

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18,

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Approved March 23, 2021

The Urbana City School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 1673 S US Hwy 68, Urbana, Ohio. President Darrell Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Mr. Arter, present; Mr. Engle, present; Ms. Finch, present; Ms. Paul, present; Mr. Thomas, present.

Five members present.

(Motion #0221.01) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Engle and seconded by Ms. Finch to approve the amended agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Arter, aye; Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye.  
Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/BOARD COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Thomas read the Students of the Month.

Elementary:	Miles Chapman Brenna Spriggs Barrett Glessner Jack Smith Hayden Castle Hadden Eubanks
Junior High:	Toll Run – Everett Chapman Mohawk – Lilyan Wisma Gutridge – Brevan Staley Five Points – Hayden Kelly UVA – Amarion Hertsel
High School:	Ashley Gemienhardt Hailey Combs

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

(Motion #0221.02) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Arter and seconded by Ms. Paul to approve the minutes of the organizational meeting of January 14, 2021 and the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2021.

Roll Call: Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Arter, aye.  
Motion carried.

(Motion #0221.03) TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. Approve monthly reports
- B. Funding Update
- C. Approve the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.
- D. Approve the following donations:
  - To Urbana High School Football Team, from VFW Post and football parents, a total of \$6,700.
  - To Urbana Athletic Department, from Alise Photography, \$500.
  - To Daniel O’Kane Scholarship Fund, from Colleen O’Kane and Debra Wortman, a total of \$1,500.
  - To Urbana City Schools, from Kroger, in-kind donation of hand sanitizer valued at \$500.

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Mandy reviewed the updated foundation numbers and the ESSER I and ESSER II funding amounts.

Roll Call: Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Arter, aye; Mr. Engle, aye.  
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. School Facilities Update: The district continues to work with OFCC on the closeout process. The final payment to Gilbane for the high school building was made this month. Asbestos has been removed at 550 Washington Ave. The weather has delayed the demolition of the structures.
- B. School Lunch Report – Mr. Thiel reviewed the required annual school lunch report. This is annual requirement to review policies and address standards for the food service program.

(Motion #0221.04) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Agenda – All matters listed under the Consent Agenda (contingent upon meeting all local/state/federal laws/guidelines) are considered by the Board of Education to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. The Superintendent of Schools will briefly discuss each item in the consent agenda before they are actively acted upon. However, a board member, staff member, or the public may request that specific items shall be discussed and/or removed from the consent agenda. The Superintendent and administrative staff recommend approval of all consent agenda items.

It was moved by Mr. Arter and seconded by Ms. Paul to approve the Superintendent’s recommendations as follows:

- 1. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following resignations:

Wilbert Mills	Custodian	effective January 15, 2021
Donna Pelfrey	Bus Driver	effective January 30, 2021
Cindi Kite	Teacher	effective March 1, 2021
- 2. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following substitutes for the 2020 – 2021 school year

Donna Pelfrey	Substitute Bus Driver
Peggy Harper	Substitute Teacher
Michael Mays	Substitute Teacher
Jonathan Cooper	Substitute Bus Aide
John Canterberry	Substitute Bus Aide
Savannah Collins	Substitute Bus Aide
Jonathan Cooper	Substitute Bus Driver
- 3. The Superintendent recommends the approval of Julie Swickard as a custodian, Step 0, for the 2020 - 2021 school year, effective February 8, 2021.
- 4. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the resolution to hire the following non-certified individuals as coaches for the 2020 - 2021 school year:

Beau Clay	Assistant High School Girls Track	Step 0
Erich Hopkins	Assistant Baseball	Step 0
Kai Scott	Assistant Junior High Track	Step 2
Bill Dolby	Assistant Softball	Step 0
Gunnar Lanning	Assistant Junior High Track	Step 2
Crystal Long	Head Junior High Basketball Cheer	Step 0

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5. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following volunteers at the high school for the 2020 - 2021 school year:  
  
Christy Wilhelm
6. The Superintendent recommends the approval of Chris Lightle as Assistant Junior High Track Coach, Step 0, for the 2020 - 2021 school year.
7. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the resignation due to retirement of Kristin Mays, Administrator, effective at the end of the business day, July 31, 2021.
8. The Superintendent recommends the approval of Jesse Edwards as Assistant High School Boys Track Coach, Step 0, for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

**B. Travel**

1. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following trip requests, pending approval of all travel arrangements, pending qualifying participants:

High School Wrestling to District Wrestling Tournament, March 3 - March 6, 2021, Wilmington, Ohio.

High School Wrestling to State Wrestling Tournament, March 11 - March 14, 2021, Marengo, Ohio.

Roll Call: Ms. Paul, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Arter, aye; Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye.  
Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum/Technology: The Curriculum committee met prior to the Board meeting to review the request from the high school English department to replace the current AP Literature class with a new College Credit Plus English class. This will allow students to earn college credit upon successful passage of the class. This will increase the number of college English credits available in our building to six credits. This class is intended for senior level students, but may include other grade levels as applicable.

Legislative/Policy: There has been a reduction in the foundation payment budget cuts, resulting in an increase in state foundation payments. The statewide vaccine schedule now includes teachers and school staff. The biennial budget has been introduced by Governor DeWine. Another round of federal stimulus funds has been released to the states.

(Motion #0221.05) NEW BUSINESS – It was moved by Ms. Paul and seconded by Mr. Arter to approve the requested high school English curriculum change, as presented to the Board Curriculum Committee, for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Roll Call: Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Arter, aye; Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye.  
Motion carried.

(Motion #0221.06) NEW BUSINESS – It was moved by Mr. Engle and seconded by Ms. Finch to approve the updated Supervisory and Confidential Classified Personnel Guidelines and Salary Ranges.

The guidelines were updated to increase the hour range for the superintendent's secretary position and the accounts payable position.

Roll Call: Mr. Arter, aye; Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye.  
Motion carried.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Arter congratulated Cindi Kite on her many years with the district and wished her well. He commented that the donation list was impressive this month. He also mentioned the CDC guidelines, noting while very long, they were fairly simple to read. He said the single most important thing to remain open and the last thing to close should be our public schools. It is important for kids to be with their teachers and to safely hold in-person learning. We, as a district, are already doing many of the things in the guidelines. He thanked everyone for keeping our kids safe.

Ms. Paul congratulated Mrs. Mays on her retirement and thanked her for everything she has done for the district. She also mentioned our winter sports teams had success this season with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team winning the CBC Championship and the High School girls' basketball team winning their division. DECA set a chapter record with twenty-five members ranked in the top three at their recent competition. She said she enjoyed working on moving pictures for the Hall of Fame in the hallways of the Moss gym building. She said she is very excited to get the pictures back up and available for viewing. The Urbana Youth Center is now open and it looks like a fabulous facility.

Ms. Finch also offered congratulations to Mrs. Mays and wished her well in retirement. She said she is so happy the kids are in school. She is also happy for the Youth Center to be open.

Mr. Engle said it is nice to not have to worry about levies right now. He also offered congratulations to Mrs. Mays. He also commented on the athletic pictures, noting it is important to the community to see the pictures on display. He said he finds new things and new people each time he looks through the pictures. He said this is a good thing and he is glad to be involved.

Mr. Thomas said it is amazing how time flies and he is grateful to have known Mrs. Kite and Mrs. Mays. He said Mrs. Mays has always been very professional and very passionate for this district and this will be a great loss for the district. He said he really appreciates her service and her family's service to the district. He complimented Mr. Thiel and the staff on modifying schedules in order to get staff vaccinated in a timely manner. He also discussed the Hall of Fame pictures, noting they had been taken down for the asbestos removal and remodeling of the gym/auditorium building. He appreciated the partnership with The Boosters and their assistance with the project. Several girls' basketball players received CBC honors this year. Sam Rooney was player of the year and received first team honors. Shelby Stoops also received first team honors. Maleah Murphy received second team honors, Marah Donahoe was special mention, and Claire Shelpman received the sportsmanship award. In swimming, Nolan Rickett qualified for the southwest district meet in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Anna Selvaggio set a new school record in the 100-meter breaststroke at the CBC tournament. Urbana DECA set a new chapter record with thirty-nine medalists and twenty-five state qualifiers. The sixth-grade boys' travel basketball team finished with an undefeated season and the eighth-grade girls' team finished undefeated and were CBC champs. The high school boys' team has their first tournament game on Friday. He also noted we are beyond fortunate to be back in school and not have some of the issues other schools have had. He has seen what other schools in the southwest district are going through and we have made it through as a team and persevered and moved forward. Our students have soldiered on and our student success comes from our teachers. They get to levels they may not get to on their own without our teachers.

Mr. Thiel noted the Urbana Youth Center is open and the Board has been invited to tour the facility. The legislative/policy committee will need to meet prior to the March board meeting to review some policy updates. Both the OAPSE and UACT contracts are up for negotiations this year and he would like to hold an executive session at the next meeting to discuss this with the board members. He also told Mrs. Mays he appreciates the time and effort she has spent in the building and in the district with both students and staff. He said she will be leaving the high school in a good spot.

(Motion #0221.07) ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Engle and seconded by Ms. Finch to adjourn the meeting.

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Roll Call: Mr. Engle, aye; Ms. Finch, aye; Ms. Paul, aye Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Arter, aye.  
Motion carried.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer