

Minutes, Regular Meeting, March 9, 2021, 6:30 P.M., Piketon High School

Roll Call:       Cutler,           Present  
                  Fuller,           Present  
                  Shaw,            Present  
                  Smith,           Present  
                  Wooldridge,    Present

**021-026 ADOPT AGENDA** Mrs. Shaw motioned to adopt the agenda as presented by the superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**Personnel Concerns**

Mrs. Spriggs addressed the Board regarding mowing services. Currently mowing is performed by OAPSE employees and the Board is exploring the costs associated with contracting mowing services. Mrs. Spriggs stated that mowing is and has always been OAPSE work and if the Board contracts for the service, she will file a grievance.

**21-027 TREASURER ITEMS BY CONSENT** Mr. Smith motioned to approve the following items by consent:

1. Approve a resolution accepting the tax rates and amounts as determined by the budget commission
2. Minutes of February 2021
3. Financial reports for February 2021
4. Payment of bills for February 2021

Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-028 SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS BY CONSENT** Mr. Fuller motioned to approve the following items by consent:

1. Resignation – Lacrissa Gillenwater – girls’ assistant soccer coach
2. Employ – Jason Taylor – interim varsity girls’ basketball coach
3. Approve Robyn Brewster unpaid leave of absence for the 21-22 school year
4. Approve a list of supplemental contracts
5. Approve student transportation contracts

Seconded by Mrs. Shaw, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-029 EMPLOY SUPPLEMENTALS** Mr. Fuller motioned to employ the following:

- Ally Shaw – PHS Envirothon
- Ally Shaw – Varsity Girls’ Track
- Abby Toohey – Junior High Girls’ Track

Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw ABSTAIN, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

## **Administrator Reports**

Mr. Roberts reported that the district is developing its extended learning plan and has requested parent input through a survey on the school website.

Mr. Hairston provided an update on Zahns Middle School. The district is working with an architect to provide preliminary cost estimates in the event that a deal is reached for a new school building.

**21-030 SCHOOL CALENDAR** Mr. Fuller motioned to approve the school calendar for the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-031 EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mrs. Shaw motioned to enter into executive session to consider the employment and discipline of public employees. Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

Upon return to open session:

**21-032 OPEN SESSION** Mr. Smith motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Fuller, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-033 CALAMITY DAYS/COVID ABSENCES** Mr. Smith motioned to forgive 3.5 calamity days for staff and to extend the provision for 10 Covid sick days through March 31, 2021. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-034 TESTING RESOLUTION** Mrs. Shaw motioned to approve the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO WAIVE ALL STATE MANDATED STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, REQUEST A WAIVER FROM STATE MANDATED TESTING FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DECLARE THE SCIOTO VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILLS 67 AND 40, WHICH WOULD FULFILL BOTH REQUESTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Scioto Valley Local School District to deliver the educational programs and services to the school children of the Scioto Valley Local School District, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board are elected by the Scioto Valley Local school community to ensure that students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged, and

WHEREAS, the elected board of education is responsible to the community including taxpayers, parents and other patrons, as well as the state, and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio requires annual, statewide standardized testing in accordance with federal mandates, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created instructional challenges and forced educators to quickly adapt to new practices during the 2020-2021 school year, and

WHEREAS, the administration of standardized tests may create additional, unnecessary health risks to students and District staff, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio waived standardized testing last Spring when learning was disrupted for less than half of the academic year, and

WHEREAS, the Scioto Valley Local School District and its educators already perform formative testing on every District student – tests that during a pandemic are far more helpful and accurate in addressing student need, and

WHEREAS, the results of the statewide, mandated standardized testing won't be known until after the school year is ended and will be of no help to District students or the District's need to potentially address any disrupted learning opportunities District students may face, and

WHEREAS, the education professionals in the Scioto Valley Local School District are best able to assess those COVID-19 related needs better than an out-of-state standardized test developer, and

WHEREAS, the Scioto Valley Local School District and its educators are committed to ensuring every District student is able to succeed, and

WHEREAS, the worst introduction to in-person instruction this Board can imagine would be a battery of biased standardized tests given to students that will be useless in determining what those students need to learn academically, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCIOTO VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:**

**SECTION ONE:**

The Board of Education urges the State of Ohio to not require the spring 2021 statewide standardized assessments to be given and the Ohio Department of Education to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver from federal standardized testing requirements. And the Board fully supports House Bills 67 and 40, which would do exactly those two things.

**SECTION TWO:**

The Scioto Valley Local School Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board and any deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION THREE:**

The Board declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Scioto Valley Local School District. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ths) of the members elected or appointed to the Board, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

Seconded by Mr. Smith, and upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.

**21-035 ADJOURN** Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw, and on a roll call vote: Mr. Cutler YEA, Mr. Fuller YEA, Mrs. Shaw YEA, Mr. Smith YEA, and Mr. Wooldridge YEA.