron City School District Board of Education. The following members responded to roll call:

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Hartley led all who were present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Oath of Office**

Mrs. Schwiefert administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Member, Christopher Rager.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Hartley led all who were present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

Mrs. Stacey Hartley	Present
Mrs. Stacy Hinnens	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Laffay	Present
Mr. Christopher Rager	Present

## **Executive Session**

It was moved by Stacy Hinnens and seconded by Elizabeth Laffay to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee, official or regulated individual.

24-0001

Executive  
Session

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinnens	Yes
Dr. Laffay	Yes
Mr. Rager	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes

Motion Passed.

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Stacey Hartley, President Pro Tempore, called the meeting back to Organizational Session at 6:16 p.m.

The Board interviewed three applicants to fill the unexpired board member term of John P. Jones. Jody Mast, Brian Allen and Greg Marsh responded to questions regarding their experience, ideas for being a board member and why they decided to apply.

**Executive Session**

It was moved by Chris Rager and seconded by Stacy Hinnners to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee, official or regulated individual.

24-0002  
Executive Session

Roll Call:

Mr. Rager                    Yes  
Mrs. Hinnners              Yes  
Dr. Laffay                    Yes  
Mrs. Hartley                Yes

Motion Passed.

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Stacey Hartley, President Pro Tempore, called the meeting back to Organizational Session at 7:02 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Hinnners and seconded by Dr. Laffay to appoint Jody Mast to fill the unexpired term of John P. Jones.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinnners              Yes  
Dr. Laffay                    Yes  
Mr. Rager                    Yes  
Mrs. Hartley                Yes

Motion Passed.

24-0003  
Appt of bd member

**Oath of Office**

Mrs. Schwiefert administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member, Jody Mast

**2024 Tax Budget Hearing**

Mrs. Schwiefert presented the 2025 Tax Budget that must be filed with the County Auditor by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Election of Officers – President**

Dr. Laffay nominated Jody Mast for Board President and made the motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Mast. Mrs. Hartley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dr. Laffay                    Yes  
Mrs. Hartley                Yes  
Mrs. Hinnners              Yes  
Mr. Rager                    Yes

Motion Passed.

24-0004  
Bd Pres for 2024

Jody Mast, newly elected Board President assumed the chair.

**Election of Officers – Vice President**

Mrs. Mast nominated Mrs. Hartley for Board Vice President and made the motion to close nominations for board vice president and cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Hartley. Mrs. Hinnners seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Dr. Laffay	Yes
Mr. Rager	Yes

24-0005  
Bd Vice Pres  
for 2024

Motion Passed.

**Appointment of EHOVE Career Center Board Member**

It was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mrs. Hartley to appoint Christopher Rager to the EHOVE Career Center Board, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Dr. Laffay	Yes
Mr. Rager	Yes

24-0006  
EHOVE BD  
Member

Motion Passed.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Stacy Hinnners and seconded by Chris Rager to approve the organizational meeting agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mr. Rager	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Dr. Laffay	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

24-0007  
Agenda  
Approval

Motion Passed.

**Consent Items for Approval:**

It was moved by Stacey Hartley and seconded by Chris Rager to approve the following items:

**Treasurer Recommendations for Approval (consent)**

-approve the Tax Budget for FY25 as presented.

24-0008  
Approval of  
Consent  
Items

## **Superintendent Recommendations for Approval (consent):**

-approve the following Board meeting schedule for 2024:

Organizational	January 2	6:00:00 PM
Regular	January 22	6:00:00 PM
Regular	February 26	6:00:00 PM
Special	March 7	6:00:00 PM
Special	March 9	9:00:00 AM
Special	March 11	6:00:00 PM
Regular	March 18	6:00:00 PM
Regular	April 15	6:00:00 PM
Regular	May 20	6:00:00 PM
Regular	June 17	6:00:00 PM
Regular	July 8	6:00:00 PM
Regular	August 19	6:00:00 PM
Regular	September 16	6:00:00 PM
Regular	October 21	6:00:00 PM
Regular	November 18	6:00:00 PM
Regular	December 16	6:00:00 PM

-approve the following Treasurer Authorizations:

- Signature of the Treasurer, or the facsimile thereof, be used for all checks and vouchers.
- Permission to invest inactive funds according to the Ohio Revised Code.
- Permission to pay all bills as they are presented, provided that funds are available, and to report monthly to the Board of Education those bills that were paid.
- Permission for the President and Treasurer to request advances or borrow money if needed.
- Permission to approve workbook prices.
- Permission to request tax advance amounts with the Erie County Auditor, as needed.
- Permission to apply on behalf of the school district to participate in any Federal or State projects or programs for which Board approval is required.
- Permission for the Treasurer to attend association, local and state meetings.
- Permission to authorize purchases up to \$5,000 in any Then and Now situation. All purchases over the \$5,000 threshold will be Board approved.
- Permission to Authorize the Treasurer to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board of Education that have terms 1 year or less and a total value of \$50,000 or less.
- Appoint Treasurer as designee to receive public records training for Board Members as allowed by ORC
- Permission to conduct public opening and reading of bids immediately after the time for filing bids have expired, and for the tabulation of bids and a report thereof to the Board at its next meeting.

-approve the following Superintendent authorizations:

- Permission to attend association, local and state meetings.
- Permission to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.
- Permission to for the Superintendent to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board of Education that have terms 1 year or less and a total value of \$50,000 or less.
- Permission to approve meeting attendance, travel requests and reimbursements as deemed appropriate.
- Permission for the Superintendent or designee to serve as the Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer.

- Permission to employ such temporary personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment is to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- Permission to accept resignations. Such resignations are to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- Designation of the Superintendent as Board Hearing Officer to represent the Board during students' discipline situations. The Superintendent will serve as the Board designee to coordinate and conduct suspension/expulsion hearings and appeals on the Board's behalf.
- Declare the purchase of meals and other refreshments at meetings be authorized as permissible use of funds, and to authorize the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to determine appropriateness.
- Authorize the Superintendent to consult legal counsel as deemed necessary.
- Authorize the Superintendent to enter into tuition contracts for special education and regular education students with other school districts/providers.
- Authorize the Superintendent authority to approve all district-sponsored field trips within the States, regardless of mileage or duration.
- Authorize Superintendent to make assignments to committees of the Superintendent.

-Dispense with the necessity of reading the minutes of each meeting provided that the members of the Board have received copies of the same at least two days before the date of the meeting on which the minutes will be considered.

-Approve the establishment of the Huron District Records Commission for 2023 composed of the Board of Education President, the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to ORC 149.41.

-Approve Huron City Schools membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2024.

-approve participation in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2024 at a cost of \$250.00

-establish the Board Service Fund for calendar year 2024 at \$20,000.00.

-authorize the purchase of performance bonds for appropriate school personnel for 2024.

-Board of Education continues to comply with the Civil Rights Acts of 1965 and with all other appropriate State and Federal statutes, standards, and regulations.

-approve designation of the Sandusky *Register* as the official newspaper of the Huron School Board.

-engage the following legal counsel for 2024:

Bricker & Eckler  
Dinsmore & Shohl  
Weston Hurd LLP

-appoint Stacey Hinnners as the Huron City School Board’s OSBA Legislative Liaison for 2024.

-approve the following board appointments for 2024:

Board Liaison:

Policy – Stacy Hinnners

Superintendent Committees:

Teaching & Learning – Jody Mast

Finance & Audit – Chris Rager

Athletic Hall of Fame

Athletics/Boosters – Jody Mast

Community Representatives:

Joint Recreation District – Elizabeth Laffay

OSBA Student Liaison – Stacey Hartley

-confirm the Huron City Schools Board Strategic Priorities as presented.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hartley Yes

Mr. Rager Yes

Mrs. Hinnners Yes

Dr. Laffay Yes

Mrs. Mast Yes

Motion Passed.

**Next Meeting**

The regular meeting for January 2024 of the Huron Board of Education will be January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Board Conference Room (Tiger Union at HHS) of the Huron City School District Board of Education, 710 Cleveland Road West, Huron.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Stacey Hartley moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jody Mast.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hartley Yes

Mrs. Mast Yes

Mrs. Hinnners Yes

Dr. Laffay Yes

Mr. Rager Yes

Motion Passed.



Mrs. Mast declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Board President \_\_\_\_\_

Board Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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*Board President*

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*Board 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.