



## MINUTES

**Nordonia Hills City School District  
Nordonia Board of Education Meetings  
January Organizational Board Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:10 pm - 6:41 pm  
9370 Olde Eight Road  
Northfield, Ohio 44067**

### **In Attendance**

Amy Vajdich; Chad Lahrmer; Liz McKinley; Matt Kearney

### **Not In Attendance**

Jason Tidmore

#### **A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Board President for 2023

At this time, the Board President Pro Tempore will ask for nominations for the office of Board President:

Mrs. McKinley nominated Mr. Lahrmer.

Mr. Kearney nominated himself.

Board President Pro Tempore moved to close nominations.

Ms. Vajdich moved to close nominations; Mr. Kearney seconded the motion.

Yes: Matt Kearney, Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

Roll call for the nomination of Mr. Lahrmer to be the Board President:

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

No: Matt Kearney

Roll call for the nomination of Mr. Kearney to be the Board President:

Yes: Matt Kearney

No: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

By affirmative roll call vote of the nominee(s), Board President Pro Tempore asks for a motion to appoint Mr. Lahrmer as Board President.

Ms. Vajdich moved to appoint Mr. Lahrmer as Board President; Mrs. McKinley seconded the motion.

Resolution 2023-1-9-1

Move: Amy Vajdich Second: Liz McKinley Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

No: Matt Kearney

3. Election for Board Vice-President for 2023

At this time, the Board President will ask for nominations for the office of Board Vice-President:

Mrs. McKinley nominated Ms. Vajdich.

Mr. Kearney nominated himself.

Board President moved to close nominations.

Mrs. McKinley moved to close nominations; Ms. Vajdich seconded the motion.

Yes: Matt Kearney, Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

Roll call for the nomination of Ms. Vajdich to be the Board Vice-President:

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

No: Matt Kearney

Roll call for the nomination of Mr. Kearney to be the Board Vice-President:

Yes: Matt Kearney

No: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

By affirmative roll call vote of the nominee(s), Board President asks for a motion to appoint Ms. Vajdich as Board Vice-President.

Mrs. McKinley moved to appoint Ms. Vajdich as Board President; Ms. Vajdich seconded the motion.

Resolution 2023-1-9-2

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

No: Matt Kearney

4. Resolution Establishing the Time and Location for Meetings of the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District, that regular meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled monthly at 7:00 PM at Northfield Elementary School. Special Meetings will be called as needed and the dates and times of

the regular scheduled meetings may be changed as needed. The meetings dates are as follows:

January 9  
February 21  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15  
June 26  
July 17  
August 28  
September 25  
October 23  
November 20  
December 18

Resolution 2023-1-9-3

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Matt Kearney, Amy Vajdich

5. Resolution to Appoint Representatives and Alternates (if applicable) to the following:

See attached

Resolution 2023-1-9-4

Move: Amy Vajdich Second: Liz McKinley Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Matt Kearney, Amy Vajdich

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve Consent Items:

Resolution 2023-1-9-5

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Matt Kearney, Amy Vajdich

a. Authorization for Superintendent to approve short term medical and unpaid leaves of absences

b. Approve Legal Firms:

Squire Patton Boggs  
Brindza, McIntyre & Seed, LLP  
Pepple & Waggoner, LTD  
Walter Haverfield, LLP  
Weston Hurd

Mr. Kearney motioned to remove Pepple & Waggoner, LTD from the consent items. Mr. Lahrmer seconded the motion.

Yes: Matt Kearney, Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich



c. Appoint Officers:

Board Hearing Officer for appeals of suspensions for bus misconduct, student code violations and student attendance: Superintendent or Designee

Board Hearing Officer for appeals of expulsions: Joe Iacano or Jeff Ferguson

Title IX of 1972 Educational Amendments Coordinator: Director of Educational Services

American Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA): Superintendent, Director Pupil Services, or Designee

Homeless Liaison: Director of Pupil Services

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act: Director of Pupil Services

District Records Officer: Treasurer/CFO or Director of Pupil Services

d. Participate in Federal Grants Program

e. Authorize the Superintendent or his designee as purchasing agent for the Nordonia Hills Schools for 2023.

f. Approve Non-Salary Remuneration:

The Superintendent recommends approval of non-salary remuneration to recognize those persons who make worthy contributions to this School District. The budget shall be set at \$10,000. Any District expense shall be processed through a budget line monitored by the Superintendent.

g. Authorize Superintendent to Accept Resignations:

To authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance. The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

2. Approve Legal Firm

Pepple & Waggoner, LTD

Resolution 2023-1-9-6

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Amy Vajdich

No: Matt Kearney

C. TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve Consent Items:

Resolution 2023-1-9-7

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Matt Kearney, Amy Vajdich

a. Approve Standing Authorizations

Resolution to authorize the Treasurer of the Nordonia Hills City School District to invest funds that are not needed to meet current expenditures pursuant to Section 135.09 of the Ohio Revised Code;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE under authority of Section 135.142 and in accordance with Board Policy 8.01 – "Investment Policy," the Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to invest up to forty percent (40%) of the interim moneys of the Board available for investment at any one time in either of the following:

- (a) Commercial paper notes issued by any entity that is defined in R.C. 1706.01(E) and has assets exceeding Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00), and to which notes all of the following apply:
  - (1) The notes are rated at the time of purchase in the highest classification established by at least two nationally-recognized standard rating services.
  - (2) The aggregate value of the notes does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the aggregate value of the outstanding commercial paper of the issuing corporation.
  - (3) The notes mature no later than two hundred seventy (270) days after purchase.
  - (4) The investment in commercial paper notes of a single issuer shall not exceed in the aggregate five percent (5%) of interim moneys of the Board available for investment at the time of purchase; or
- (b) Bankers' acceptances of banks that are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation and that mature no later than one hundred eighty (180) days after purchase;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE under authority of Section 3313.20 O.R.C. that the Board dispense with approval of ordinary bills for purchases made under authority of the annual appropriations resolution and permit payment as seems advantageous (monthly checks issued will be reported to the Board in the monthly financial statement report);

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to waive the reading of the minutes of the Board as authorized by Amended House Bill #424;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to make appropriate modifications to the budgets as necessary during the year (the modifications will be included in the Board monthly financial reports);

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to appropriate a \$20,000 Service Fund in 2023 under authority of Section 3315.15, O.R.C., which provides for the setting aside from the General Fund of a sum not to exceed \$2.00 for each child enrolled or \$20,000, whichever is greater; such sums to be known as the "Service Fund" and to be used in paying the expenses of members of the Board actually incurred in the performance of their duties;



AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to approve blanket purchase orders up to a maximum of \$10,000;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the signature of the Treasurer, or the facsimile thereof, to be used on all checks and warrants;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to request amended certificates of estimated resources from the Summit County Fiscal Office, as needed;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE that the Board of Education of the Nordonia Hills City School District hereby authorizes the Treasurer to direct Board-approved legal counsel to file original complaints against the valuation of commercial and residential properties, to file counter-complaints against the valuation of commercial and residential properties, to present evidence relating to the value of such properties at the hearing or trial, to appeal decisions of the Summit County Board of Revision and the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals, to participate in any other real property tax appeal, to enter into settlement agreements and stipulations of value related to real property tax cases, and to take such other actions as are necessary to protect the best interests of the Nordonia Hills City School District in matters of real property taxation, provided that the Treasurer give regular updates regarding such actions to the Superintendent and Board of Education, for a one-year period, beginning January 1, 2023

b. Approve Alternate Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2024

#### D. BOARD DISCUSSION

Date for State of School Address.

The Board discussed a potential date of October 18, 2023 from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the State of the School Address. Location to be determined.

#### E. ADJOURNMENT

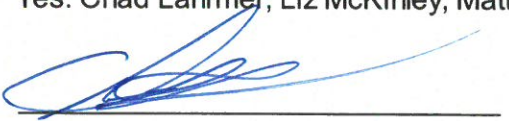
The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7 PM at Northfield Elementary School, 9374 Olde Eight Road, Northfield, OH 44067

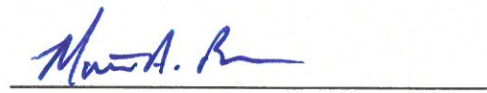
The Board unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 P.M. The President declared the motion passed.

Resolution 2023-1-9-8

Move: Liz McKinley Second: Amy Vajdich Status: Passed

Yes: Chad Lahrmer, Liz McKinley, Matt Kearney, Amy Vajdich

  
Chad M. Lahrmer, Board President

  
Matthew A. Brown, Treasurer/CFO

Treasurer's Note: The meeting was video recorded.