

Board Workshop - March 5, 2024

The Alliance Board of Education met for a Board Workshop on the 5th day of March, 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	Present
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 as well as Attorney Mary Jo Shannon Slick.

- I. Call to Order - Mrs. Dennis called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call - Mr. Heath
- III. Public Speaks - The following individuals spoke to the Board during Public Speaks portion of the meeting:

Alice Braisted, 2530 Pleasant Place, Alliance; Lifewise Academy program
Philip Braisted, 2530 Pleasant Place, Alliance; Lifewise Academy research

The above individuals gave documentation to each Board member regarding the Lifewise Academy.

- IV. Executive Session - Moved by Mr. Koch and seconded by Ms. Simbro to move into Executive Session at 4:09 p.m. to confer with an attorney for the Board of Education concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

24-71	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Into	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

Moved by Ms. Simbro and seconded by Mr. Kinser to move out of Executive Session at 5:24 p.m.

24-72	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Out Of	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

- V. Treasurer's Agenda - Mr. Heath reported on February financials.
- VI. 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 at Board Meeting regarding YouScience
- C. Information
 - 1. Donations for 8th Grade Washington DC Honors trip
 - 2. Facilities Update
 - a) AHS Restrooms
 - b) Castle restoration
 - c) AES Fieldhouse parking lot
 - 3. Cosmetology Field Trip to State Boards in April/May
 - 4. Eclipse Day
 - a) Each student and staff will receive eclipse glasses
 - 5. Policy Update [Policy No. 5330.05.pdf](#)
 - 6. Resolution to administer, for the 2024-2025 school year, the Grade 3 Ohio's State Test in English Language Arts in paper format. Grade 3 Math, AASCD ELA and Math will all be administered online.
 - 7. Staffing
 - a) Potential reductions for 24/25
 - 8. Royal Aviation event
 - 9. Change in meeting dates
 - a) October 1, 2024 Workshop Meeting will be changed to October 3, 2024, 4 pm
 - b) July 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting will be changed to July 23, 2024, 5 pm

- VII. Board Member Agenda - Board members discussed the following matters:
 - A. Swim team concerns
 - B. Royal Aviation Competition: increase staff and community participation
 - C. Establish a winter guard team
 - D. Potential to move board meetings to another location if necessary (due to space)
 - E. Coach: social media concern

- VIII. Executive Session - Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mr. Koch to enter into Executive Session at 6:29 pm. to consider the employment of a public employee or official.

24-73	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Into	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

Moved by Ms. Simbro and seconded by Mr. Kinser to move out of Executive Session at 6:49 pm.

24-74	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Out Of	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

IX. Adjournment - Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Ms. Simbro to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

24-75	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

- Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2024 -

The Alliance City Board of Education met in Regular Session on the 19th of March, 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-Simbro, 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 Ms. Simbro to approve the Minutes as stated:

- A. Regular Meeting - February 20, 2024
- B. Workshop Meeting - March 5, 2024

24-76	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. Recognitions

- a. Mr. Gress recognized all students that attended State competitions for winter sports and activities that included, Girls and Boys Wrestling, Swimming, Indoor Track; as well as winter sports tournaments that included Boys and Girls Basketball, Bowling and Jetsetters competition.

B. Presentation

- a. Mrs. Beth Hirschman spoke to the Board about the *YouScience* Program.

STUDENT MEMBER UPDATE - Aidan James reported on school spirit ideas that he saw at other schools that could be implemented at Alliance.

PUBLIC SPEAKS - The following individuals and their purpose addressed the Board of Education:

1. Esther Whiteleather, 2855 S. Union Ave., Alliance - gender identity
2. Danielle Gallina, 1309 Noble St., Alliance - girls sports

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Mr. Gress updated the Board on the following matters:
 - a. New communication boards at Alliance Preschool and Alliance Early Learning School
 - b. Latest professional development for staff
 - c. DLT meeting
 - d. Teacher Career Planning Committee
 - e. Planning for the 24-25 school year has begun

B. Approve the Consent Agenda

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

24-77	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 overnight student trip for AHS Cosmetology senior students to take their Ohio State Board of Cosmetology Exams in Grove City, Ohio at a date to be determined by the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology in Spring, 2024. [Cosmetology Overnight Proposal- State Board '24 .pdf](#)
- B. Approve the revisions to Policy No. 5330.05: Procurement and use of Naloxone (Narcan) in emergency situations. [Policy No. 5330.05.pdf](#)
- C. Approve a Resolution to administer, for the 2024-2025 school year, the Grade 3 Ohio’s State Test in English Language Arts in paper format. Grade 3 Math, AASCD ELA and Math will all be administered online. [Gr 3 Paper_Online Board Resolution 2024-25.pdf](#)
- D. Approve an hourly rate of \$60.00 per hour to the Alliance Police Department for all security services performed for the District at the OHSAA Division 1 Boys Basketball Tournament held on March 7, 2024 at Alliance High School.
- E. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Walsh University 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. [MOU Walsh CCP 2024 2025.pdf](#)

PERSONNEL

A. Approval of Appointments

a. Classified Staff

- i. Approve the employment of Malina Thomas, Bus Aide, 4 hours per day, 178 days per year, 0 years experience on the board adopted rate of pay, effective March 4, 2024.

b. Substitutes

- i. Approve the employment of Sara Dobrunick, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute Teacher, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, effective March 4, 2024.
- ii. Approve the employment of Laura Sandy, Substitute Teacher Aide, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, effective March 11, 2024.
- iii. Approve the employment of Molly Wright, Substitute Teacher, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective March 4, 2024.
- iv. Approve the employment of Jerry Prucha, Substitute Teacher, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective February 26, 2024.
- v. Approve the employment of Andrea Miller, Substitute Teacher, days and hours as needed, at the board adopted rate of pay, pending all pre-employment requirements, effective February 26, 2024.

c. Supplemental Assignments

- i. Approve payment to the following cooperating teachers from the University listed and for the amount listed:

Norita Curley	Kent State University	\$324.82
Katherine Harris	Kent State University	\$324.82
Jenell Calvin	Grand Canyon University	\$433.09
Addie Bender	Youngstown State University	\$83.15
Trisha Bartel	Youngstown State University	\$83.15

- ii. 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:

Middle School Girls Track Coach (50%)	Kylie Davis	Non-certificated
Volunteer Varsity Assistant Track Coach	Richard Murray	Non-certificated

d. Spectrum/Channel 1022

- i. Approve the employment of the following Media Arts students to work for Spectrum Channel 1022 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2024:

Avery Lewis
Elijah Sims

Tera (Kai) Angel
Connor Bryant

Graham Oyer
Cameron Cagna

B. Approval of Resignations

a. Certificated Staff

- i. Accept the resignation of Corey Fleischer, Speech Language Pathologist, for employment outside of the District, effective end of day June 11, 2024.
- ii. Accept the resignation of Michael Neal, Intervention Specialist at Alliance Intermediate School, for retirement, effective May 28, 2024.
- iii. Accept the resignation of Greg Gemberling, Dean of Students at Alliance Middle School, for retirement, effective end of day June 11, 2024.

b. Classified Staff

- i. Accept the resignation of Laura Sandy, Behavior Management Specialist at Alliance Elementary School, for personal reasons, effective end of day March 8, 2024.
- ii. Accept the resignation of Kara Hill, Teacher Aide at Alliance Elementary School, for personal reasons, effective end of day March 1, 2024.
- iii. Accept the resignation of Sara Dobrunick, Teacher Aide at Alliance Intermediate School, for personal reasons, effective end of day March 1, 2024.

C. Approval of Leave of Absences

- a. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Allison Marazita from February 22, 2024 through February 28, 2024.
- b. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Destiny Levelle, for one-half day ($\frac{1}{2}$) on February 29, 2024 and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day on March 11, 2024.
- c. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Lisa Blythe from February 26, 2024 through April 15, 2024.
- d. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Chelsea Young from February 16, 2024 through March 21, 2024.
- e. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Kara Hill for one (1) day on February 26, 2024.
- f. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Brooke Frederick for one(1) day on January 22, 2024.
- g. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Emily Davis for February 23, 2024, March 8, 2024, March 11, 2024, March 21, 2024 and March 22, 2024.

- h. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Amber Zurbrugg, for ¾ of a day on March 4, 2024 and one (1) day on March 5, 2024.
- i. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to Marisa Smith for one-half (½) day on March 12, 2024.
- j. Approve an unpaid leave of absence to April Boals for one (1) day on March 12, 2024.

FINANCE

A. Financial Reports

- a. Approve Financial Status Reports for February, 2024. [Financials February 24.pdf](#)
- b. Approve Board Bills for the month of February, 2024 excluding those made to the University of Mount Union. [Board Bills February 24.pdf](#)
- c. Approve the following Then and Now Certificates: 24000827, 24001681, 24001986, 24002082.
- d. Approve a Resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. [Alliance CSD](#)
- e. Approve the following recommended appropriation amendments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Fund	Description	Amount
524	Perkins Instruction/Supplies	\$6,823.55

B. Donations

- a. Accept a donation from Broadway Iron & Metal in the amount of \$100.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- b. Accept a donation from Alliance Rotary Club in the amount of \$628.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- c. Accept a donation from Goris Properties in the amount of \$550.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- d. Accept a donation from American Legion in the amount of \$550.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- e. Accept a donation from Alliance Elks in the amount of \$400.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.

- f. Accept a donation from Dr. Mungo in the amount of \$250.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- g. Accept a donation from Alliance Ventures in the amount of \$550.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- h. Accept a donation from Ken Ganley Kia of Alliance in the amount of \$481.50 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.
- i. Accept a donation from Paula Andreani in the amount of \$50.00 to be used toward the middle school 8th grade honors trip to Washington, DC.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Mr. Heath gave a financial update

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mrs. Dennis gave a shout out to Mrs. Renee Marinchek at AIS for her Muffins and Masterpiece Program; Mr. Kinser gave a shout out to those high school students inducted into the National Honor Society; Mr. Koch gave a shout out to the community for their continued support through donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The next Board Workshop will be held on April 2, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Administration Offices, located at 500 Glamorgan Street, Alliance, Ohio.
- B. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on April 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Administration Offices located at 500 Glamorgan Street, Alliance, Ohio.
- C. The next regular LPDC meeting will be held on April 1, 2024, at Alliance High School, Room 334 at 2:30 pm and Alliance Middle School, Room 809 at 2:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - To consider the employment of a public employee or official and to consider the discipline of a public employee.

Moved by Ms. Dunlap and seconded by Mr. Kinser to move into Executive Session at 5:47 pm to consider the employment of a public employee or official and to consider the discipline of a public employee.

24-78	Vote on Motion:	
Move	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Into	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Executive	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
Session	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes

Five Yeas Motion Passed

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Mr. Koch to exit Executive Session at 6:53 pm.

24-79	Vote on Motion:	
Exit	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Executive	Ms. Simbro	Yes
Session	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

Moved by Mr. Kinser and seconded by Ms. Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

24-80	Vote on Motion:	
Adjourn	Mrs. Dennis	Yes
Meeting	Ms. Simbro	Yes
	Ms. Dunlap	Yes
	Mr. Kinser	Yes
	Mr. Koch	Yes
	Five Yeas	Motion Passed

_____, President

_____, Treasurer