

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD  
PLACE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JANUARY 27, 2020**

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, 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 President Linda Radtke and opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Linda Radtke, Marc Fleak, Dr. Jason McMullan, and Tinette Underwood

Absent: Micki Spears

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

Visitors (who signed in): None

Public Participation

None

20-18 Motion to Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 16, 2019, Minutes of the Budget Hearing and Organizational Meeting on January 6, 2020, and Minutes of the Special Emergency Board Meeting on January 10, 2020

Mrs. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Dr. McMullan, to approve minutes of Regular Meeting on December 16, 2019, minutes of the Budget Hearing and Organizational Meeting on January 6, 2020, and minutes of the Special Emergency Board Meeting on January 10, 2020.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent – Mrs. Spears

20-19 Financial Report and Report of the Treasurer

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

Financial Report for December 2019

Investments for December 2019

Investments - General

Star Ohio	\$ 12,582,229.66
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Investment Interest - General

Star Ohio - General	19,682.36
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US Bank	69.10
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5/3 Bank	1,918.49
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Investments – Building Project

Star Ohio Bond Retirement	138,685.05
Star Ohio LFI	6,717,679.65
Star Ohio Local Share	5,525,264.71
Star Ohio State Share	3,685,894.13

Investment Interest – Building Project

Star Ohio Bond Retirement	217.15
Star Ohio LFI	10,519.05
Star Ohio Local Share	8,648.08
Star Ohio State Share	5,702.90

<u>Donations: Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>School/Club</u>
Lisa Vanderbilt	200.00	007 9076	Tina Siegel Scholarship
TLR Chili LLC	1,000.00	018 9011	HS Principal's Fund
Titan Fan Club	1,074.19	300 9301	Athletics
Barge Family	1,200.00	007 9075	Harold & June Barge Scholarship

Invoices with Then and Now Certificates in Excess of \$3,000 or Invoices More than 31 Days older than the Purchase Order as Presented

Bureau of Workers Compensation	\$24,930.00
Walmart	642.59

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Revise mileage reimbursement to the IRS standard mileage rate of 57.5 cents per mile for all business miles driven, effective January 1, 2020

Ohio School Boards Association Membership

Continuation of membership in the Ohio School Boards Association, the Briefcase subscription, the School Management News subscription, the Legal Assistance Fund, and the Policy Service Update

Comprehensive Insurance Policy

Approval of the comprehensive insurance policy with Trident/Argonaut Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2021 (This policy provides coverage for the district's buildings, contents, and vehicles.)

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

20-20 Employment

Mrs. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to approve the following for employment as listed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

Dana Moore, Paraprofessional, Step 1, effective January 6, 2020

Katy Cornelius, Home Instruction Tutor, effective December 4, 2019

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent – Mrs. Spears

20-21 Continuation of Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to continue Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School year.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent – Mrs. Spears

20-22 Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program

Mrs. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Dr. McMullan, to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which dramatically increases the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense with no available research or accountability to support its positive effects, and

Whereas, such vouchers will be made available to families based on the district’s local report card that continues to evolve and whose determining data set for this most recent expansion is five years old and in many instances inaccurately and unfairly designates a school as “failing,” and

Whereas, the expansion of the EdChoice Scholarship Program had fewer than 300 eligible school buildings in 2018-2019 and will be expanded to nearly 1200 school buildings in 2020-2021, including many high performing school districts who regularly meet and exceed district report card expectations, and

Whereas, a school district’s state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

Whereas, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

Whereas, there is no accountability system or testing standards in place for public tax dollars being used at private/parochial schools so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

Whereas, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools and EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

Whereas, this Board supports a family's choice to seek a private/parochial school experience for their child and partners with local private schools by providing transportation and ancillary services to ensure quality learning opportunities for all St. Bernard-Elmwood Place students.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for all children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

Be it further resolved that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers, or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

Be it further resolved that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Governor of the State of Ohio.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### 20-23 Records Retention Procedures

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to approve the Records Retention Procedures according to the Ohio History Connection School Recommended Retention Schedule.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

20-24 Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association  
Mrs. Underwood made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleak, to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for schools under its jurisdiction. Schools eligible for membership are those that include one or more grades at the 7-12 level. It is agreed that these schools will conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations, and Decisions of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. This resolution shall remain in effect for the school year 2020-2021.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

20-25 Appointment to DART and Heritage Ohio Committee

Dr. McMullan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, to appoint the Board Treasurer as the representative for the Downtown Assessment Resource Team and Heritage Ohio Committee.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

20-26 2020-2021 School Calendar

Mr. Fleak made a motion, seconded by Dr. McMullan, to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Miscellaneous - Liaison Reports

1. Curriculum Council Liaison – Micki Spears (absent)
2. Student Achievement & Student Affairs Liaisons – Marc Fleak
3. Education Hall of Fame Committee Liaisons – Marc Fleak and Tinette Underwood
4. Alumni Association – Marc Fleak and Micki Spears (absent)
5. Great Oaks Institute of Technology & Career Liaison – Micki Spears (absent)
6. Legislative Liaison – Dr. Jason McMullan
7. Business Liaison – Tinette Underwood
8. President’s Report – Linda Radtke
9. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Mimi Webb
10. Building Project Update – Bruce Helwagen
11. Strategic Planning – Dr. Jason McMullan and Tinette Underwood

20-27 Adjournment

Mr. Fleak made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Underwood, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent – Mrs. Spears

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

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Treasurer Date

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Board President Date