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# MEETING NOTES

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*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. Crowley, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst.
- 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 Recognition - Duane Powell, CIO, City of Hilliard

Mr. Stewart stated we have just one presentation tonight. Duane Powell, the CIO for the City of Hilliard, is here to make a special presentation.

Good evening, members of the board. Thank you for having me present this here. I'm here tonight, not in my capacity as the CIO for the City of Hilliard, but as the Deputy Regional Commander of the Ohio Cyber Reserve. The Ohio Cyber Reserve is under the command of the adjutant general. We are made up of volunteers who contribute to the cyber security of the state of Ohio. We support local government, state government, school systems, and critical infrastructure.

To prepare for our mission, we conduct cyber exercises in which all the teams across the state come together and compete as intruders versus defenders. Putting on those exercises takes a lot of people. Mr. Rich Boettner, please come forward. He's been a major contributor to supporting these exercises in the last couple of years.

One of the things we do during that exercise is the individual teams pick a hero award, which is someone who has contributed significantly to the support. Rich's role on the team is the NetO, which means he is responsible for the network and controls the information flow to the defenders. Rich volunteered to move up over all the NetOs this year, so he made a significant jump in his responsibility and workload, and he distinguished himself.

So, I'd like to present this award to Rich. For the extra effort, heroism, and...(inaudible)..., Rich Boettner has been recognized by the Ohio Cyberguardian 24 leadership as the Ohio Cyberguardian Hero from July 19th through July 23rd. Congratulations.

Mr. Stewart said I certainly appreciate Rich's service to our state and our country, but internally, to have somebody with that level of expertise as you travel around the state, these attacks do happen on schools. We are a target of attacks, and when it doesn't go well, it's disastrous. So, to have that level of expertise and involvement in the district is very comforting. Thank you, Rich.

**C ROUTINES**

- C1 The agenda is correct as presented.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
- C3 The Board of Education approved the July 2024 Treasurer’s Report.

Mrs. Swearingen explained that there wasn’t anything significant. It’s just the first month of the fiscal year. So, any variances that you would see are just due to some timing differences and when different payments are made or revenues come in. Things will start to even out as we get a couple more months into the fiscal year.

- C4 The Board of Education approved the minutes from the following meetings:
  - a. July 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting
  - b. July 9, 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 Boys Cross Country, Terre Haute, IN – November 9, 2024
  - b. Davidson Boys Cross Country, Michigan State – September 12, 2024

Mr. Perry mentioned that we have approved one retirement: Paul Atkinson, who has been with us since 1996. Thank you for your many years of service.

Mr. Vorst asked, now that we're into the new year, are there any glaring differences between gains and losses from this year or last year? Mr. Walker, Executive Director of Human Resources, said pretty close. I think we're up three positions overall, and most of those were due to Spec Ed. Mrs. Swearingen said with certified and classified, we are up four positions overall.

**F ACTION AGENDA**

F1 No action items.

**G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM**

G1 Policies submitted for a first reading  
a. IKF – Graduation Requirements  
b. JN – Student Fees

Mr. Stewart said we have two policies for the first reading. Again, typically, that's just a notification piece, and we have a conversation at the second reading.

G2 Committee Reports

Mrs. Crowley said I wasn't at the July meeting, but I want to say that through the Academic and Curriculum Committee, I attended the admin retreat in June. I had the time of my life. I loved it. It was such an amazing day. I have always thought that we had great admin here and now I know it for sure. They worked so hard. They were so thoughtful about their planning. You can tell they care so much about their staff, their teachers, and their students. It was just such a great day. So, thank you for having me.

Mr. Perry said nothing from the Policy Committee other than the policies you see before us.

Ms. Arnold said Brian, Beth, and I attended the new teacher induction on Monday. It was a great event, with some great storytelling by our superintendent and others. I also came back on Tuesday, when we had a student panel, giving teachers feedback on the things that they wish their teachers knew. It was a great event. Those kids had good insights and were open and honest.

Mr. Stewart added, as I mentioned in the board update last week, that having the resource of five days to set our new employees up for success is valuable. I would also point out that Joyce Brickley and everyone around her have continued to evolve the plans for those five days in a way that really gets the most...(inaudible)...on that. I agree it was a great week. Thank you.

Mrs. Crowley said she knew a new teacher who went through that week, and she had nothing but wonderful things to say about it. Mr. Stewart said it's a long week for them. We threw a lot at them. Mrs. Crowley added that she said it was a long, tiring week, but she said she learned a lot and she feels so prepared.

**H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT**

H1 The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.