

Minutes of Western Reserve Board of Education Organizational Meeting

January 10, 2024

The Western Reserve Board of Education met in organizational session at 6:00 p.m., in the High School library.

Mrs. Baker read the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members Scott Ommert, Jim Todd and Frank Edwards.

Dr. Ommert, President Pro Tempore, presided over the meeting.

Dr. Ommert called the meeting to order with the following members responding to roll call: Dr. Scott Ommert-yes, Mr. Kris Green-yes, Mr. Frank Edwards-yes, Mr. James Todd-yes, Mr. Caleb Buck-yes.

Mr. Buck moved and Mr. Edwards seconded that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Buck seconded to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

The tax budget hearing was held per policy 6230.

Dr. Ommert declared the next order of business to be the election of President for 2024 and requested nominations from the floor.

Mr. Edwards nominated Mr. Buck.

Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Ommert declared nominations closed.

Mr. Green moved and Mr. Edwards seconded that Mr. Buck act as Board President for the 2024 calendar year.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Buck presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Buck declares the next order of business to be election of Vice-President for 2024 and requested nominations from the floor.

Mr. Todd nominated Dr. Ommert. Mr. Edwards seconded the nomination.

Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Buck declared nominations closed.

Mr. Buck moved and Mr. Todd seconded for Dr. Ommert to act as Vice President for the 2024 calendar year.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, abstain.
Motion Passed.

Board Appointments for 2024:

WR Endowment Fund Board of Trustees-Frank Edwards
OSBA Legislative Liaison- Caleb Buck

Dr. Ommert moved and Mr. Green seconded that the Board establish regular monthly Board meetings as the 3rd Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Notice of all regularly scheduled meetings will be published in the monthly calendar of the local newspaper and the Western Front.

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Motion Passed.

Dr. Ommert moved and Mr. Todd seconded to approve the following items:

- Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds in 2024.
- Authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the appropriations. (a bill list will still be provided to the Board).
- Authorize the Treasurer to ask for tax advances when they become available.
- Authorize the Treasurer to issue Then and Now Certificates up to the amount established within the Ohio Revised Code.
- Authorize the Treasurer to make budget and appropriation changes as necessary.
- Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for grants and supplemental funding that will provide additional opportunities and enhanced learning experiences for students.
- Authorize the Superintendent to approve professional leave requests by the staff within the approved budget during 2024.
- Designate the Assistant Superintendent to act as Superintendent during a temporary absence of the Superintendent.
- Designate the Norwalk Reflector as the District's official newspaper
- Designate Superintendent and Treasurer as the Board's representatives for record retention training.
- Allow Board members to have a choice to participate in the School Employees Retirement System.
- Approve the transportation of non-Western Reserve preschool students to the elementary building.
- Authorize the participation in the Ohio DAS Purchase Program.
- Designate the following institutions or agencies as authorized depositories of public funds: KeyBank, Edward Jones, Multi-Bank Securities, StarOhio, BayCoast Bank, CIBC Bank, NY Community Bank, and JP Morgan Chase.
- Approve all certified staff members as Home Tutors, VLA Instructors and Summer School Instructors.
- Approve all District and School Emergency Operation Plans.
- Approve all Building Principals as OTES and OSCES Evaluators.
- Approve the Superintendent and the Building Principals as OPES Evaluators.
- Designate the following institutions or agencies as authorized attorneys: Bricker & Eckler and Squire Patton Boggs
- Approve district membership with the Ohio Schools Board Association for 2024

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Snyder presented his Superintendent report to the Board and the semi annual bullying report.

Dr. Ommert moved and Mr. Todd seconded to approve the school calendars for the years 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Todd moved and Mr. Green seconded to approve the roster for the graduating class of 2024 pending completed graduation requirements.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Green moved and Mr. Edwards seconded to approve the financial reports for December 2023 as presented.

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Motion Passed.

Next Board meeting is February 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School library.


Dr. Ommert moved and Mr. Todd seconded that the Board enter executive session at 6:50 p.m. for the following purpose: The employment of a public employee.

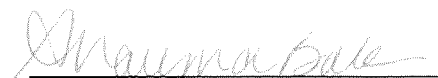
Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.

Mr. Buck called the meeting back to open session at 8:56 p.m.

Dr. Ommert moved and Mr. Todd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Green, yes; Mr. Todd, yes; Mr. Buck, yes; Dr. Ommert, yes.
Motion Passed.



Board President

Board Treasurer

