

The Eastern Local Board of Education met in organizational/regular session on January 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present:

J. Edmund McVey
Adam W. Bolender
Deborah L. Forsythe
Lowell S. Richey
Kristi Kress Wilhelmy

Approval of Agenda as Amended, Res. No. 1-24

Mrs. Forsythe moved and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes

President, Res. No. 2-24

Mr. Richey made a motion to appoint Mr. Edmund McVey for President of the Board of Education for 2024. Mr. Bolender seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes

Mr. McVey is elected President of the Eastern Local School Board of Education for calendar year 2024

Vice-President, Res. No. 3-24

Mr. Richey made a motion to appoint Mr. Adam W. Bolender for Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2024. Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes

Mr. Bolender is elected the Vice-President of the Eastern Local Board of Education for calendar year 2024.

2024 Meeting Schedule, Res. No. 4-24

Mrs. Forsythe moved and Mr. Bolender seconded the motion to approve the regular meetings of the Eastern Local Board of Education be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. for calendar year 2024. Meetings will be held in the conference room at the administrative office of the Board of Education.

Roll Call: All yes

Minutes and Financial Reports, Res. No. 5-24

Mrs. Wilhelmy moved and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2023 and to approve the financial reports for the month ended December 31, 2023.

Roll Call: Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes

Hearing of the public – Mr. Bill Rowland requested a signature and Mr. Michael signed the form for the listing of items to be sold at the FFA Equipment auction. Concerned parent, James Smith, shared regarding a personnel matter.

CTC report – None

Legislative report – Mr. Michael shared that the working group behind the Fair School Funding Plan has formed a nonprofit group in an effort to provide a “permanent fix” for K-12 school funding.

Principal report – Mr. Drew Montgomery presented information about the activities and progress being made at the Sardinia Elementary.

Authorize the Treasurer to Invest all Board Funds, Secure Tax Advances, To Pay Bills Within Limitation of Appropriations, Make Fund-to-Fund Advances and authorize Board Member Expenses for Calendar Year 2024, Res. No. 6-24

Mrs. Forsythe moved and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to authorize the following five agenda items:

- 1) Authorize the Treasurer to invest all board funds, as they are available for the year calendar year 2024.
- 2) Authorize the Treasurer to secure tax advances during the calendar year 2024 from the Brown County Auditor.
- 3) Authorize the Treasurer to pay all accounts due and payable from any fund of the Board that has been obligated by the purchasing agent and the Treasurer within the limitation of appropriations for calendar year 2024.
- 4) Authorize the Treasurer to make fund-to-fund advances, advance returns and transfers as needed throughout the year with Board ratification as part of the financial reports at the next regular meeting.
- 5) Authorize the Treasurer to make payment for board member expenses for conferences, training and other board related expenses.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes

Adopt 2024-2025 Tax Budget, Res. No. 7-24

Mrs. Forsythe made motion and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to adopt the 2024-2025 Tax Budget as presented and to file said budget with the Brown County Budget Commission.

Roll Call: Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes

2024 OSBA Membership, Res. No. 8-24

Mr. Bolender moved and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to renew the OSBA membership at a cost of \$5,093 for calendar year 2024.

Roll Call: Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes

Mr. Michael shared highlights from the district newsletter concerning recent activities and successes from each building.

Mr. Michael presented certificates of recognition to the Board for their service to the District.

Mr. Michael shared that the district will receive AED's through a donation from CINTAS. There will be one for each of the elementary buildings. These will be available for outside / recreational/sports activities.

Mr. Michael reported that the contract with Perkins Carmack for the Russellville Construction project is scheduled to be signed on Friday.

Designate the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent and Authorize the Superintendent to Employ Personnel in Emergencies, Res. No. 9-24

Mr. Bolender moved and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve the following agenda items:

- 1) Designate the Superintendent as the purchasing agent for the Board of Education for calendar year 2024.
- 2) Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel in an emergency situation during calendar year 2024.

Roll Call: Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes

Authorize Membership in OHSAA for the 2024-2025 School Year, Res. No. 10-24

Mrs. Forsythe moved and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to authorize membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: All yes

Approve Field Trip Requests, Res. No. 11-24

Mr. Bolender made a motion and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to approve the field trip requests as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolender, yes
Mrs. Forsythe, yes
Mr. McVey, yes
Mr. Richey, yes
Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes

Mr. Richey moved and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student.

Roll Call: All yes

Executive Session: Time 7:38 P.M.

Present:

Board Members: Mr. McVey, Mr. Bolender, Mrs. Forsythe, Mr. Richey and Mrs. Wilhelmy

Superintendent: Mr. Michael

Treasurer: Mr. Kendall

Others: Mr. Guy Hopkins

Purpose: Listed in the motion above

Resume regular session. Time 9:58 P.M.

Approval of Certified Contracts, Res. No. 12-24

Mr. Bolender made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to grant the following long-term subs certified contracts for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by Superintendent Michael per specifications.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Olivia Balon	Art Teacher	1 Year	Per Schedule
Melissa Eldridge	Intervention Specialist	1 Year	Per Schedule

Roll Call: Mr. Richey, yes
Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
Mr. Bolender, yes
Mrs. Forsythe, yes
Mr. McVey, yes

Approve Long-term Subs for Second Semester of School Year, Res. No. 13-24

Mr. Bolender made a motion and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to approve Sarah Boshears (RES 4th grade ELA/Social Studies) and Henry Burwinkle (SES 4th/5th grade Science) as long-term substitute teachers for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Mr. McVey, yes
Mr. Richey, yes
Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
Mr. Bolender, yes
Mrs. Forsythe, yes

Approve Certified Transfer for the 24-25 School Year, Res. No 14-24

Mrs. Forsythe made a motion and Mrs. Wilhelmy seconded the motion to approve the transfer of EMS Intervention Specialist, Ashley Johnson, to the EHS Cross Categorical Unit for the 24-25 school year.

Roll Call: Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes
 Mr. Bolender, yes

Approve Classified Contract, Res. No. 15-24

Mr. Richey made a motion and Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion to approve a contract for Charles Lorentz as recommended by Mr. Michael (pending certification) as a bus driver.

Roll Call: Mr. Bolender, yes
 Mrs. Forsythe, yes
 Mr. McVey, yes
 Mr. Richey, yes
 Mrs. Wilhelmy, yes

Mr. Richey moved that the board adjourn. Mr. Bolender seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All yes

10:02 P.M. meeting adjourned.

President

Treasurer