

**Reynoldsburg City Schools
Organizational Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2024 4:30 p.m.**

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order (p) REF: 1.4.24

President Pro-temp Angela Abram called the meeting to order.

1.02 Roll Call (p) REF: 1.4.24

The following members were present: Jeni Quesenberry, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Neal Whitman, Angela Abram

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance (p) REF: 1.4.24

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Election of President

2.01 Election of Board President (a) REF: 1.4.24

Neal Whitman nominated Angela Abram for Board President.

The vote was as follows:

Board Member	Vote For
Angela Abram	Angela Abram
Julie Towns	Angela Abram
Amanda Young	Angela Abram
Neal Whitman	Angela Abram
Jeni Quesenberry	Angela Abram

Board President: Angela Abram

3. Election of Vice-President

3.01 Election of Board Vice-President (a) REF: 1.4.24

Angela Abram nominated Jeni Quesenberry for Board Vice-President.

Neal Whitman nominated Neal Whitman for Board Vice-President

The vote was as follows:

Board Member	Vote For
Jeni Quesenberry	Jeni Quesenberry
Julie Towns	Jeni Quesenberry
Angela Abrams	Jeni Quesenberry
Neal Whitman	Neal Whitman
Amanda Young	Neal Whitman

Vice-President: Jeni Quesenberry

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the January 4, 2024 Organizational Meeting Agenda.

Motion by Amanda Young, second by Julie Towns

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Jeni Quesenberry, Amanda Young, Angela Abram

4.01 Approval of Agenda (a) REF: 1.5.23

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, to approve the January 4, 2024 Organizational Meeting agenda as presented.

5. Set Dates and Times of the Regular Board of Education Meetings

Motion to approve the dates and times of the Regular 2023 Board of Education meetings.

Motion by Debbie Dunlap, second by Julie Towns

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Debbie Dunlap, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Angela Abram

5.01 Set Dates and Times of the Regular Board of Education Meetings (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.15 provides that, at the time of the Organizational Meeting, each Board of Education shall fix the time of holding its regular meetings, and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.22 further provides that these regular meetings shall be held at least once every two months, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, (unless otherwise noted) that the regular meetings of the Reynoldsburg Board of Education will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with said meetings being held at the Reynoldsburg City Council Chambers, 7232 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, as follows:

January 16, 2024	Taylor Road Elementary School
February 20, 2024	French Run Elementary School
March 19, 2024	Reynoldsburg High School-Livingston Campus
April 16, 2024	STEM Middle at Baldwin Road Junior High School
May 14, 2024	Rose Hill Elementary School
June 18, 2024	City Hall
July 16, 2024	City Hall
August 20, 2024	City Hall
September 17, 2024	Reynoldsburg High School-Summit Campus
October 15, 2024	Waggoner Road Junior High School
November 19, 2024	Herbert Mills Elementary School
December 17, 2024	Slate Ridge Elementary School

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is directed to give the proper notice of this schedule to the media.

6. Robert's Rules of Order

Motion to approve the Robert's Rules of Order as the accepted authority in conducting Board meetings.

Motion by Neal Whitman, second by Amanda Young

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Jeni Quesenberry, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Angela Abram

6.01 Robert's Rules of Order (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS, it is imperative that meetings of the Board of Education be conducted in an orderly manner while ensuring that each member has every opportunity to be involved in discussions and actions, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert's Rules of Order, in its most recent and current edition, be established as the accepted authority when questions regarding procedure arise except as otherwise stated by the by-laws adopted by the Reynoldsburg City School District.

7. Establish Committees

Motion to approve Committees

Motion by Amanda Young, second by Jeni Quesenberry

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Jeni Quesenberry, Amanda Young, Angela Abram

7.01 Establish Committees (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS, committee assignments and composition are governed by Ohio law, and

WHEREAS, the Board President may appoint members to committees and assignments respectively.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following committees:

Board Committee
Finance/Audit Committee
Policy Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Calendar Committee
Outcomes Coordination Committee
Interscholastic Athletic Board of Control
Safety Committee
Citizens' Advisory Committee

Outside Committees
City Liaison
Legislative Liaison
Expulsion Appeals Hearings

Motion to appoint two Committee Members to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Motion by Julie Towns, second by Jeni Quesenberry

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Jeni Quesenberry, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Angela Abram

7.02 Appoint Two Committee Members to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee (a) REF: 1.4.24

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Board President to appoint two committee members to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

8. Establish Board Service Fund

Motion to establish a Board Service Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion by Neal Whitman, second by Jeni Quesenberry

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

8.01 Establish Board Service Fund (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS Ohio statutes provide for setting aside from the general fund a sum not to exceed \$2.00 for each child enrolled, or \$20,000, whichever is greater, such sum of money to be known as the "service fund" to be used only in paying the expenses of members of the board actually incurred in the performance of their duties, or of their official representatives, or in paying the expenses of members-elect of such boards of education actually incurred in training and orientation to the performance of their duties from the date of election to the date of administration of the oath of office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3315.15, the board hereby appropriated for the purpose of said service fund the amount as set forth herein: \$14,400.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 5705.40, that any unspent unencumbered balance in the service fund at the end of the current fiscal year shall revert to the (general fund) and shall be subject to appropriations for the next fiscal year.

9. Authorize the Treasurer to Conduct Regular Financial Matters

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to conduct regular financial matters.

Motion by Amanda Young, second by Julie Towns

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

9.01 Authorize the Treasurer to Conduct Regular Financial Matters (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.31 identifies the Treasurer as responsible for the performance of all duties relating to monies, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that these duties be performed in a timely manner, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to perform the following duties:

- A. Invest the funds of this school district in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy.
- B. Provide payments to employees for salaries and expenses, and to suppliers for goods and services, within the appropriations established by the Board of Education.
- C. Provide payments to contractors in the amount approved by the Board and through the Superintendent of Schools or his designated representative.
- D. To perform such other duties as are required or authorized by law.
- E. Secure tax settlement advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the District.

10. Authorize the Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager to Enter into and Execute Contracts

Motion to authorize the Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager to enter into and execute contracts.

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Amanda Young

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

10.01 Authorize the Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager to Enter into and Execute Contract (a) REF: 1.4.24

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager hereby be authorized to enter into and execute all contracts necessary in carrying out the business of the District. The Executive Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager is authorized to execute all contracts up to the amount of \$50,000. Contracts beyond \$50,000 are subject to Board approval.

11. Authorize the Superintendent to Hire Staff and Accept Resignations on Behalf of the Board.

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff and accept resignations on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Julie Towns, second by Amanda Young

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

11.01 Authorize the Superintendent to Hire Staff and Accept Resignations on Behalf of the Board. (a) REF: 1.4.24

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the motion as follows:

1. To authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

2. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board Policy.
3. To authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
4. The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

12. Authorize the Superintendent/Superintendent Designee to Approve Grants

Motion to authorize the Superintendent/Superintendent's designee to enter into and approve grants.

Motion by Debbie Dunlap, second by Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Debbie Dunlap

12.01 Authorize the Superintendent/Superintendent Designee to Approve Grants (a) REF: 1.5.23

Resolution to authorize the Superintendent and/or Superintendent's designee to represent the district for purposes of federal, state and local grants, which include Title I, Special Education IDEA-B, Title II-A, Title III, Title IV, 21st Century, Early Childhood Entitlement, and other grants as deemed appropriate.

13. Approve Firms to Provide Legal Services

Motion to approve the following firms/entities to provide legal services to the District as needed.

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Julie Towns

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

13.01 Approve Firms to Provide Legal Services (a) REF: 1.4.24

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following firms to provide legal services on an as needed basis:

1. Brickler & Eckler
2. Onda, LaBuhn, Rankin & Boggs Co., LPA
3. Pepple & Waggoner, LTD
4. Ennis Britton, LPA
5. Reynoldsburg City Attorney
6. Walter Haverfield

14. Approve Membership in the Ohio School Boards Association

Motion to approve membership in the Ohio School Boards Association.

Motion by Julie Towns, second by Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Debbie Dunlap

14.01 Approve Membership in the Ohio School Boards Association (a) REF: 1.4.24

Postponed until January 16, 2024

15. Public Records Training

Motion to appoint a designee to attend the certified Public Records training on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Julie Towns, second by Amanda Young

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Debbie Dunlap

15.01 Public Records Training (a) REF: 1.4.24

WHEREAS, Board members or their designee are required to attend a certified public records training, per HB9, once per term of office.

WHEREAS, the Board may appoint a designee to attend the training on their behalf.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be appointed as the designee to attend the training on behalf of the Board.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Amanda Young, second by Julie Towns

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Julie Towns, Neal Whitman, Amanda Young, Jeni Quesenberry

18.01 Adjournment (a) REF: 1.4.24

The meeting was adjourned at **5:20 pm**

President

Treasurer