

## MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Board of Education  
Coventry Local School District

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

The Coventry Local School District Board of Education convened the Organizational Meeting at 6:15 p.m. at Coventry High School, 3089 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44319 with the following roll call: Mr. William S. Breitenbach, present; Mrs. Tina L. Gable, present; Mr. Bernard C. Thompson, present; Mr. Robert L. Wohlgamuth, present; and Mr. David V. Andrews, present. Mr. Bernard C. Thompson acted as President Pro Tempore.

The Board observed a moment of silence at this time and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In accordance with Section 3313.14 ORC, Treasurer Lee Ann Weisenmiller called for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the calendar year 2007.

Mr. Wohlgamuth nominated Mr. Andrews for Board President. Mr. Breitenbach seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, it was moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for David Andrews for President of the Board for 2007.

**07-06**

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes, Andrews, abstain. Four yes votes, one abstain. Treasurer Weisenmiller declared the motion carried.

President Andrews presided over the remainder of the meeting.

President Andrews called for nominations for Vice-President in accordance with Section 3313.14 ORC.

Mr. Breitenbach nominated Mr. Wohlgamuth for Vice-President. Mr. Thompson seconded the nomination.

There being further nominations, it was moved by Gable, seconded by Thompson, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Robert Wohlgamuth for Vice-President of the Board for 2007. **07-07**

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, abstain; Andrews, yes. Four yes votes, one abstain. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Gable, seconded by Breitenbach, that in accordance with with Section 3313.15 ORC the Board of Education shall establish dates, time, and location of its regular meetings for calendar year 2007. **07-08**

**DATES:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Per scheduled calendar

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that in accordance with Section 3311.19 ORC, the Board of Education appoint David Andrews, Robert Wohlgamuth, and Tina Gable to serve as representatives to the Portage Lakes Career Center Board of Education for the 2007 calendar year. **07-09**

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Gable, seconded by Breitenbach, that in accordance with Section 3313.23 ORC, the Board designate Bernard Thompson as Treasurer Pro Tempore in the event of the absence of the Treasurer from any meeting during the calendar year 2007. **07-10**

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, abstain; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. Four yes votes, one abstain. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Andrews, seconded by Breitenbach, that per Ohio School Boards Association requirements, the Board appoint Robert Wohlgamuth as Legislative Liaison for calendar year 2007 per Exhibit B-1 job description. **07-11**

**Roll Call:** Andrews, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Wohlgamuth, seconded by Thompson, that Tina Gable be appointed alternate delegate for the Legislative Liaison to 2007 OSBA Annual Business Meeting in the event that Legislative Liaison cannot attend the OSBA Capital Conference held in November 2007. **07-12**

**Roll Call:** Wohlgamuth, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that per OSBA requirements, Robert Wohlgamuth be appointed Student Achievement Liaison for calendar year 2007 per Exhibit B-2 job description. **07-13**

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that in accordance with Section 3315.15 ORC, the Board establish a service fund for the calendar year 2007 in the amount of \$5,000. **07-14**

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Gable, seconded by Wohlgamuth, that all the following items appearing in the agenda constitute the consent calendar and are adopted by the one single motion, unless a member of the Board requests that any such item be removed from the consent calendar and voted upon separately: **07-15**

- A.** Authorize the Treasurer to obtain advances against tax collections as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 321.24 from the Summit County Fiscal Office in order to meet current expenses.
- B.** Authorize the Treasurer to sign, or use facsimile or electronic signature thereof, all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.08 and to pay all bills within limits of the appropriations resolution as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 3313.18 as bills are received under assumption that goods received or services performed are acceptable
- C.** Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim and inactive funds in permissible investments pursuant to Board Policy and as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 135.07; 135.14; 135.13 and 3313.051
- D.** 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.
- E.** Authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds in anticipation of future tax receipts as permitted by Ohio Revised Code 133.301 at the best available rate for cash flow purposes.
- F.** Authorize the Treasurer to secure position bonds as prescribed by ORC 3313.25 for Board President in the amount of \$50,000, Superintendent in amount of \$50,000, and Treasurer in the amount of \$100,000.
- G.** Authorize the Treasurer to continue the practice of allowing school groups to purchase, at their own expense, liability insurance and continue to have the groups endorsed on the district policy.
- H.** Authorize the Treasurer to pay professional meeting expenses for the Superintendent and Treasurer within the appropriation accounts.
- I.** Authorize the Treasurer to continue the practice of allowing Board members to participate, at their own expense, in group health, dental and vision insurance plans provided to employees of the district as permitted by Ohio Revised Code 3313.202.

- J.** Authorize the Treasurer or Superintendent to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.
- K.** Authorize the Treasurer or Superintendent to enter into and/or accept/participate in Federal, State or Local Grants or agreements and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate funds for the grants awarded.
- L.** Authorize the Superintendent to purchase textbooks, school supplies, and equipment, and to authorize emergency repairs to buildings and equipment to be made against the appropriate accounts of the Board adopted Appropriation Measure.
- M.** Authorize the Superintendent to send school employees to professional meetings within the amount of appropriations for calendar 2007.
- N.** Authorize the Superintendent to approve all special trips on school buses, including educational field trips for band and athletic activities, based on guidelines as defined in Board policy.
- O.** Authorize the Superintendent to approve the attendance and reimbursement of expenses made against the appropriate accounts of the Board adopted Appropriation Measure, incurred by certified and classified staff members at professional and/or in-service training meetings, based on guidelines as defined in Board Policy.
- P.** Authorize the Superintendent to act as purchasing agent of the school district and shall authorize all requisitions of such purchases.
- Q.** Authorize the Superintendent to employ qualified regular employees and eligible certificated substitute personnel on a temporary, casual, or as-needed basis in accordance with ORC 3319.10. Such employment will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting.

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that in accordance with Sections 3313.203 and 3313.47 ORC the Board authorizes the use of the following legal services: **07-16**

*Pelini & Associates, LLC*  
*Scott, Scriven & Wahoff, LLP*  
*Summit County Prosecuting Attorney*  
*Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP*  
*Whalen & Compton Co., LPA*

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Wohlgamuth that the minutes of the December 19, 2006 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. **07-17**

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Gable, seconded by Thompson, that WHEREAS Lee Ann Weisenmiller has served steadfastly in the public schools of Ohio for 30 years as an Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer; and **07-18**

WHEREAS Lee Ann Weisenmiller has made contributions to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio continuously throughout her service in Ohio, and is now eligible to receive SERS benefits based upon her prior service and contributions; and

WHEREAS Section 3307.35 of the Ohio Revised Code permits an employee to initiate service retirement benefits while returning to immediate employment in his or her school district, provided that retirement benefits are forfeited for the first two months of re-employment; and

WHEREAS Lee Ann Weisenmiller is entitled by law to initiate her earned benefits at any time, but does not wish to leave the service of the Coventry School District in order to initiate these earned benefits; and

WHEREAS this Board of Education is desirous of retaining the services of Lee Ann Weisenmiller as Treasurer, and believes that retaining her services will be highly beneficial to the District by maintaining continuity in management, avoiding the expense and uncertainties of a new treasurer search, realizing cost savings for the elimination of health insurance, life insurance, and paid vacation expenses for this position. Most importantly, this allows the District to continue to benefit from the extensive knowledge, experience, and leadership abilities of Treasurer Lee Ann Weisenmiller;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Coventry Local Board of Education hereby re-employs Lee Ann Weisenmiller as Treasurer of Coventry Local Schools for a term of 2 years (23 months – February 2007 through December 2008). Such re-employment to be under the terms and conditions as set forth, approved by legal counsel as to form, and presented to this Board on January 9, 2007.

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Wohlgamuth, that WHEREAS, **07-19** the Board of Education desires to employ Russell A. Chaboudy as Superintendent for a term of four (4) years/5 months, effective February 23, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Coventry Local School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that;

Section 1: The Board approves the content of the employment contract of the Superintendent, Russell A. Chaboudy, a copy of which is attached, and the contract as Educational Consultant, a copy of which is attached.

Section 2: The President of the Board and the Treasurer are authorized to execute the employment contracts and to take all steps necessary to implement their terms.

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including ORC §121.22.

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Lee Ann Weisenmiller, Treasurer, **07-20** it was moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Thompson, that the Board authorize the Treasurer to file the annual Alternative Tax Budget due to the Summit County Fiscal Office by January 20, 2007.

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Lee Ann Weisenmiller, Treasurer **07-21** it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Gable, that all of the following items appearing in the agenda constitute the consent calendar and are adopted by one motion:

- that the following inventory deletions be approved:
  - upon the request of Cindy McDonald,  
Coventry Jr. High School Principal
    1. Dukane Microreader  
Serial # 15314013
    2. Epson Stylus Printer  
Coventry Tag # 02635

- upon the request of John Conant, Special Projects Administrator

1. 1986 Chevrolet Truck

- that the Treasurer's financial reports for the period ended December 31, 2006 be accepted and placed on file.

**Roll Call:** Thompson, yes; Gable, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Gary Zoldesy, Superintendent, **07-22** it was moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Wohlgamuth, that all of the following items appearing in the agenda constitute the consent calendar and are adopted by one motion:

- that the Board employ the following as after school instructors at Turkeyfoot Elementary School beginning 1/22/07 and ending 4/27/07 at \$30.00 per hour:

**Lori Mitchell; Tera Monroe; Amy Senderak**  
2 days/week from 3:10 to 4:10 p.m.

- that the Board approve a change in salary status for the following certified employees effective with the beginning of the second semester of the 2006-07 school year:

**Claire Brown** – from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18 (pending official transcripts)  
**John Hutchinson** - from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18 (pending official transcripts)  
**Gregory Kulick** - from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18 (pending official transcripts)  
**Terri Rheume** from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18 (pending official transcripts)  
**Julie Strebler-Renner** – from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18  
**Toni Williams** - from Bachelor's to Bachelor's +18 (pending official transcripts)

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Gary Zoldesy, Superintendent, **07-23**  
it was moved by Wohlgamuth, seconded by Thompson, that the Board approve  
the following individuals as classified substitutes for the 2006-07 school year:

**Angela Crawford; Charles Kovein; Kelli Tapia**

**Roll Call:** Wohlgamuth, yes; Thompson, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Gable, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Gary Zoldesy, Superintendent, **07-24**  
it was moved by Breitenbach, seconded by Wohlgamuth, that all of the following  
items appearing in the agenda constitute the consent calendar and are adopted  
by one motion:

- that the Board adopt the following revised policy:

***Student Absences and Excuses (JED)***

- that the Board approve the following General Fund expenditures over \$1,000:

**Dell Corporation** – 30 computer units for Coventry Junior High Library;  
30 computer units for Erwine Library (total cost of \$27,090)

**Matt Frain** – complete snow plow unit for Dodge truck in Maintenance  
Department (total cost of \$1,300)

**Roll Call:** Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes; Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

Acting upon the recommendation of Gary Zoldesy, Superintendent, **07-25**  
it was moved by Gable, seconded by Thompson, that the Board approve the  
Interagency Transition Agreement with Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.  
Head Start Program.

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes;  
Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved **07-26**  
by Gable, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting.

**Roll Call:** Gable, yes; Thompson, yes; Breitenbach, yes; Wohlgamuth, yes;  
Andrews, yes. President declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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David V. Andrews, President

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Attest: lee Ann Weisenmiller, Treasurer

