

**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the  
Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board held  
Thursday, January 21, 2021, 4:30 p.m. virtual via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by the President Pro Tempore, Jeffery Good, at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Good led the Pledge to the Flag. This was followed by a moment of silence.

On roll call the following members were present: Marie Dockry, Atty. Kathi McNabb Welsh and Jeffery Good. Also in attendance: Traci Hostetler, Superintendent; Ryan Jones, Treasurer; Tyler Lewis, Assistant Treasurer.

A motion was made by Atty. Douglass, seconded by Atty. Welsh, to approve the agenda.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mrs. Dockry, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea; Mr. Good, yea. The President Pro Tempore declared the motion carried.

Marie Dockry nominated Kathi McNabb Welsh to serve as President of the Board.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mrs. Dockry, seconded by Atty. Welsh, to close nominations for President.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Atty. Welsh, yea; Mrs. Dockry, yea; Mr. Good, yea. The President Pro Tempore declared the motion carried.

The vote for President was as follows: Mrs. Dockry – Welsh; Atty. Welsh – Welsh; Mr. Good – Welsh. Atty. Welsh assumed the chair as President.

Mr. Richard Scarsella arrived at 4:43 p.m.

Atty. Welsh nominated Mr. Scarsella to serve as Vice President.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Atty. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Dockry, to close nominations for Vice President.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Scarsella, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea; Mrs. Dockry, yea; Mr. Good, yea. The President declared the motion carried.

The vote for Vice President was as follows: Mr. Good – Scarsella; Mrs. Dockry – Scarsella; Mr. Scarsella – Scarsella; Atty. Welsh – Scarsella.

The Treasurer administered the oath of office to the new President and Vice President who will then assume their duties.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dockry, seconded by Mr. Good, to establish the Governing Board's regular meeting schedule to be held as permissible per ORC and Governor's office regulations at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, 7320 N. Palmyra Rd., Canfield, OH on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mrs. Dockry, yea; Mr. Scarsella, yea; Mr. Good, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Good, seconded by Mrs. Dockry, to designate *The Vindicator* as published/produced by *The Tribune Chronical/Vindy*.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mrs. Dockry, yea; Mr. Scarsella, yea; Mr. Good, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea. The President declared the motion carried.

The MCECSC Governing Board appointed Marie Dockry as the Board's liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2021 calendar year, pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.87.

The MCECSC Governing Board appointed Atty. Ross Douglass as the Board's student achievement liaison to the Ohio School Board Association for the 2021 calendar year, pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.87.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dockry, seconded by Mr. Good, that the following items which appear in this portion of the agenda constitute that consent calendar and are hereby adopted by this one single motion; provided, however, that should any item included within this motion be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or illegal, all remaining items within this motion shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the status of the voided item.

A. Robert's Rules of Order

To adopt Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as the parliamentary procedure guidelines for meetings of the Board and of its committees.

B. Reaffirm Policies

To reaffirm that all Board policies in effect at the date of this meeting are continued in full force and effect unless modified by subsequent action of the Board, pursuant to ORC 3301-35-02.

C. Permit Payment of Purchases

To dispense with the adaption of individual, separate, monthly, or regular resolutions authorizing the purchase or sale of property (exempt real estate), the payment of debts or claims, and the salaries of the Superintendent, teachers or other employees; or approving warrants for the payment of any claim from school funds when provisions therefore are made in the annual appropriations resolution, pursuant to ORC 3313.18.

D. Permit Necessary Borrowing

To authorize the Treasurer and the President of the Board to borrow necessary money, including borrowing between funds on a temporary basis, prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, pursuant to the provisions of law.

E. Investment of Funds

To authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds not needed to meet current expenditures at the most productive interest rate, pursuant to ORC 135.14 and 135.142.

F. Substitute Securities

To authorize the Treasurer to request public depositories to substitute securities on a continuing basis, pursuant to ORC Chapter 135.

G. Legal Counsel

To authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to utilize the following law firms

- A. Means, Bichimer, Burholder & Baker
- B. Squire Patton Boggs
- C. Roth, Blair, Roberts, Strasfeld & Lodge
- D. Gingo & Bair
- E. Bricker & Eckler
- F. Pepple & Waggoner
- G. Eastman & Smith
- H. Roetzel & Address
- I. Ulmer & Berne
- J. Walter Haverfield

H. Board Member Compensation

To authorize compensation of the Board members at the rates and for the purposes authorized by ORC 3313.12.

I. Dispense with Reading Board Minutes

To waive the reading of the minutes of the Board, as authorized and governed by ORC 3313.26.

J. Authority to File Applications for Projects

To grant the Superintendent or designee authority to file applications for all projects considered desirable for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center.

K. Hiring Authority

To authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel and accept resignations between Board meetings, pursuant to ORC 3313.18, 3313.47 and 3319.01.

L. Services to Districts

Authorize the Superintendent to permit staff to provide services up to \$10,000 to other districts when requests are made between board meetings.

M. Service Contract Amendments

Authorize the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Superintendent to approve amendments to Governing Board approved district service contracts at the express direction of the service district.

N. Payroll and Invoices

Authorize the Treasurer to issue and sign checks to meet payroll and invoices in accordance with adopted appropriations.

O. Grant Applications

Authorize the Superintendent to submit any and all applications for local, state and federal programs and grants.

P. Professional Meetings

To permit the Board Members, Superintendent and Treasurer to attend necessary local, state and national meetings within available appropriations, pursuant to ORC 3313.18.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Scarsella, yea; Mr. Good, yea; Mrs. Dockry, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion made by Mrs. Dockry, seconded by Mr. Good, to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Good, yea; Mrs. Dockry, yea; Mr. Scarsella, yea; Atty. Welsh, yea. The President declared the motion carried.

The foregoing is a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board at its special meeting held Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom.

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President

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Treasurer

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Date