

## Board Workshop - February 5, 2024

The Alliance Board of Education met for a Board Workshop on the 5th day of February, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Administration Offices, 500 Glamorgan Street, Alliance. The meeting was called to order and Mr. Heath called the role:

Mrs. Suzanne Dennis, President	Absent
Ms. Beth Canfield-Simbro, Vice-President	Present
Ms. Elayne Dunlap	Present
Mr. Tyler Kinser	Present
Mr. William Koch	Present

Mr. Heath and Mr. Gress were also present

- I. Call to Order - Ms. Beth Canfield-Simbro called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call - Mr. Heath
- III. Public Speaks - None
- IV. Treasurer's Agenda - Mr. Heath reported on the following:
  - A. January Financial Reports
  - B. Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) reduced by nearly \$500,000 for Fiscal year 2024 on the January #2 Foundation payment.
- V. Superintendent's Agenda - Mr. Gress reported on the following matters:
  - A. Personnel
    1. Upcoming hiring recommendations/transfers
      - a) Certificated
      - b) Classified
      - c) Substitutes
      - d) Supplementals
      - e) Leave of Absence
    2. Upcoming resignations
  - B. Presentation to the Board:
    1. Erin's Law - Mrs. Michelle Balderson, Director of Elementary Education
  - C. Information
    1. Donations
    2. Facilities Update
    3. Advertise for bid(s) and to open such bid(s) for bus tires
    4. MOU w/ Stark State for College Credit Plus Courses
    5. AHS January Graduates
    6. Miscellaneous
      - a) Policy Updates
        - (1) Policy No. 5320: Immunization [Policy No. 5320.pdf](#)
        - (2) Policy No. 5330: Use of Medications [Policy No. 5330.pdf](#)

(3) Policy No. 5337: Care of Students with active seizure disorders [Policy No. 5337.pdf](#)

(4) Policy No. 8330: Student Records [Policy No. 8330.pdf](#)

- b) Summer Hours for Admin/Custodians
- c) Eclipse Day - April 8, 2024
- d) Athletic Facility Use and Rental Agreements
- e) Jetsetters new field trip
- f) 112 Prospect St. property

#### VI. Board Member Agenda

- A. Top Gun: Stat coverage for Boys
- B. Update on high school yearbooks
- C. Using Veterans as SRO

VII. Executive Session - To prepare for negotiations or bargaining with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and to consider the employment of a public employee.

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mr. Koch to move into Executive Session at 5:53 pm.

24-65	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Absent
Into	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Four Yeas	Motion Passed

Moved by Ms. Dunlap and seconded by Mr. Kinser to move out of Executive Session at 6:32 pm.

24-66	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Absent
Out of	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Four Yeas	Motion Passed

#### VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Ms. Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm.

24-66	Vote on Motion:	
Adjourn Meeting	Mrs. Dennis	Absent
	Ms. Simbro	Yes
	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Four Yeas	Motion Passed

\_\_\_\_\_, President

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## **- Regular Board Meeting of February 20, 2024 -**

The Alliance City Board of Education met in Regular Session on the 20th of February, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Administration Board of Education Office.

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Heath called the roll:

Mrs. Suzanne Dennis, President	Present
Ms. Beth Canfield-Simbros, Vice President	Present
Ms. Elayne Dunlap	Present
Mr. Tyler Kinser	Present
Mr. William Koch	Present

Mr. Gress and Mr. Heath were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Ms. Dunlap and seconded by Mr. Kinser to approve the Minutes as stated:

- A. Regular Meeting - January 16, 2023
- B. Workshop Meeting - February 5, 2024

24-67	Vote on Motion:	
Approve	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Minutes	Ms. Simbro	Yes
	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

### **AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation to Board
  - a. Aviator Core Values - Michelle Balderson, Director of Primary Education
  - b. Facilities Update - Nick Cowles, Director of Operations

**PUBLIC SPEAKS** - The following individuals addressed the Board of Education related to transgender students using the bathroom:

1. Stella Jackson, 127 Vincent Blvd., Alliance
2. Andalyn Barker, 955 Meadowbrook Avenue, Alliance
3. Jen Bugara, 951 Parkway Blvd., Alliance
4. Ashley Bugara, 2809 Federal Avenue, Alliance
5. August Mozden, 1480 S. Freedom Avenue, Alliance
6. Cindy Heitzenrater, S. Seneca Street, Alliance (no house number given)
7. Tarah Hamilton, 2832 Federal Avenue, Alliance
8. Jack Lunsford, 1309 Noble Street, Alliance

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Gress addressed the Board on the following matters:

- A. Franklin B. Walter Award for Outstanding Teacher Team went to Lucinda Owens and Stephanie Barr at Alliance High School

B. Athletic postseason information

- a. Ben Craig qualified for State D2 Swimming
- b. Girls Wrestling will have pre-regionals and then state tournament in Columbus
- c. Boys Wrestling Sectionals will be at West Branch High School
- d. Boys Basketball qualified for Sectionals and will play March 1st
- e. Girls Basketball qualified for Sectionals and will play at home

C. Royal Aviation Show Choir Competition will be held February 24, 2024 with 15 teams competing

Mr. Gress called for a Motion to approve a revision to Policy No. 3122.01.

Moved by Mr. Koch and seconded by Ms. Simbro to approve revisions to Policy No. 3122.01

24-68	Vote on Motion:	
Approve	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Policy	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Revision	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
No. 3122.01	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Ms. Dunlap to approve the Consent Agenda

24-69	Vote on Motion:	
Approve	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Consent	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Agenda	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

## CONSENT AGENDA

### ADMINISTRATION

A. Approve the following students as early graduates from Alliance High School, January 15, 2024

Diamond Mason  
Brendan Zurbrugg

Essence McKibben  
Keegan Hudson

Diyanara Porter

B. Approve the following policies:

- a. Policy No. 5320: Immunization [Policy No. 5320.pdf](#)
- b. Policy No. 5330: Use of Medications [Policy No. 5330.pdf](#)
- c. Policy No. 5337: Care of Students with active seizure disorders [Policy No. 5337.pdf](#)
- d. Policy No. 8330: Student Records [Policy No. 8330.pdf](#)
- e. Policy No. 6240: Board of Revision Complaints and Country Complaints [Policy No. 6240.pdf](#)

- C. Approve an extended field trip for AHS Show Choir students to participate in a competition in Ashville, Ohio on March 2, 2024. [23-24 Show Choir Comp. Trip to Ashville, Ohio.pdf](#)
- D. Approve an overnight/extended field trip for AHS Girls Wrestling Team and AHS Boys Wrestling Team to attend the OHSA State Tournaments in Columbus, Ohio from March 7 through March 11, 2024. [Wrestling State Overnight Extended Student Trips - Sheet1.pdf](#)
- E. Approve an extended overnight field trip for AHS Speech and Debate Team to compete in Wooster, Ohio on March 1, 2024. [2024 State Finals Proposal.pdf](#)
- F. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Stark State College and the Alliance City School District, to provide high school students the opportunity to enroll in the College Credit Plus Programs for the 2024-2025 school year. [2024-25 CCP MOU.pdf](#)
- G. Approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of real property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19: [RESOLUTION - Alliance 500 Main.pdf](#);
- H. Approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of an original complaint against the valuation of real property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.19 [RESOLUTION - Alliance 1720 Carriage.pdf](#)

## PERSONNEL

### A. Approval of Appointments

#### a. Classified Staff

- i. Approve the employment of Rebecca Starcher, Cafeteria Aide at Alliance Middle School, 2.5 hours per day, 180 days per year, 0 years experience on the board adopted rate of pay, effective February 5, 2024.
- ii. Approve the employment of Chandra Buchanan, part-time bus driver, 4.5 hours per day, 180 days per year, 0 years experience on the board adopted rate of pay, effective January 23, 2024.
- iii. Approve the employment of Olivia Dawes, part-time Teacher Aide at Alliance Preschool, 182 days per year, 5.5 hours per day, 0 years experience on the board adopted rate of pay, effective February 12, 2024.

#### b. Substitutes

- i. Approve the employment of Cherie Howell, Substitute Custodian, Substitute Cafeteria Aide and Substitute Security Guard, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, effective January 19, 2024.
- ii. Approve the employment of Jeannie Ray, Substitute Bus Driver, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, effective February 12, 2024.

- iii. Approve the employment of Darian Sharp, Substitute Teacher, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective January 22, 2024.
- iv. Approve the employment of Shaunte' Harris, Substitute Teacher, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective January 18, 2024.
- v. Approve the employment of Jeremy McClure, Substitute Teacher, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective January 29, 2024.
- vi. Approve the employment of Isabella Robatin, Substitute Teacher, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective February 5, 2024.

c. Supplemental Assignments

- i. Approve the employment of the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year, pending pre-employment requirements, for services performed and authorized by the Athletic Director:

Head Middle School Boys Track Coach	Tyler Triner	Certificated
Varsity Assistant Boys Track Coach	Gary Schwartz	Non-Certificated
Varsity Assistant Girls Track Coach	Anita Hogan	Non-Certificated
Middle School Girls Track Coach (50%)	Danielle Gallina	Non-Certificated

- ii. Approve the rate of pay for Top Gun Tournament Shuttle Bus Driver at \$11.00 per hour.
- iii. Approve payment to the following Semi-Permanent Substitute Teachers for their participation in Initial Safe Clinch Training, at \$21.43 per hour, for a total of 6 hours.

Autumn Whiteleather	Dawn Myers	Julie Jensen
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- iv. Approve the following workers to be hired for 2023/2024 OHSAA Tournaments for various positions approved and at the board adopted rate of pay per game or event:

Periann Kirk	Abby Donohoe
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- v. Approve the employment of the following as Home Instructors, day and hours as needed, at \$25.00 per hour, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sandra Mascitti	April Bergert
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- vi. Approve the employment of the following Girls on the Run Coaches, days and hours as needed, at the building and rate of pay listed, effective March 4, 2024:

Kaley Sloane	Alliance Elementary School	\$25/hour
Samantha Neidlinger	Alliance Elementary School	\$18/hour
Victoria Keener	Alliance Intermediate School	\$25/hour
Autumn Whiteleather	Alliance Intermediate School	\$25/hour

B. Approval of Resignations

a. Classified Staff

- i. Accept the resignation of Jeannie Ray, Bus Driver/Cafeteria Aide, for personal reasons, effective end of day February 9, 2024.

C. Approval of Leave of Absence

- a. Approve four days unpaid leave of absence for Katie Barnes on May 2, 3, 6 and 7, 2024.
- b. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Brooke Frederick on January 30, 2024 (1 day) and February 12, 2024 (1 day).
- c. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Lisa Blythe on January 23, 2024 (.25 day) and January 24, 2024 through February 5, 2024 (9 days); February 9, 2024 (.25 day) and February 12-16, 2024 (5 days) and February 20-23, 2024 (4 days).

**OPERATIONS**

- A. Approve the treasurer to be given authorization to advertise for bid(s) and to open such bid(s) for bus tires.
- B. Approve the following resolution authorizing Alliance City Schools to join the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Governments.

WHEREAS, the Alliance City School District has presented this Board with a request for membership in the Community University Education Purchasing Council of Governments (CUE COG) which is a Regional Council of Governments established pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the CUE COG bylaws authorize political subdivision members from Stark County; and

WHEREAS, membership of the Alliance City School District in the CUE COG will allow for joint purchasing of road salt, fuel and vehicles or other goods as determined by the CUE COG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Alliance City Schools has determined that Alliance City Schools shall join CUE COG as a Member and hereby designates the Alliance City School District or its designee as the Member Representative to serve on the Governing Board of CUE.

- C. Approve the following resolution for the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative to advertise and receive bids for school bus chassis and bodies for the 2023-2024 school year:

WHEREAS, the Alliance City Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of the following:

- 3 - 72 passenger conventional school buses
- 2 - 9 passenger transit vans

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Alliance City Schools Board of Education wishes to



participate and authorize the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of the above items. This resolution does not obligate the district to purchase the bus(es).

## FINANCE

### A. Financial Reports

- a. Approve Financial Status Reports for January, 2024. [OH Cash Position Report.pdf](#)
- b. Approve Board Bills for the month of January, 2024 excluding those made to the University of Mount Union. [outstand.pdf](#)
- c. Approve the following Then and Now Certificates: 24000575, 24001728, 24001812, 24001819, 24001849, 24000241, 24000241, 24000822, 24001887, 24001906.
- d. Approve the following permanent appropriations for the 2023-2024 school year:

Fund	Fund Description	Amount
516	IDEA VIB	(\$9,320)
572	Title I	15,905
587	IDEA PreSchool-Handicapped	(123)
590	Title IIA	3,853
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,315</b>

### B. Donations

- a. Accept a donation from Consumers National Bank, Minerva, in the amount of \$150.00 to be used by the AHS Royal Aviation Event.
- b. Accept a donation from Staples of 39 Student Supply Kits through the Community Give Back Program, with an approximate value of \$160.00. Items to be used by students at Alliance Elementary School.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Heath

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Board members gave shout outs to the following: Mrs. Dennis gave a shout out to the winter sports teams; Ms. Dunlap gave shout outs to the Social Justice Club and their participation in this year's Pathfinder Winner, Dr. Stephen Jones and to Mrs. McKnight and the #Likeagirl campaign; Mr. Koch congratulated the new inductees into the Aviator Athletic Hall of Fame.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The next Board Workshop will be held on March 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Administration Offices, now located at 500 Glamorgan Street, Alliance, Ohio.
- B. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on March 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Administration Office, now located at 500 Glamorgan Street, Alliance, Ohio.
- C. The next regular LPDC meeting will be held on March 4, 2024, at 2:30 pm at Alliance High School and Alliance Middle School and at 4:00 pm at Alliance Elementary School.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Ms. Simbro to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

24-70	Vote on Motion:	
Adjourn	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
The	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Meeting	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

\_\_\_\_\_, President

\_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer