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Franklin Local School District Board of Education

January 3, 2024

Opening Report

The Franklin Local Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Central Office. All members were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:
None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:
Spotlight on Students and Staff:

Mr. Cottrill read a proclamation to recognize January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month in the Franklin Local School District and encouraged staff members and citizens to publicly and privately thank our school members for their dedicated service to our children. He presented pictures and cards as well as certificates of appreciation from the Ohio School Boards Association to Board members.

The Board recognized and thanked Jim Swingle for serving as Franklin Local School District Board President in 2023.

Superintendent Kacey Cottrill and Board of Education members recognized and presented Certificates of Accomplishment and Philo Electric Pride Pins to a list of students and Coaches who received post-season honors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None.

BOARD GOALS:

Clear and Concise Communication Within the Community and School.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the monthly financial reports and lists of bills paid for December 2023.

The Board waived the reading and approved the minutes from the December 21, 2023 regular meeting.

The Board approved acceptance for Academic Awards and Donations.

Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel

Resignations:

The Board approved to rescind Troy Dawson's (PHS Principal) resignation due to retirement, effective June 13, 2024.

The Board approved Troy Dawson's (PHS Principal) resignation due to retirement, effective June 30, 2024.

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Hires:

The Board approved the transfer of Marree Bendgen (FLCS Math Teacher) to PJHS STEM Teacher, pending proper certification, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Kaitlin Deal (FLCS Science Teacher) to PJHS VoAg Teacher, pending proper certification, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Brianna Pasco (FLCS Intervention Specialist) to PJHS Intervention Specialist, pending proper certification, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board approved a one-year contract for Tomi Starcher as the PJHS MD Teacher, pending proper certifications, effective the 2024-2025 school year.

The Board approved the following for classified sub positions, as noted, pending satisfactory completion of backgrounds and required certifications (including bus/van training and driving):

Natosha Sowers, Aide

The Board approved the transfer of Mafi Gill (PHS Aide/Secretary) to contracted Aide at DFE, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board approved advertising for bids and subsequent purchase of one or more 77-passenger buses.

The Board approved the updates to Policy 9.12-Expense Reimbursement.

SUPERINTENDENT OTHER:

Board Member Marc Carpenter asked about the Franklin Local Community School building. Superintendent Kacey Cottrill discussed with the Board of Education the process of auctioning off the building and how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Kyle Trout discussed the Mid-East monthly report and how we should proceed.

Assistant Superintendent Rob Preston provided information on the maintenance of facilities including buildings being used for community activities, buses and winter activities.


Board Member Josh Baker asked about different shared services and if the District has ever researched that topic.

OTHER:

The next monthly Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office.



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(Contact: Supt. Kacey Cottrill, 674-5203)

Franklin Local Board Holds Annual Organizational Meeting

The Franklin Local Board of Education held its annual Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office. Roll call was taken. All members were present.

The Oath of Office was given to elected Board Members Josh Baker and Chris Hamill.

Kyle Trout was elected Board President and Marc Carpenter was elected Vice President for the calendar year 2024.

The Board approved the following list of procedures:

- Established order of roll call which will be alphabetically with the President last.
- Set the 2024 Regular Board Meetings for 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month (except August which will be August 22nd) at the Central Office. Meeting dates and times may change as needed due to schedule conflicts.
- Selected seating arrangements.
- Appointed the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent (in the absence of the Superintendent) as purchasing agents.
- The Board authorized the Treasurer to pay all bills, which are within appropriations, and report monthly to the Board of Education.
- The Board established a Board Service Fund for calendar year 2024 as provided by Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- The Board certified the number of students for the purpose of establishing a Service Fund for calendar year 2024 (current district enrollment 1,924 students).
- Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to secure cash advances from the County Auditor as needed.
- Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to invest interim funds when available and to report those investments monthly to the Board.

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- Authorized the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as is needed for emergency situations. Such employments are to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- Authorized the Superintendent, during periods when the Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of the Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by the Board; provided however, that upon ratification by the Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy for calendar year 2024.
- Authorized the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board, provided however that upon ratification by this Board such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- Appointed the Treasurer, as designee, to receive the required three hours of Public Records training for current term Board of Education members.
- Authorized building principals, or designees, to contract inter-scholastic athletic contracts for their students.
- Authorized the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, to contract officials for athletic contests.
- Approved *The Times Recorder* as the official district newspaper.
- Approved the law firms of Bricker Graydon LLP, Pepple & Waggoner; and Scott Scriven LLP as legal counsel for school law matters, as needed by the Board of Education and administration.
- Approved mileage reimbursement at the current IRS adopted rate for the calendar year.
- Authorized the Superintendent to approve all professional meetings and field trips and associated activities, as per Board of Education policy.
- Appointed Marc Carpenter as the Health Insurance Committee Member
- Appointed Jim Swingle as the Legislative Liaison
- Appointed Josh Baker and Chris Hamill as Levy Committee Members
- Appointed Kyle Trout to District Calendar Committee
- Appointed Jim Swingle and Kyle Trout as Negotiation Committee Members
- Appointed Josh Baker and Chris Hamill to Policy Committee
- Appointed Chris Hamill as the Student Achievement Liaison

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- Appointed Marc Carpenter and Jim Swingle to Wall of Honor Committee
- Appointed Susan Lent Vocational Board Member
- Appointed Chris Hamill as Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) member

The organizational meeting was adjourned. Upon that adjournment, the Board moved into the regular monthly meeting.