

BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are *not* the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: January 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Utica Senior High School

The meeting in January has two components, organizational and regular meetings. The organizational meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the oath of office for new board members. Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. Paxton were sworn in and took their seats.

Nominations for board president were taken and Mrs. Cooperider was elected to serve as the board president. Nominations for board vice-president were also taken and Dr. Krueger was elected to serve.

The organizational meeting then conducted standing authorizations. These are resolutions to give the superintendent and treasurer the right to conduct district business. These authorizations also establish a board service fund, set up the official newspaper, and establish all meeting dates and times for all committees and board meetings.

Committees were established and members were selected for each: Legislative liaison is Mrs. Cooperider and Mrs. Bruce. The student achievement liaison is Mrs. Cooperider. Buildings and Grounds are Dr. Krueger, Mrs. Paxton. The communications committee are Mrs. Cooperider, and Mrs. Bruce. Finance committee includes Dr. Krueger and Mrs. Atherton.

The Regular meeting was conducted immediately after the organizational meeting, starting at 6:10 p.m. The board was recognized for School Board Recognition month. The board then heard the Superintendent's reports and took a walking tour to see the new touch wall screens in the high school. After the tour the board heard about all of the new school safety initiatives that will be starting to be installed. One particular was the badge/visitor system in each building.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were staffing resolutions concerning the resignation of Mr. Weber as track coach, and the hiring of Josh Scarberry in food service. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for payment of bills and purchase orders. They also approved OSBA membership, and legal fund consulting from OSBA.

In other board action, a resolution to authorize the treasurer to secure tax advances from the county auditor was also discussed and approved. An overnight trip for girls' volleyball going to Sandusky, Ohio to participate in the Spiketacular was approved. FMLA request from a staff member was approved and an unpaid leave of absence. The last item the board approved was an amendment for Environmental Design for the cost of \$1,956.

There were no instructions for either the superintendent or treasurer prior to the meeting being concluded at 6:41 p.m. The next regular meeting is February 12, 2024, at Utica Middle School starting at 6:00 p.m. The planning meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in room 106 of the high school.