**Reynoldsburg City Schools**

**Organizational Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Opening Items**

The Reynoldsburg City School District Board of Education held its Organizational Meeting on January 5, 2021. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and streamed on the School District Webpage.

**1.01 Call to Order (p) REF: 1.5.21**

President Pro-tem Debbie Dunlap called the meeting to order.

**1.02 Roll Call (p) REF: 1.5.21**

The following members were present: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap

**1.03 Pledge of Allegiance (p) REF: 1.5.21**

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Election of President**

**2.01 Election of Board President (a) REF: 1.5.21**

Neal Whitman nominated Debbie Dunlap for Board President.

Robert Barga nominated Neal Whitman for Board President.

The vote was as follows:

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| **Board Member** | **Vote For** |
| Angela Abram | Debbie Dunlap |
| Robert Barga | Debbie Dunlap |
| Jeni Quesenberry | Debbie Dunlap |
| Neal Whitman | Debbie Dunlap |
| Debbie Dunlap | Debbie Dunlap |

Board President: Debbie Dunlap

**3. Election of Vice-President**

**3.01 Election of Board Vice-President (a) REF: 1.5.21**

Jeni Quesenberry nominated Robert Barga for Board Vice-President.

Angela Abram nominated Neal Whitman for Board Vice-President

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| **Board Member** | **Vote For** |
| Angela Abram | Neal Whitman |
| Robert Barga | Neal Whitman |
| Jeni Quesenberry | Robert Barga |
| Neal Whitman | Neal Whitman |
| Debbie Dunlap | Neal Whitman |

Vice-President: Neal Whitman

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve the January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting Agenda.**

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**4.01 Approval of Agenda (a) REF: 1.5.21**

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, to approve the January 5, 2021 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 2021 Board of Education meetings.**

Motion by Neal Whitman, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**5.01 Set Dates and Times of the Regular Board of Education Meetings (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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:

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| January 19, 2021 | July 20, 2021 |
| February 16, 2021 | August 17, 2021 |
| March 16, 2021 | September 21, 2021 |
| April 20, 2021 | October 19, 2021 |
| May 18, 2021 | November 16, 2021 |
| June 15, 2021 | December 21, 2021 |

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

**6. Roberts' Rules of Order**

**Motion to approve the Roberts’ Rules of Order as the accepted authority in conducting Board meetings.**

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Robert Barga

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**6.01 Roberts' Rules of Order (a) REF: 1.5.21**

WHEREAS, it is imperative that meetings of the Board of Education be conducted in an orderly manner while insuring that each member has every opportunity to be involved in discussions and actions, now therefore,  
  
BE IT RESOLVED, that Roberts’ 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 the following standing committees and to authorize the Board President to assign members to the committees.**

Motion by Neal Whitman, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**7.01 Establish Committees (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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 and to authorize the Board President to make assignments to the committees:

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| **Board Committee** |
| Finance/Audit Committee |
| Policy Committee |
| Building & Grounds Committee |
| School Business Advisory Committee |
| Calendar Committee |
| Outcomes Coordination Committee |
| Interscholastic Athletic Board of Control |
| Personnel Committee |
| Safety Committee |

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| **Outside Committees** |
| City Liaison |
| Legislative Liaison |

**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, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**8.01 Establish Board Service Fund (a) REF: 1.5.21**

WHEREAS, Ohio statues 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: $10,000,

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 business.**

Motion by Robert Barga, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**9.01 Authorize the Treasurer to Conduct Regular Financial Matters (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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:

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| 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/or through the Superintendent of Schools, his designated representative, and/or the Director of Operations/Business Manager. |
| D. | Secure tax settlement advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the District. |
| E. | Perform other duties as are required or authorized by law. |

**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 Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**10.01 Authorize the Director of Operations and Services/Business Manager to Enter into and Execute Contract (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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 Neal Whitman, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**11.01 Authorize the Superintendent to Hire Staff and Accept Resignations on Behalf of the Board. (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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 record 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 Jeni Quesenberry, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**12.01 Authorize the Superintendent/Superintendent Designee to Approve Grants (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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. Legal Services**

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

Motion by Neal Whitman, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**13.01 Approve Firms to Provide Legal Services (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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

**14. Membership - Ohio School Boards Association**

**Motion to approve membership in the Ohio School Boards Association.**

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Angela Abram

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**14.01 Approve Membership in the Ohio School Boards Association (a) REF: 1.5.21**

WHEREAS, R.C. 3313.87 entitles a Board of Education to join a school board’s association by a majority vote of its members and grant the authority to appropriate from its general fund an amount sufficient to pay the annual dues within prescribed limits, and  
  
WHEREAS, the experience of past Boards of Education has proved the value of membership into the Ohio School Boards Association for in-service and growth of Board Members, now therefore,  
  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to continue the membership of the Board of Education in the Ohio School Boards Association.

**15. Membership - OSBA Legal Assistance Fund**

**Motion to approve the membership to the Ohio School Board Legal Assistance Fund.**

Motion by Angela Abram, second by Jeni Quesenberry

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Jeni Quesenberry, Debbie Dunlap.

Nay: Robert Barga, Neal Whitman

**15.01 Approve Membership in the Ohio School Board Legal Assistance Fund (a) REF: 1.5.21**

WHEREAS, the Reynoldsburg Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decision and,  
  
WHEREAS, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,   
  
THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2021 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF $250.00.

**16. Public Records Training**

**Motion to appoint the Treasurer as the designee to attend the certified public records training on behalf of the Board.**

Motion by Robert Barga, second by Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**16.01 Public Records Training (a) REF: 1.5.21**

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.

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion by Jeni Quesenberry, second by Neal Whitman

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Angela Abram, Robert Barga, Jeni Quesenberry, Neal Whitman, Debbie Dunlap.

**17.01 Adjournment (a) REF: 1.5.21**

The meeting was adjourned.

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