

HILLSDALE SCHOOLS
485 TR 1902, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2020
7:00 PM
Hillsdale High School

Tentative Agenda

I. Call to Order

_____ Mr. Anderson

_____ Mrs. Jarvis

_____ Mr. Atterholt

_____ Mrs. King

_____ Mr. Cutlip

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Public Participation

At this time the Board wishes to recognize our visitors to this meeting. We thank you for attending our meeting. If anyone wishes to address the Board, you may do so at this time. Please state your name and please limit your comments to a maximum of five minutes. Please understand that the Board may not be able to address your comments or concerns at this time. The Board may have to research the matter.

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Reading of Fabulous Falcons and Students of the Month.
2. Report – Ashland County – West Holmes Career Center – Mr. Chio.
3. Any Additional Public Participation.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

- A. Rick Blahnik
- B. Steve Dickerson

- V. Recommend approval of the agenda and additions/deletions for the regular Board of Education meeting.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King

VI. Treasurer's Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the November 3, 2020 Board Minutes as presented.
B. Approval of the November 2020 Financial Reports as presented.
C. Approval of the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT TO THE MASTER ELECTRIC ENERGY SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND POWER4SCHOOOLS' ENDORSED ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, ENGIE RESOURCES LLC.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery by the District of Renewal Agreement to the Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Schools Council, Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (the "Associations") each carries out cooperative purchase programs and promotes cooperative arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Associations collectively do business under the trade name "Power4Schools" ("P4S") for the purpose of endorsing competitive retail electric service ("CRES") providers to supply retail electric energy services to the Associations' members; and

WHEREAS, the members of, and other participating public schools associated with, the Associations desire to purchase retail electric energy services from the CRES provider that has received the endorsement of P4S, ENGIE Resources LLC ("ENGIE"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery by the District of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE Hillsdale Local SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF Ashland STATE OF OHIO, as follows.

Section 1. The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Power Sales Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

Section 2. Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Power Sales Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King.

VII. Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Accept the resignation of Danyel O'Hail effective December 11, 2020.
- B. Approve the following to the classified substitute list for 2020-21 school year:

Alexis Courtney, Alyssa Crytzer, Sadie Moffett
- C. Approve Sadie Moffett to a one (1) year contract as 2.5 hour cook, effective January 4, 2020, experience 0.

- D. Approve Sadie Moffett to a one (1) year contract as Full-Time Relief School Bus Driver/Van Driver effective January 4, 2020, experience 0.
- E. Approve the following Volunteers:
Niki Moore, Brian Smiley
- F. Recommendation to approve membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Services effective January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King.

- G. First Reading of the following policies:

BDC	Executive Sessions
EDE	Computer/Online Services
EDE-R	Computer/Online Services
DM	Deposit of Public Funds
DH	Bonded Employees and Officers
DJB	Petty Cash Accounts

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN, AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE COMPANION BILL TO SUBSTITUTE H.B. 305, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio's constitutional standard of securing "... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court's order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of "funding fixes" legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's previous biennial budget crafted by the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with "capped" districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the "guarantee"; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either "capped" in their funding, or on the "guarantee," which is a testament that Ohio's funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current biennial budget crafted by the 133rd General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on "the guarantee"), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the “Cupp-Patterson Workgroup”), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a “thorough and efficient system of common schools” that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

WHEREAS, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill (H.B.) 305, and is currently incorporated into and improved upon in a companion bill in the Senate, Senate Bill (S.B.) 376; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio's children and Ohio's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Local School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in S.B. 376 of the 133rd General Assembly (the Senate companion bill to Substitute H.B. 305), to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21st century.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Darrell Kick and Senator Larry Obhof; and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King.

- B. Nomination and appointment of _____ to serve as President Pro Tempore and preside over the January 12, 2021 Organizational Meeting until new President is elected for 2021.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King.

- C.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs. King.

IX. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Legislative Update – Mr. Atterholt.
- B. Student Achievement Update – Mrs. Jarvis.
- C. Items from the Board.

X. Adjournment

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the Board meeting at _____.

_____ Mr. Anderson, _____ Mr. Atterholt, _____ Mr. Cutlip,
_____ Mrs. Jarvis, _____ Mrs.King.