

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Minutes of: Danbury Local Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting**

**Held: In the District Library at 5:30 P.M.**

**December 15, 2021**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present – Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey  
Others present – Cari Buehler, Shane Baumgardner

### ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Dunfee, seconded by Mr. Sowers that the Board adopt the agenda for the December 15, 2021, Regular Meeting.

**222-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole.  
Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Mackey that the reading of the minutes for the September 15, 2021, Regular Meeting, September 29, 2021 Special Meeting, October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting, October 28, 2021 Special Meeting, November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting, and December 2, 2021, Special Meeting be waived and approval of said minutes be granted.

**223-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee.  
Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Cole that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of personnel employment. Mrs. Buehler and Mr. Baumgardner were invited to attend.

**224-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo.  
Motion carried.

Time into Executive session: 5:32 p.m.  
Time out of Executive session: 6:30 p.m.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie McDonald

### COMMUNICATIONS

Marissa Merk - Curriculum Director

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### A) PAYMENT OF BILLS

I certify that the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,081.763.20 has been presented and that the money required for the payment of these obligations at the time of execution of this certificate was lawfully appropriated, in the treasury, or in the process of collection free from any encumbrances.

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Treasurer

#### B) FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dunfee that the Board approve the financial reports for November 2021.

**225-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers.  
Motion carried.

#### C) APPROVAL OF ADVANCE DRAWS AND INVESTMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Dunfee, seconded by Mr. Sowers that the Board give approval to seek advance draws from the Ottawa County Auditor as needed during 2022 and to invest monies not immediately needed for current school operation in accordance with district's investment policy.

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**226-20** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey.  
Motion carried.

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Look at next year's master calendar- plan for PD

NEOLA Policy Timeline

COVID nurse and protocol adjustments and communications

### OLD BUSINESS

#### DONATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Mackey that the Board approve the following donations:

classroom white boards from Kory Conrad

\$ 500 - from Marblehead Lions Club for food service operations

\$ 200 - to Elementary Student Support from Hard Core Women’s Book Club

\$ 2,000 - to Elementary Student Support from Danbury PTCO

\$ 200 - to High School Student Support from Hard Core Women’s Book Club

\$ 200 - to Middle School Student Support from Hard Core Women’s Book Club

\$ 500 - to Class of 2022 from Danbury PTCO

\$ 500 - to Class of 2023 from Danbury PTCO

\$ 500 - to Class of 2024 from Danbury PTCO

\$ 500 - to Class of 2025 from Danbury PTCO

\$ 500 - to Class of 2026 from Danbury PTCO

\$ 2,500 - to Class of 2027 from Danbury PTCO

\$10,000 - to Athletics from Danbury PTCO

\$ 2,500 - to E-Sports from Danbury PTCO

**227-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole.  
Motion carried.

### VOLUNTEERS

It was moved by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Cole that the Board approve the following volunteers:

Jennifer Comings      Haley Strimpfel      Jeffrey Hatfield

**228-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee.  
Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A.** Audit and Finance

**B.** Building & Grounds/Cafeteria & Transportation/Technology

**C.** Public Relations

**D.** Student Achievement

**E.** Legislative Liaison

### NEW BUSINESS

#### POLICY SERVICE

It was moved by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Dunfee that the Board approve the contract with NEOLA policy service.

**229-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo.  
Motion carried.

### UNCOMPENSATED LEAVE

It was moved by Mr. Dunfee, seconded by Mr. Sowers that the Board approve the following uncompensated leave request:

Meghan Drown – 11.23.21

**230-21** Roll Call: No – Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers.  
Motion denied.

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### 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Mackey that the Board approve the revisions to the 2022-2023 District School Calendar.

**231-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey.  
Motion carried.

### RETIREMENT

It was moved by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Cole that the Board approve the retirement of Linda Merckens effective June 30, 2022.

**232-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole.  
Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### OHIO EQUITY & ADEQUACY DISCUSSION/DONATION

##### Voucher Joinder Resolution

1. **WHEREAS**, the deduction of funds from the School District by the Ohio Department of Education and payment of those funds to private schools (Educational Choice, voucher funds) diminishes the amount of funding and the levels of educational opportunity for the education of the pupils in the district and
2. **WHEREAS**, the deduction of school voucher funds from the School District further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of district minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities, and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the deduction of school voucher funds from the School District can result in the involuntary transfer of district local tax revenue, approved by the voters of the District for the support of the District's operating expenses, to private religious schools for the support of those schools' programs in violation of the rights of the District taxpayers, and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the deduction of school voucher funds from the School District increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1. Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the deduction of school voucher funds from the School District is harmful to the district, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

Section 2. The Board of Education authorizes and directs the School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

Section 3. Coalition dues for the 2021-2022 school year are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card), except that for ESC boards of education the dues shall be the sum of \$.20 cents per pupil (ADM as of the latest Report Card) or \$3,000, whichever is less. Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts in opposition to the deduction of school voucher funds from this, and other school districts. Coalition dues are payable upon passage of this resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Cole that the Board approve the resolution regarding Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding.

**233-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee.  
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Mackey that the Board approve the compensation amount to each new Board Member for their attendance at board meetings to be \$100 per meeting, with a 24-meeting cap for the year.

**234-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dumfee, Mrs. Rinaldo.  
Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Dunfee, seconded by Mr. Sowers that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of personnel employment. Mrs. Buehler and Mr. Baumgardner were invited to attend.

**235-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Mackey, Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers.  
Motion carried.

Time in to Executive session: 7:34 p.m.

Time out of Executive session: 8:13 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Sowers, seconded by Mr. Mackey that the Board adjourn until the Organizational Meeting which will be held on January 5, 2022. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Executive session, 6:30 p.m. Regular session and will be held in the District library.

**236-21** Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Cole, Mr. Dunfee, Mrs. Rinaldo, Mr. Sowers, Mr. Mackey.  
Motion carried.

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**TREASURER**

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**BOARD PRESIDENT**