

LORDSTOWN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Minutes
December 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Time: **6:01 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Catlin, Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Click Absent

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Supplementals
2. Use of the garage for LTA fundraiser
3. January Organizational Meeting
4. Resolution to express opposition to the passage of HB 290
5. Resolution to purchase from school bus bids
6. Hiring of substitute custodians

21-1201 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by **Mrs. Woodward**, seconded by **Mrs. Reid**, to adjourn the work session

Time: **6:10 P.M.**

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mr. Catlin Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried 4-0**

TREASURER

BOARD PRESIDENT

LORDSTOWN LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Time: **6:12 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Catlin, Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Click Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS(Board Members/Administrators):

- A. Mr. Rich Zigarovich, Elementary Principal
- B. Mr. Jim Vivo, High School Principal

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Board and Board President reserves the right to set limits on time, use discretionary powers, waive or strictly adhere to Board adopted policy on public participation).

NONE

21-1202 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by **Mrs. Reid** Seconded by **Mrs. Woodward** motion to approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lordstown Local Board of Education approves the following consensus resolution items:

TREASURER'S REPORTS

A. Recommend the Board approve the following minutes:

- November 17, 2021 Work Session/Regular Meeting

B. Recommend the Board approve the financial reports for November 2021

C. Recommend the Board approve the Alternate Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2022

D. Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

- \$200.00 from Anderson Dubose for Camp Fitch

- \$1,000.00 from Lordstown Motors for the 5K race

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- E. Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year, which shall become effective upon satisfactory completion of required criminal records checks and fulfillment of the requirements in O.R.C. 3319.303 and O.R.C. 3313.53 to coach, supervise or direct a pupil-activity program

At Negotiated Supplemental Contract Rate

1. Jim Canacci- Drama Club Advisor, High School

- F. Recommend the Board approve the use of the garage for the LTA Garage Sale fundraiser that was held on Saturday, December 4, 2021

- G. Recommend the Board approve the following date and time for the Board's January Organizational Meeting:

- **January 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

- H. Recommend the Board appoint a President Pro-Tempore to perform the duties of Board President at the Organizational Meeting; appointment terminates automatically upon the Board's election of a President for the year 2022

- I. Recommend the Board Recommend the Board approve the following individuals as substitute employees for the 2021-2022 school year as designated and as needed, pending BCII/FBI background checks. Compensation will be as approved by the Board

Name	Substitute Area
Tobias Simmonds	Custodian
Tristan Higginbotham	Custodian

- J. Recommend the Board rescind the contract of Shelby Fetterolf, assistant High School Cheerleading Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year, effective immediately

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mr. Catlin Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried 4-0**

*Note: The following items should not be part of a Consensus Agenda –
Suspend or remove business manager for cause
Re-employ teacher not recommended by superintendent
Reject a recommendation that a teacher eligible for continuing status be re-employed *
Transfer funds in certain cases
Levy a tax outside 10 mill limitation (not emergency)

BUSINESS

- 21-1203** A. Moved by **Mrs. Woodward** seconded by **Mr. Catlin** motion to approve the following resolution:

**LORDSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 21-1203
RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF HB 290**

WHEREAS, House Bill 290 has been introduced to the House of Representatives of the Ohio General Assembly and has been subsequently referred to the House Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, HB 290, also referred to as the “backpack Bill”, purports “To express the intent of the General Assembly to establish a school funding formula that allows families to choose the option for all computed funding amounts associated with students’ education to follow them to the public and nonpublic schools they attend”; and

WHEREAS, the bill would divert public tax dollars away from public schools to charter schools as well as private schools, which are not accountable to the taxpayer of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the bill ostensibly would provide a subsidy for parents whose children are already enrolled in private schools; and

WHEREAS, evaluations of voucher systems in the past have determined that students who use such vouchers do not benefit from improved learning outcomes compared to similarly situated students attending public schools; and

WHEREAS, charter and private schools in Ohio are not subject to a plethora of laws governing education standards and teacher qualifications among other matters in public schools, and may not be held to the same standards for protecting against religious and disability discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution provides in part that “The General Assembly shall make such provisions, by taxation, or otherwise, as, with the income arising from the school trust fund, will secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state.”; and

WHEREAS, THE Ohio Supreme Court was held that the Ohio Constitution “calls for the up building of a system of schools throughout the state”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that directly funding students does not constitute the funding of a system of schools as required by the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for every child diverted to a charter or nonpublic school through a voucher program, the public school district does not achieve a savings as it still has the same number of staff, buildings, and infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS, because nearly all Ohio districts receive less state funds per pupil than their pupil deductions for charter students, public schools must effectively divert local tax dollars that have been approved by local taxpayers for a particular purpose for school operations. Universal vouchers would only exacerbate this inequality by also diverting local tax dollars to private schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that every child has a fundamental right to a high-quality public education and that this should be the focus of the General Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lordstown School District Board of Education as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Education hereby states its opposition to the enactment of HB 290 or any other legislation which purports to institute a universal voucher system in Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer to forward a copy of this resolution to the District's representatives in the House, Mike Loychik and Sandra O'Brien, and Senate, Michael J. O'Brien, as well as Governor Mike DeWine, and the Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction, Stephanie K. Siddens, Ph. D.

SECTION 3. The Board believes that the public school districts of the State of Ohio must together express their common opposition to this Bill and any similar legislation introduced in the future and therefore encourages other districts in Ohio to adopt a similar resolution of opposition.

SECTION 4. The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education; and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any which result in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mrs. Woodward moved and **Mr. Catlin** seconded the motion that the above Resolution be adopted.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Catlin Yes. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried 4-0**

12-1204 B. Moved by **Mr. Catlin** seconded by **Mrs. Reid** motion to approve the following resolution:

**LORDSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM SCHOOL BUS BIDS
RECEIVED BY OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Lordstown School District is a member of the Ohio Schools Council (OSC). On, November 1, 2021, the Ohio Schools Council received bids for school buses on behalf of its members. The Lordstown Local Schools Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1)- seventy-two passenger Conventional school bus chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lordstown Local Schools Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1) - seventy-two passenger Conventional school bus chassis and bodies from the bids received through the Ohio School Council on November 1, 2021

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Catlin Yes, Mrs. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried 4-0**

21-1205 EXECUTIVE SESSION – O.R.C. 121.22 As needed:

Mrs. Reid moved, **Mr. Catlin** seconded, that the Board go into Executive Session at **6:37 P.M.** and that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, as a public Board of Education may hold an executive session only after a majority of the quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the checked marked items with respect to a public employee of official:

- 1. _____ Appointment
- 2. **X** Employment
- 3. _____ Dismissal
- 4. _____ Discipline
- 5. _____ Promotion
- 6. _____ Demotion
- 7. _____ Compensation
- 8. _____ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)

B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action

D. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes

F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lordstown Local Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on item **A** as listed above.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mr. Catlin Yes, Mrs. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried 4-0**

ORC 102.03B

No present or former public official or employee shall disclose or use, without appropriate authorization, any information acquired by the public official or employee in the course of the public official's or employee's official duties that is confidential because of statutory provisions, or that has been clearly designated to the public official or employee as confidential when that confidential designation is warranted because of the status of the proceedings or the circumstances under which the information was received and preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of government business.

Reconvened by the Board President at: **7:23 P.M.** with **4** Board Members present.

21-1206 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Woodward moved and **Mr. Catlin** seconded to adjourn the meeting

Time: 7:23 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Woodward Yes, Mr. Catlin Yes, Mrs. Kistler Yes, Mrs. Reid Yes, Mrs. Click Absent
President declared **motion carried**

TREASURER

BOARD PRESIDENT