



MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.

- A1 The president called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- A2 Members present: Ms. Arnold, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst. Mrs. Crowley was absent.
- A3 Pledge of Allegiance

NOTE: *Portions of the meeting's audio recording were difficult to decipher. Therefore, this document may contain many unfinished sentences or incorrect wording.*

B PROGRAMS / PRESENTATIONS

- B1 No presentations

C ROUTINES

- C1 The agenda is correct with late-breaking items.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda with late-breaking items.
- C3 The Board of Education approved the June 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Vorst asked Mrs. Swearingen if she had any comments. Mrs. Swearingen said we finished the year with some positive variances compared to what we had anticipated. I plan to review those variances compared to the forecast with all of you at the next meeting.

- C4 The Board of Education approved the minutes from the following meetings:
 - a. June 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting
 - b. June 10, 2024 – Meeting Notes

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education appreciates citizen interest in meetings of the board. This place on the agenda is set aside to hear comments from visitors. When called, please go to the microphone so that remarks may be clearly heard and recorded. You must give your name and limit comments to three minutes. Comments must be respectful and professional in nature. Board members may or may not ask questions or make comments. No board member has the power or authority to act for the board; therefore, no response from an individual board member should be interpreted as an official action of the board. Portions of this meeting are being recorded.

No public participation

E CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education approved the consent agenda, items E1 through E3. Action by the Board of Education in “Adoption of the Consent Agenda” means that all E items are adopted by one single motion unless a member of the board or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately. Employments, where applicable, are contingent upon 1) Verification of education, 2) Proof of proper certification, and 3) Positive results from a criminal records check.

- E1 Approved the following Certified Personnel actions – See attachment to the Minutes.
- E2 Approved the following Classified Personnel actions – See attachment to the Minutes.
- E3 Approved the following trip requests:
 - a. Davidson Girls Cross Country, Buck Creek State Park – August 1, 2024
 - b. Davidson Girls Cross Country, Peoria, IL – June 17, 2024
 - c. Davidson Football, Ohio University – July 22, 2024

Mr. Perry acknowledged the following retirees: Scott Dempsey, Colleen Mingarelle, and Thomas Nees. Congratulations to them on their many years of service.

Mr. Stewart added I'm very excited to introduce to you Lauren Barkdull as the new principal at Horizon. Lauren is a Hilliard graduate, resident, parent, and former teacher. Her mom's a former nurse in the district, and so we got a superstar in this one. Lauren, feel free to introduce yourself.

Mrs. Barkdull said Hi, everyone. I'm Lauren Barkdull. Thank you for being here. Thank you for all you do for our district. I am back in Hilliard and I'm just so excited to be here and to be a part of this district and community.

F ACTION AGENDA

- F1 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR THE RELOCATION OF WATER LINE AND
SANITARY SEWER LINE EASEMENTS**

The Superintendent recommends approval of an Agreement for the Relocation of Water Line and Sanitary Sewer Easements with Alton Place, LLC, allowing the Alton to relocate, at its cost, a water line, sanitary sewer connecting to District property, and corresponding easements.

Rationale:

- 1. Alton Place is the fee simple owner, as successor in title to Homewood Corporation, of certain parcels of property situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Hilliard (collectively the “Alton Property”).
- 2. The School District is the fee simple owner of the parcel of real property contiguous to the Property (“District Property”).

3. On May 17, 2007, Homewood conveyed an Easement Agreement which conveyed a permanent water line easement, temporary sewer line easement and temporary construction easements over the Property, for the benefit of the School District Parcel
4. The Easement Agreement provides, in Section 4.1, a mechanism for Homewood and its successors in title to relocate the waterline and sanitary sewer line, at their sole cost and expense, and upon the written consent of the Board.
5. As the successor in title from Homewood, Alton Places wishes to enter into an Agreement in order to exercise its rights under Section 4.1 of the Easement Agreement to relocate the waterline and sanitary sewer line at its sole cost and expense

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board consents to the relocation of the water line and sanitary sewer in accordance with Section 4.1 of the Easement Agreement; the Board’s consent is conditioned on the parties reaching an agreement regarding the terms of the Agreement for the Relocation of Water Line and sanitary Sewer Easements.
2. The Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President are authorized to negotiate and finalize the terms of the Agreement for the Relocation of Water Line and Sanitary Sewer Easements, and the Treasurer and Board President are authorized to sign the document without any further action by the Board.

Mr. Vorst said David, you talked about this in your email. Is there any risk to the district? Mr. Stewart said no, there isn't. What I should have included in the email, thanks for asking, is that we had both our attorneys and our architect review all of this before we agreed to it. What you are approving tonight is a resolution for us to finalize that agreement and won't require any further board action.

F2 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

Easement & Right of Way

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCIOTO-DARBY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, “Grantor(s)”, in consideration of \$1.00, the easement terms, and other good and valuable consideration from Ohio Power Company an Ohio corporation and a unit of American Electric Power, 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, "Grantee", the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, grants and conveys with general warranty covenants to Grantee its successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and tenants, a right of way and easement, "Easement" for electric and other current/future energy or communication purposes, overhead and underground, in, on, over, through and across the following described lands situated in the Township of Norwich, County of Franklin and State of Ohio. Being part of a 9.60 acre tract of land as described in Official Records Volume 2857 Page 28 of the Franklin County Recorder's Office (Parcel # 560-232664-00).

Said lines and facilities shall be constructed within the limits of certain strips of land. The dimensions of which are shown on the attached drawing marked Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof.

This Easement conveys all necessary and convenient rights for the Easement's use, including, without limitation, the rights to: construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, replace, enlarge, upgrade,

extend and remove utility facilities and relocate within the Easement, all necessary and convenient facilities which include but are not limited to: poles, anchors, guys, supporting structures, conductors, conduits, enclosures, grounding systems, foundations, manholes, transformers, and associated equipment, adding thereto from time to time; perform grading or filling for such facilities; cut, trim, remove and/or otherwise control, with herbicides or by other means, at Grantee's option (without any liability to Grantor), any trees, limbs or branches, brush, shrubs, undergrowth, of whatever size, buildings, structures, or other obstructions that in Grantee's reasonable judgment endanger or interfere with the safety or use of its facilities, both within and adjoining the Easement. Within the Easement, Grantor shall not: place any structures, piles or debris, interfere with lateral support, change the level of the ground by excavation or mounding without Grantee's written consent, allow any construction that would be inconsistent with the National Electric Safety Code or Grantee's design standards, and, for underground lines, permit or cause any excavation, except for other utilities, provided such utilities rights do not conflict with this Easement. This Easement also conveys the right of ingress and egress in and over any reasonable routes at all times. If any governmental authority requires Grantee to relocate the facilities contemplated by this grant, this Easement conveys the right to relocate such facilities to a comparable location of Grantee's choosing, without the need for a new easement, provided such relocation does not interfere with Grantor's operations.

Grantor may use its property for all purposes not inconsistent with the full enjoyment of the Easement, but Grantor acknowledges high voltage electric lines will be constructed within the Easement and Grantor shall use its property in a manner consistent with all applicable safety rules and regulations for working near electric lines. Safety/required clearance issues may be referred to Grantee's Engineering Group. Grantee shall restore the premises or pay reasonable damages done to fences, drains, seeded lawns (not landscaping), gates, ditches and crops caused by Grantee's use of the Easement. Grantor has authority to grant this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver or forfeiture of such right. This Easement grant is effective and binding upon the parties, their successors, assigns, lessees, licensees, heirs and legal representatives, and if any term hereunder is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

Mr. Stewart said I'll just go ahead and quickly explain. This falls under the broad umbrella of being a good neighbor. This is to extend services primarily created by the widening of the road in that area and extending service. This is a very standard easement that AEP uses a lot. Again, we've had our architect and our attorney review and edit.

Ms. Arnold asked if the easement is along Renner Road. Mr. Stewart said correct. Mr. Vorst asked if this cost us a dollar or if we were earning a dollar. Mr. Stewart said I think we're earning a dollar.

G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM

G1 Committee Reports

Ms. Arnold said I have two things. Last month, the facilities committee took a little field trip tour of a few of the capital projects scheduled for this summer. It's one thing to talk about these maintenance items or improvements during our meetings but quite another to actually see the scope of the work firsthand. Within just the five buildings we visited, you can appreciate the undertaking it is to maintain a district of our size and how our teams stretch the dollars that are available.

It is reflected in the processes for the repaving design to extend the life of the pavement, surveying the concrete to determine the replacement or repair for safety, and flooring choices for durability and future maintenance, just to name a few. So, thank you to Mike and Mark for the tour, the committee, and the community members who joined us. And to Angelo for providing our transportation on the electric bus. It was great to see how that thing can move. Looking forward to following up in September with the completion of these projects and others.

The other piece was OSBA. Two weeks ago, I attended an OSBA workshop on exploring the horizon, the future of education in Ohio. This day was similar to a day at the Capital Conference, with several sessions around that theme. I just want to provide a brief summary of the two highlights that impressed me.

The first session provided a panel discussion on “Next ready, preparing students for their future.” The questions posed included conversations around the significant challenges for education, the role of technology, workforce preparation, and innovation. Within the diverse answers and proposed initiatives or solutions, I heard many of the same things were already weaving into our curriculum scheduling processes. One of the enduring themes for me was the challenge to engage students in deeper learning and empowering them with motivation and passion to become self directed lifelong learners. A lot of what is reflected in our portrait of a learner and our strategic plan.

This was also reflected in a later session featuring a panel of students representing their experience with the OSU Student Research Learning Collaborative. The collaborative was formed by Dr. Keith Bell to give students a “structured platform to research, discuss, and solve issues students identify.” These students were extremely impressive while providing information to the attendees, summaries of the issues they chose to research, their methodologies, and the solutions proposed and implemented. Most importantly, they all spoke of the confidence they gained through this program and how it would or has helped them as they move forward into college or internships.

On a side note, as I read the book *Miseducated* last week, I saw some very similar parallels to the author's experience as well. This program might be worth investigating here in Hilliard and its potential for capstone usage.

Other sessions included voucher impacts and workforce recruitment and retention. Overall, it was a very good day, not just for the content but also for connecting with other board members around the region.

Mr. Perry stated that we have a Policy Review Committee scheduled for July 25th, which is open to the public. Also, this Friday, we have an intergovernmental meeting, which we'll report on in August, that Ms. Arnold and Mrs. Crowley will attend.

H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT

H1 The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.