

BATH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 2, 2024

The Bath Board of Education met for an organizational meeting January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School IMC.

Interim Treasurer Cindy Thompson administered the following oath of office to Stephanie Ernest and Michael Leidy for terms commencing January 1, 2024:

Do you solemnly swear and affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a board member in and for the Bath Local School District, Allen County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified?

I do, _____

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The roll call was given and the following members were present: Mrs. Ernest, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Leidy, and Mr. White.

Mrs. Ernest nominated Mrs. Kelley for President of the Board of Education.

24-01-01 CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT: Mr. White motioned to close nominations for Board President. Mrs. Ernest moved and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion to close the nominations for President of the Board. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. White, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; motion carried.

24-01-02 MOTION TO ELECT PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD: Mr. Leidy moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded the motion to elect Mrs. Kelley President of the Board. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. White, yes; motion carried.

Interim Treasurer Cindy Thompson administered the Oath of Office as President to Mrs. Kelley:

Do you solemnly swear and affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as President in and for the Bath Local District, Allen County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter enacted during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified?

I do, _____

Mr. Leidy nominated Mrs. Ernest for Vice President of the Board of Education.

24-01-03 CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. White motioned to close nominations for Vice President. Mr. White moved and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion to close the nominations for Vice President of the Board. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; motion carried.

- 24-01-04 MOTION TO ELECT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD: Mr. Leidy moved and Mr. White seconded the motion to elect Mrs. Ernest Vice President of the Board. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. Leidy, yes; Mr. White, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; motion carried.

Interim Treasurer Cindy Thompson administered the Oath of Office as Vice President to Stephanie Ernest:

Do you solemnly swear and affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as Vice President in and for the Bath Local District, Allen County, Ohio to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter enacted during your continuance in said office and until your successor is chosen and qualified?

I do, _____

- 24-01-05 DISSOLVE COMMITTEES: Mr. White moved and Mr. Leidy seconded the motion to dissolve the Bullying and Prevention and Hiring and Retention Committees. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; motion carried.

Board President Committees for 2024 are as follows:

Athletic – Mike Leidy and Phil White

Building & Grounds – Stephanie Ernest and Rick Kennedy

Finance – Phil White and Mike Leidy

Policy – Rick Kennedy and Jessica Kelley

Student Achievement Liaison – Rick Kennedy

Legislative Liaison – Phil White

- 24-01-06 APOLLO BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT: Mrs. Ernest moved and Mr. Leidy seconded the motion that the Bath School Board acknowledges that ORC 3311.19(B) states "...members of the joint vocational school district board appointed on or after September 29, 2013, shall serve for three-year terms of office." As such, the Bath School Board acknowledges that the previous appointment of Jackie Place as the Apollo Board member representing Bath sustains through term completion December 31, 2025, despite her retirement from the Bath School Board. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. Kennedy, no; Mr. White, yes; motion carried.

- 24-01-07 MEDICAID COST REPORTS: Mr. White moved and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion to authorize the Treasurer to contract with Rea and Associates, Inc. to do our Medicaid cost report audits at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,425, \$2,625, \$2,825 for the cost report dates ending 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively. These audits are required for the district to receive Medicaid reimbursement; copy on file. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; motion carried.

- 24-01-08 ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING DATE AND TIME: Mrs. Ernest moved and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion to schedule the 2024 board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School IMC with June being an exception. The scheduled dates are:
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| Tuesday, January 16 | Tuesday, July 16 |
| Tuesday February 20 | Tuesday, August 20 |
| Tuesday, March 19 | Tuesday, September 17 |

Tuesday, April 16
 Tuesday, May 21
 Tuesday, June 25*

Tuesday, October 15
 Tuesday, November 19
 Tuesday, December 17

Vote on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. White, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; motion carried

- 24-01-09 REAPPROVE TREASURER AS RECORDS OFFICER: Mr. White moved and Mrs. Ernest seconded the motion to designate the Treasurer, or in her absence, the person designated by the Superintendent, as the Public Records Officer, for purposes of compliance with public records requests and training requirements of R.C. 109.43 and 149.43. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; motion carried.
- 24-01-10 ESTABLISH MEETING DATE & TIME FOR THE DISTRICT RECORDS COMMISSION: Mr. Kennedy moved and Mr. Leidy seconded the motion that the District Records Commission is defined by board policy EHA, and is comprised of the President, Superintendent and Treasurer. The proposed date is July 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. Kennedy, yes, Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. White, yes; motion carried.
- 24-01-11 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: Mr. Kennedy moved and Mr. Leidy seconded the motion to approve the Board of Education to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Treasurer Candidate applications. Proposed date is January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. White, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; motion carried.
- 24-01-12 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Ernest moved and Mr. Leidy seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District. Vote on motion was as follows: Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mr. White, yes; motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 6:45 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.
- 24-01-13 ADJOURNMENT: Mr. White moved and Mrs. Ernest seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Regular Board Meeting- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

TREASURER