

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING OF THE ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD PLACE
BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JANUARY 11, 2021**

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education held the Budget Hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, followed by the Organizational Meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, 105 Washington Avenue, St. Bernard, Ohio 45217. The meeting was called to order by the President *pro tempore*, Mr. Marc Fleak and opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Linda Radtke, Marc Fleak, Dr. Jason McMullan, and Micki Spears

Absent: Tinette Underwood

Also present: Dr. Mimi Webb, Bruce Helwagen, and Nick Hendricks

Visitors (who signed in): None

21-1 Election of President

Mrs. Spears called for nominations for President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Spears made a motion to nominate Mrs. Radtke, seconded by Dr. McMullan. There being no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken to elect Mrs. Radtke as President.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

Abstain – Mrs. Radtke

Mrs. Radtke was elected as President of the Board of Education and assumed the chair.

21-2 Election of Vice President

Mrs. Radtke called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Fleak made a motion to nominate Mrs. Spears, seconded by Dr. McMullan. There being no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken to elect Mrs. Spears as Vice President.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Radtke

Absent - Mrs. Underwood

Abstain – Mrs. Spears

Mrs. Spears was elected as Vice President of the Board of Education.

21-3 Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2021

Mr. Fleak made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required to establish dates, times, and locations of its regular Board meetings, and

WHEREAS, changes or additional meetings may be made if determined necessary in addition to special meetings as provided for in Ohio Revised Code 3313.16 and governed by Ohio Revised Code 121.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.15, the Board of Education shall hold its regular meetings for 2021 in the Board Room at 5:45 p.m.

January 28	July 26
February 22	August 23
March 22	September 27
April 26	October 25
May 24	November 22
June 28	December 13

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-4 Set Treasurer and Board President Bond

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears, to set the performance bond for the Treasurer in the amount of \$35,000, and for the Board President in the amount of \$20,000.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-5 Payment of District Bills

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, that the Treasurer 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.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-6 Adoption of Modified 2021-2022 Tax Budget as Presented at Budget Hearing

Mr. Fleak made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Spears to adopt the tax budget for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented at the budget hearing.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-7 Authorization of Fund Signature

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, that the Treasurer be signatory as required for the disbursement of district funds.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-8 Appointment of Purchasing Agent

Mrs. Spears made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of supplies, equipment, and services is centralized in the Superintendent's office and through whose offices all purchasing transactions are conducted, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is authorized to employ legal, consultant, and contracted services during the year and until the organizational meeting of 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.47 and Ohio Revised Code 3319.01, the Board assigns the Superintendent the responsibility for the quantity and quality of purchases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.47 and Ohio Revised Code 5705.41, the Superintendent or his/her designee is hereby designated purchasing agent and authorized to approve purchases within the appropriate amounts insofar as such purposes are consistent with the approved educational goals and programs of the district.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-9 Service Fund

Mrs. Spears made a motion, seconded by Dr. McMullan, to establish a service fund in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3315.15, for members of the Board of Education or their designated representatives to attend professional meetings or conferences in performance of their duties as representatives of the school district and that this be set at \$5,000.00 (Ohio Revised Code 3315.15 permits Boards of Education to appropriate \$2.00 per child or \$20,000, to establish a service fund). The Treasurer will monitor expenses and report to the Board of Education.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent – Mrs. Underwood

21-10 New Business

Mrs. Spears made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to approve the following:

Authorization for Treasurer to Invest Interim Funds

Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever interim funds are available. Said funds are to be invested only with financial institutions which have complied with collateralization requirements set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

Authorization for Superintendent to Employ Temporary Personnel in Order to Cover Emergency Situations

WHEREAS, it may become necessary to employ personnel for emergency or unexpected situations on a short term, casual, per diem/hourly basis; and

WHEREAS, it may be inefficient to call a special board meeting to employ such persons and/or not in the best interest of the district to wait until such time that the Board might meet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to employ such certificated and classified personnel as needed, as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3313.47; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3313.47 the Superintendent shall present such employment recommendations to the Board at the next regular meeting for formal action.

Authorization for Superintendent and Treasurer to Attend Essential and Beneficial Meetings

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to attend meetings that are considered essential or beneficial in carrying out their responsibilities.

Authorization to Pay Expenses for Board Related Meetings

Authorize payment of expenses (i.e. meals, registration, and mileage) incurred by Board members at various related meetings held throughout the year. The Treasurer will monitor expenses and report to the Board of Education.

Authorization to Compensate Board of Education Members for Approved Training Programs

WHEREAS, Section 3313.12 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that a board of education of any school district may provide by resolution compensation of its members for attendance at approved training programs in an amount not to exceed \$60.00 per day for training programs three hours or less in length and \$125.00 per day for training programs longer than three hours in length; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to set compensation levels for its members for attendance at approved training programs pursuant to Section 3313.12 of the Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that the compensation of Board of Education members for attendance at approved training programs be set at \$60.00 per day for training programs three hours or less in length and \$125.00 per day for training programs longer than three hours in length;

Section 2. A request for compensation for attendance at an approved training program shall be at the discretion of each Board Member. In order to receive compensation, the training program must be approved by the Board as a professional conference, and the Board Member seeking payment shall present to the Treasurer a request for compensation.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent - Mrs. Underwood

Liaison Appointments

The following appointments were made:

Curriculum Council Liason – Mrs. Spears

Student Achievement & Student Affairs Liaison – Mr. Fleak

Education Hall of Fame Committee Liaisons – Mr. Fleak & Mrs. Underwood

Alumni Association Liaison – Mr. Fleak & Mrs. Spears

Great Oaks Institute of Technology & Career Development Liaison - Micki Spears

Legislative Liaison – Dr. McMullan

Tax Incentive Review Council Member – Mr. Hendricks

Finance Advisors – Dr. McMullan & Mrs. Radtke

Audit Liaisons – Mrs. Radtke & Mrs. Spears

Business Liaison – Mrs. Underwood

Transition Planning Group – Dr. McMullan and Mrs. Underwood

21-11 Adjournment

Mrs. Spears made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes – Mrs. Radtke, Mr. Fleak, Dr. McMullan, and Mrs. Spears

Absent - Mrs. Underwood

The Records Retention Commission met immediately after the Board meeting. Commission consists of Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer.

Minutes approved by the Board of Education: _____

Treasurer Date

Board President Date