

APPROVED AT THE MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2020

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

The Canton City School District Board of Education met for an Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons at the McKinley Senior High School Downtown Campus, 521 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702.

Members present: John Rinaldi, Eric Resnick, Scott Russ, David Kaminski, and Kim Brown.

Staff members in attendance included Jeff Graham, Mallory Floyd and Jeff Gruber

Mr. Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Rinaldi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Treasurer Gruber administered the Oath of Office to Kim Brown, Eric Resnick, and Scott Russ.

20-001 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Resnick seconded, the Canton City School District Board of Education Agenda for the January 8, 2020 Organizational Meeting be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski and Brown.
Motion carried

20-002 Mr. Kaminski moved, Mr. Russ seconded, the Board nominate Mr. Rinaldi for 2020 President of the Board.

No other nominations were made.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Motion carried

20-003 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Kaminski seconded, the Board nominate Mr. Russ for 2020 Vice President of the Board.

No other nominations were made.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Motion carried

20-004 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Resnick seconded, the Board suspend the Athletic Council Committee.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Motion carried

20-005 Mr. Resnick moved, Mr. Rinaldi seconded, the Board appoint Mr. Kaminski to serve as the Board President Pro Tempore

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, and Brown.
Abstain: Kaminski
Motion carried

20-006 Mr. Russ moved, Mr. Kaminski seconded, the Board appoint Mr. Resnick to serve as the Secretary to the Board Pro Tempore.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Abstain: Resnick
Motion carried

20-007 Mr. Russ moved, Mrs. Brown seconded, the Board appoint Mr. Kaminski to serve as the 2020 OSBA Legislative Liaison.

Roll call: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, and Brown.

Abstain: Kaminski

Motion carried

- 20-008 Mr. Resnick moved, Mr. Rinaldi seconded, the Board appoint Mrs. Brown to serve as the 2020 OSBA Student Achievement Liaison.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, and Kaminski.

Abstain: Brown

Motion carried

- 20-009 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Russ seconded, the motion the Board establish the maximum for regular blanket purchase orders at \$50,000.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

No: Resnick

Motion carried

- 20-010 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Resnick seconded, the motion the Board adopt the 2021 Tax Budget.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

- 20-011 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Kaminski seconded, the motion the Canton City School District Board of Education designates the Treasurer as the district's public records custodian. Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(A)(1) permits elected officials to select a designee for all the elected officials of the public office, if the public office includes more than one elected official, for the purpose of attending public records training certified by the Ohio Attorney General. The Board designates the Treasurer to serve as the appropriate designee for the purpose of satisfying mandatory public records training imposed by Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

- 20-012 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Russ seconded, the motion the Board authorize the Superintendent to select and employ legal counsel and to initiate legal action to protect/defend the interests of the Board, District, students and/or its employees. Such actions may include but are not limited to appeals of tax issues, workers' and unemployment compensation, litigation and actions before administrative agencies.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

- 20-013 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Resnick seconded, the recommendation that the Canton City School District Board of Education set the regular meeting dates and study session dates for the 2020 calendar year as shown in Exhibit I.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

- 20-014 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Resnick seconded, the recommendation that the Canton City School District Board of Education approve a contract with Neola, Inc. for a policy update service effective immediately as shown in Exhibit II.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

- 20-015 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Kaminski seconded, the recommendation that the Canton City School District Board of Education enter into an agreement for assessment and review of alternative programs provided to the Canton City School District by the National Dropout Prevention Center as shown in Exhibit III.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.

Motion carried

20-016 Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Russ seconded, the motion to approve the following:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended the Canton City School District or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to the Canton City School District or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, the Canton City School District's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the Canton City School District over the next four (4) years is \$9 million which would devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Canton City School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for all children, and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Motion carried

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

20-017 At this time Mr. Rinaldi moved, Mr. Kaminski seconded, the Board of Education Organizational Meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Ayes: Rinaldi, Resnick, Russ, Kaminski, and Brown.
Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Board President

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Treasurer