



Minutes of the of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.as an online meeting with BOE members joining virtually and shown remotely on YouTube at the following address:  
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**A. Opening Meeting**

Welcome to the livestreamed Regular Board Meeting of the Berea City School District on December 21, 2020

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The Board of Education is a decision-making group. The public may express sentiments to assist the members in making decisions, but time spent answering routine questions or criticisms takes time from the Board's business meeting. Questions about operation of the schools should be directed to your child's teacher or the administrator of the school. Items on the agenda normally include reports from the Board and/or from the Superintendent or his/her staff. These reports do not require formal Board action, but they are relevant to the operation of the schools. Action items on the agenda require formal action by the Board. These items are presented to the Board in motions by Board members, or in recommendations by the Superintendent. Routine business - For efficiency of operation, the Board condenses items of routine business into lists or schedules, and presents these for action as consent agenda items. Board members receive their meeting agendas on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. This provides the opportunity for Board members to review all agenda items and associated exhibits well before considering action.

**B. Regular Business**

Members present: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel  Roll Call B-1

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

President Ana Chapman called for the Pledge of Allegiance Pledge of Allegiance B-2

Farris moved and Dockman seconded that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020, Regular Board of Education Meeting as shown on the agenda Minutes Approval B-3

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel  Motion Carried **20-1221-1293**

None Board of Education Committee Reports B-4

Mrs. Farris thanked the people that sent cards to the Board members and said it was nice to be thought of this time of year. Board of Education Comments B-5

None Public Participation B-6

Dockman moved and Farris seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education appoint Neal Postel to serve as President Pro-Tempore for the January 11, 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Resolution to Select  
President Pro-Tempore  
for the Annual  
Organizational Meeting  
B-7  
**20-1221-1294**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

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Farris moved and Postel seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the date of Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at Grindstone Elementary School 191 Race St, Berea/Possible virtual for the Tax Budget Hearing.

Tax Budget Hearing  
B-8  
**20-1221-1295**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

### C. Superintendent Recommendations

Mrs. Wheeler discussed the food distribution that was funded with CARES money. Two different distributions went on today and some deliveries will happen tomorrow. It was a success with a lot of families taking advantage of the distribution.

Superintendent's  
Recommendations  
C-1

Mrs. Wheeler recommended to the Board that remote learning be extended for one week after winter break until January 11, 2021 for all students. This would give an additional week to mitigate the spread as a result of the winter holidays. Mrs. Wheeler shared some information from the CCBH in regards to cases and positivity rates. This is the first time since October 2, 2020 that we actually saw a decrease in the positivity rate. There hope is that this trend continues. The plan when returning on January 11<sup>th</sup> would be to return to hybrid days for the secondary students and the Preschool through Grade 5 would return on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. This would allow staff members at those buildings to have a day to prepare for the return of those students. Mrs. Wheeler shared a document with the Board showing what other area districts return plans are and the vast majority of districts in the area are planning for that extra week of remote learning. Mr. Dockman asked if there was a positivity rate percentage that Mrs. Wheeler would feel comfortable with bringing all students back on January 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Wheeler explained that the reason we went back to remote learning was because of the high number of staff that were out. The positivity rate and the amount of staff that are out go hand in hand. Mr. Dockman asked about the amount of staff members that are currently out and we have 23 staff members that are quarantined as of December 4<sup>th</sup>. The reduction of quarantine days will help with staffing when we return. Mrs. Chapman asked if the staff would have an option of working from home the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Wheeler said her preference is that staff report to work that week. Mrs. Chapman suggested that the staff have the ability to work from home due to the County's stay at home advisory that is in effect through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dockman recommends that the staff follow Mrs. Wheeler's recommendation and report to work.

The shields that were ordered have arrived and there are enough shields for every student in Preschool through Grade 5. Mrs. Chapman asked about traveling to art, gym and music and Mrs. Wheeler believes that the art rooms will have shields but that gym and music rooms would not. Mrs. Chapman suggested having music and gym in the classroom since there won't be any shields. Mr. Postel asked if the students would wear masks in gym and that would be determined by the activity.

Mrs. Chapman asked about TVLA class size since kids have switched in and out of the program. Fourth and Fifth Grade are maxed out with each teacher having 37 students. A teacher was added to Grade 3 and a teacher will be added to the Grade 4/5 group.

The Board is in favor of remote learning through January 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Postel moved and Farris seconded the recommendation that items C3-C6 be approved as part of the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda  
C-2  
**20-1221-1296**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

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It was recommended that the following classroom teachers be paid for having an oversized classroom (BFT Article VII/Memo of Understanding September 21, 2020) for the first quarter as shown below:

Certified Personnel  
Payment of Stipends  
Oversized Classrooms  
C-3

**Berea-Midpark Middle School**

Blazer, Rebecca	\$ 62.50
Boone, Jessica	\$ 62.50
Brandt, Tracee	\$125.00
Bycznski, Laurie	\$262.50
Carney, Kerry	\$ 62.50
Galla, Colleen	\$ 62.50
Hamilton, Sharon	\$125.00
Lyon, Darlene	\$ 62.50
McGrath, Maureen	\$ 62.50
Musial, Pamela	\$125.00
Parker, Karen	\$ 62.50
Pearl, Lori	\$400.00
Petrus, Matthew	\$ 62.50
Sculln, Barbara	\$ 62.50
Slovick, Tracy	\$ 62.50
Spittal, Charles	\$ 62.50
Strauss, Gretchen	\$125.00
Sveda, Lori	\$262.50
Thomas, Jennifer	\$125.00
Thompson, Christiana	\$ 62.50
Trzebuckowski, Troy	\$ 62.50
Wrost, Kathleen	\$ 62.50

**Grindstone**

Fontana, Amy \$ 500.00

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It was recommended that the following certified personnel be paid \$18.00 per hour for participating in the Curriculum Writing/Life Skills Curriculum (BMHS) Winter 2020-2021, from account# 001-052212-139-000-000000-032-00-111 as listed below:

Certified Personnel  
Curriculum Writing  
Project/Life Skills  
Curriculum (BMHS) Winter  
2020-2021  
C-4

Name	Hours
Albrecht, Carrie	8
Gondosch, Barbara	8
Haskins-Berger, Melissa	8
Lash, Melissa	8
Patten, Katherine	8
Solomon, Loni	8
Yanus, Julie	8

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It was recommended that the following resignation(s) be accepted at the end of the day as indicated:

Classified Personnel –  
Resignations  
C-5

1. Stewart, Stephanie effective end of the day 11/20/2020  
Transportation Assistant, Transportation

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It was recommended that the following appointment(s) be approved as indicated:

Classified Personnel –  
Appointments  
C-6

1. Assistant Head Custodian
  - a. Gill, Paul Step 2 12/16/2020  
(Reclassification from Custodian #2)
2. Nutrition Services Assistant Manager - Elementary
  - a. Perrien, Joyce Step 4 12/14/2020  
(Reclassification from Hourly Nutrition Services)
3. 9-month Office Assistant
  - a. Detlev, Marisa Step 0 01/04/2021  
(Reclassification from Intervention Associate-District Wide)  
(Current employee probationary appointment)
4. Technology Assistant
  - a. Blubaugh, Wendy Step 11 12/16/2020  
(Reclassification from Assistant Bookkeeper)  
(Current employee probationary appointment)
5. Classified Personnel Supplementals 2020-2021 as shown below:

**Berea-Midpark Middle School**

Mogilnicki, Derek 8th Grade Boys (Lightening) Basketball Coach (6) 3,778.00

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Postel moved and Dockman seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the revised agreement between Southwest General Health Center School Health Services and the Berea City School District for 2020-2021 school year to provide school health services to the district beginning October 2020 - June 2021 as shown on the agenda.

Revised Southwest  
General Health  
Center School  
Health Services  
Agreement  
C-7  
**20-1221-1297**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

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Postel moved and Dockman seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education enter into a revised contract between the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio and the Berea City School District for the 2020-2021 school year for services in the fields stated on contract as shown on the agenda.

Educational Service  
Center of NE Ohio  
Inter-District Service  
Area Contract – Revised  
C-8  
**20-1221-1298**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

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Farris moved and Dockman seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the attached guidelines for three (3) additional locally defined Diploma Seals developed by Berea-Midpark High School in addition to the Ohio Department of Education required 9 seals.

Graduation Seals  
C-9  
**20-1221-1299**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel

Motion Carried

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Dockman moved and Postel seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer to the City of Brook Park of the former Brook Park Memorial and Brookview Elementary Schools and further authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign deeds and other documents to facilitate that transfer as shown on the agenda.

Resolution Transfer  
of Brook Park  
Memorial and  
Brookview Schools to the  
City of Brook Park  
C-10  
**20-1221-1300**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel

Motion Carried

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Postel moved and Dockman seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 District Academic Calendar as shown on the agenda.

District Academic  
Calendar  
C-11  
**20-1221-1301**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel

Motion Carried

#### D. Treasurer's Recommendation

Mrs. Rowe shared the November month end report and stated the numbers are trending right where they should be with expenses trending down and things are running smoothly. The MBA budget (attached to the agenda) was submitted to the Association of School Business Officials today for their consideration. There is a lot of detail in this report and it is available on the District website on the Treasurer's Office page. At the next Board Meeting Mrs. Rowe will be going over the Permanent Improvement and facilities plan with the Board. Mrs. Rowe worked hand in hand with Mr. Slivochka in coming up with a 5 year PI plan which will be in the budget document.

Treasurer's Update

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Farris moved and Postel seconded the recommendation that items D3 - D7 be approved as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board of Education member wishes to have an item removed.

Consent Agenda of  
Treasurer's  
Recommendations  
D-2

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel

Motion Carried

**20-1221-1302**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of ORC 3313.36, the Board hereby declares that acceptance of these gifts does not at this time remove any portion of the public schools from the control of the Board; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board appreciates the generosity of these gifts and the remembrance of this school district and the students, and designates the Treasurer to express the Board's appreciation for these thoughtful gifts.

Acceptance of Gift and  
Donations  
D-3

DONOR	DONATION AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DONATION
American Legion Post 610 Auxiliary	14 sets of hats and gloves valued at \$150.00	Student use at Brook Park Elementary
American Legion Post 610	\$750.00	Instructional Supplies at Big Creek Elementary
Thomas A. Wilson, Attorney at Law	\$7,500.00	"A Day to Liv" Program
Patti Astorino and Sharon Zimmer	Paint and painting supplies	Painting of shelving units in the ExtendEd Program
Nelson Nie	160 boxes of face masked valued at \$1,500.00	For use in all Berea City School's buildings

It was recommended that, in compliance with Section 5705.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board approve the supplemental appropriations as shown below and approve the 2021 appropriations to be amended to include the changes as detailed on the agenda.

Supplemental  
Appropriations and  
Amended Appropriations  
Measure Certificate  
D-4

FUND/SPCC	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE/DECREASE	AMOUNT
019-0014	BMHS Makerspace Grant	Increase/New	\$50,000.00
019-0319	BMMS GPD Grant	Increase/New	\$7,500.19
019-0234	BMHS GPD Grant	Increase/New	\$7,500.19
018-1007	BPE Principal's Account	Increase	\$4,000.00

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the investments as listed on the agenda.

Approval of Investments  
D-5

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the financial statements and the total payments to vendors for the month of November, 2020 as shown on the agenda.

Approval of Financial  
Statements and Payments  
to Vendors  
D-6

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the certificates of availability as shown on the agenda.

Approval of Certificates of  
Availability  
D-7

PO#21000571  
Loudonville-Perrysville-EVSD  
210 E. Main Street  
Loudonville, OH 44842  
\$7,252.00  
Tuition from February and March 2020

PO#21001403  
Tyler Technologies, Inc.  
PO Box 203556  
Dallas, TX 75320  
\$11,789.47  
Versatrans Subscription and Support

Postel moved and Dockman seconded the recommendation that the Board of Education accept the quotes attached to the agenda from Frontline Education for Time and Attendance Implementation Services and from Touchpoint Industries for time clocks that will integrate with Frontline Time and Attendance software, and to approve, based on these quotes, the purchase of these products.

Acceptance of Quotes  
from Frontline  
Education and  
Touchpoint Industries  
D-8  
**20-1221-1303**

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

#### F. Adjournment

Dockman moved and Farris seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment  
E-1

Roll Call: Ayes: Chapman  Duke  Dockman  Farris  Postel   
Motion Carried

**20-1221-1304**

Time meeting ended: 7:23 p.m.

Date of Approval: January 11, 2021 Approved: Ana Chapman Attest: Julia Lowe