Alexander Local Board of Education Regular Meeting

Alexander Library 7:00 P.M. August 14, 2024

The Alexander Local Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2024, at the Alexander Library. Members present at roll call were: Mr. Aaron Ramsey, Mr. Josh Collins, Mr. Stephen Crook, Mr. Blake Regan, and Mr. Jay Barnes.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Barnes.

24-08-01: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Crook to adopt the agenda.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

Reports and Comments

A. Community Eligibility Program – allows us to issue a free breakfast and lunch to all students. **Kristy Deck**, NG – If direct certs increase we can reapply for next year to get a higher reimbursable amount. She will monitor this throughout the year.
B. OCR Athletic update – complaint filed through the Ohio Civil Rights Commission about girls' athletics being equal to boys. We have made it through the first part but they are asking for revisions so we will be working with counsel to make them.
C. Safety Grant – Looking into building vestibule at both ends of the building if we are able to get this grant. It comes available in the spring; however, we would have an investment upfront to have architects draw up the plans about $17,000 but they are a part of the application process. **Mark Rice**, working on the safety plans, basically right now if our secretaries let someone in the building they are in the building. If someone comes to the door the office tries to vet over the camera who they are as soon as they trigger the lock that person is in the building. Often times the person does not go to the office and they just continue on in the building and we have to send someone to go get them and bring them back to the office. So, the vestibule would be that line of defense where the secretaries could really vet the person and when they do let them in the building it would put in the office not the general part of the building. **Mr. Regan**, so we are looking at an entrance only during school hours not for children coming in the morning, just like for a parent dropping off a lunch. Yes.
D. Roof for Elementary School – **Bryan McCullum**, gave a brief description of the roof history. Elementary roof is completely dry. There are wet spots in the high school. **Mr. Barnes**, its more like a recoating and it has to be dry before they will do it **Bryan**, yes. None of the high school rooms leak, but they show insulation moisture. **Mr. Barnes**, when was our warranty up. **Bryan**, 4 years ago the new will be a 20-year warranty with annual inspections. **Mr. Crook**, do we have an estimate? **Bryan**, yes, $660,000. **Mr. Crook,** was it in the capital plan for that amount? **Mrs. Napper**, it was estimated at $600,000 and forecasted for that as well. **Mr. Barnes**, what is the plan for the rest of the roof, time wise what are we looking at? **Bryan,** probably start in the next fiscal budget to look at the high school wing, because it is the worst one and over the next 5,6,7 years have the whole thing done. **Mr. Barnes**, how many phases would that be? **Bryan**, 5 more phases which would make it about the same surface area this roof is 234,000 square foot.

E. Porter Family donation of $8,000 to cover all of the entrance fees for all of kids for athletic events. That is a statement of their support of our community we're very appreciative and we are hoping this really brings our kids out. **Mr. Barnes**, I would like to say thank you to the porter family. Last week if you attended the Athens County Fair you will have seen the porter family there supporting the fair and buying the animals from the kids. They have made donations for advertising here at the district and its just not our district its throughout Southeast Ohio that they represent. Thank for continuing to think of Alexander. **Mr. Regan**, just wanted to thank you to the porter family and Natalie. It amazing support for our athletes that their friend can attend and amazing for our programs and our community.

F. HB 147 – is making us change prices on admissions, they have to be different for students and adults. We are going to be $6 for adults and $5 students.

Public Participation on Agenda Items –None

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

24-08-02: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 regular board meeting.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-03: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education approve the financial statement for the months ending July 31, 2024.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-04: Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the following transfers:

$435,258.53 from General Fund 001 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$31,687.94 from Title I 572-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$5,175.02 from Title II-A 590-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$2,826.38 from Title IV-A 584-9524 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$22,265.23 from IDEA-B 516-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124
$720.20 from ECSE 587-9124 to Schoolwide Pool 598-9124

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-05: Mr. Barnes moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

Alexander Band Booster	$5,355	Music Program (300-9065) for Timpani
Mark Porter Auto Group	$8,000	Athletic Fund (300-9059) Free Student admission

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-06: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following after-the-fact invoices:

Meta Solutions	$ 28,160.05	CORE Services
North Central Ohio ESC	$ 9,968.06	TAG Audit
USI Insurance Services	$101,913.00	Property, Auto, Liability Insurance

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel/Employment Recommendation

24-08-07: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ the following for the 2024-25 school year, pending their meeting all state and local requirements:

Matt Ashcraft, Intervention Specialist
Sophia Kinnett, Elementary Teacher

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-08: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education employ the following for the 2024-25 school year, pending their meeting all state and local requirements, all effective August 14, 2024:

Sara Bush, 3 hour Paraprofessional
Andy Hogsett, 3 hour Cook I
Alesia Swart, 3 hour Paraprofessional
Mike Zimmerman, 3 hour Cook I
David Clark, 3 hour Cook I
Tracy McCathren, 3 hour Paraprofessional
Shelly Simmons, 3 hour Paraprofessional

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-09: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education employ the following classification changes, effective August 14, 2024:

Beth DiBenedetto, to Media Specialist II from Media Specialist I
Carolee King, to Head Cashier from Cook II

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-10: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the non-renewal of Cynthia Rodgers, paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-11: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education grant a leave of absence to Jennifer Ray for the 2024-25 school year.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-12: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education accept the following supplemental resignations for the 2024-25 school year:

Abbey Rudolph, JV Cheerleading and Josiah Yazdani, Asst. Varsity Boys Soccer

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-13: Mr. Crook moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education employ the following supplementals for the 2024-25 school year, pending their meeting all state and local requirements and the constitution of a full team for the season:

Certificated

Josie Dailey, Co-8th Grade Girls Basketball

Jala Mace, 7th Grade Girls Basketball

Non-Certificated

Mike Fetty, JV Softball	Max Rouse, Asst. Varsity Boys Basketball
Jordon Schulz, Football volunteer	Connor Truax, Asst. Varsity Boys Soccer
Katie Wisniewski, Girls Soccer volunteer	Josiah Yazdani, Boys Soccer volunteer

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-13: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education employ Dani Regan, Co-8th Grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2024-25 school year, pending her meeting all state and local requirements and the constitution of a full team for the season.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, abstain; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-14: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following event ticket prices for the 2024-25 school year; Adults $6.00 and Students $5.00

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-15: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Crook that the Board of Education approve adult school meal prices for the 2024-25 school year; $2.85 breakfast and $5.15 lunch.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-17: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 Parent/Student Handbook, with changes as noted.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

Board Policy Updates

24-08-18: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Barnes that the Board of Education approve the following policies for inclusion into the Policy and Procedures Manual, as recommended by OSBA:

JFCK, Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-19: Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Regan that the Board of Education approve the contract with Ohio Valley ESC for TAG services for the 2024-25 school year.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

24-08-20: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing a contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for the replacement of the elementary building roof.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

Business Initiated by Board Members

Delegate appointment for OSBA Annual Business Meeting – Mr. Barnes nominated Mr. Crook. Mr. Crook accepted.

Board Reports

Playground – Ribbon cutting August 15, 2024 at 5:30.

Public Participation

Laura Piccard – Cell Phone Policy – speaking as a parent, I have concerns about the cell phone policy. I know that student engagement is crucial, but I think that no cells phones during instructional time and enforcing it would do the same. My biggest concern as a parent is a safety concern. Mr. Regan, those are some things that were talked about and this topic will be addressed and continually addressed but we need to start somewhere and we can go from it, so I think your concerns are heard not ignored and we will continue to work at what is the best for all of the students.

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24-08-21: Executive Session - Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

TIME IN: 7:59 TIME OUT: 9:18

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

24-08-22: Mr. Regan moved, seconded by Mr. Collins that this meeting be adjourned.

Vote: Mr. Crook, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mr. Regan, yes; Mr. Barnes, yes; and Mr. Collins, yes. Motion carried.

Time: 9:19 P.M.

Board President

Treasurer