

Record of Proceedings Minutes of Special Meeting

**Board of Education
Special Meeting**

**Tuesday
January 30, 2024**

The Field Local School District Board of Education held its Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 in the Field High School Cafeteria, 2900 State Route 43, Mogadore, OH 44260 at 6:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance
Silent Meditation**

Member Calcei moved, seconded by Member Stewart that the Field Local Board of Education appoint Matt Slaven to fill the vacant board seat with his term ending December 31, 2025. **24-0026**

*Roll Call: Calcei-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Evans-Yes, Porter-Yes.
President declared the motion carried.*

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Field Local School District, Portage County, Ohio, to the best of your ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office, and until your successor is elected and qualified?”

The answer is: “I do.”

Matt Slaven

Roll Call

Steve Calcei-Yes, Matt Slaven-Yes, Larry Stewart-Yes, William Evans-Yes, Randy Porter-Yes
Student Representative-Michael Church-Yes

Member Stewart moved, seconded by Member Evans that the Field Local Board of Education adopt the following agenda for the January 30, 2024, special meeting. **24-0027**

*Roll Call: Stewart-Yes, Evans-Yes, Calcei-Yes, Slaven-Yes, Porter-Yes.
President declared the motion carried.*

Student Representative Report - Clubs and Activities Student Council- We are having our Valentine’s Day pep rally on the 14th. Teen Institute- Our winter formal was a success, and we had a pretty good turnout. Upcoming Events: We will have conferences on February 1st and on February 8th. Our freshman preview is also on the 8th. Falcon Family Game Night is on Wednesday February 14th. We will have off February 15th, 16th, and on February 19th for Presidents’ Day. Athletics Boys Basketball- The boys are currently playing tonight at Mogadore high school, and their next game is this Friday at Coventry. JV is at

5:30 and Varsity is at 7:00. Girls Basketball- The girls are also playing tonight at Coventry and their next game is this Thursday at home against Norton. JV is at 5:30 and Varsity is at 7:00. Bowling- The boys and girls bowling teams have the MAC tournament this Saturday at the spins bowl in Akron, it starts at 9:00 a.m. Wrestling- Our wrestling team is currently wrestling tonight at home and their next match is the MAC championship at Woodridge high school Saturday February 17 at 9:00am Cheerleading- The Cheerleaders have regionals this weekend at Lake High school.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Heflinger said that there was nothing on the legislative front happening in Columbus at the moment. / Mr. Heflinger did explain meeting with the administrative team and discussing the district's Open Enrollment policy. In the past, the district received quite a bit more money for open enrollment students than we do now. We now receive less than a third we once received at one time per student. We worked through open enrollment and how we felt best to address it. A formal open enrollment policy will be brought forward in March. What we are looking at now is that we would continue to accept new students in kindergarten. Students would be allowed to remain as long they stayed and met eligibility requirements. However, once they leave, they cannot return. If a student moves from Field to another district, they can remain under open enrollment as long as they do not leave the district.

Legislative Liaison Report - Mr. Stewart talked about H.B. 268 where it prevents gender affirming care for minors and that the Governors veto was overruled. / Mr. Stewart also touched on the Women's Sports act. This legislation would prohibit schools that receive Federal financial assistance from allowing biological males to compete against females in athletics. Schools that aren't in compliance with the law would be at risk of losing their federal funding.

Recognition of visitors – Dale Ertley - Turf

Public participation is encouraged during this portion of the Field Local business meeting. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, your first contact should be with the teacher or principal at the school building level. If you are not satisfied with the response, you may contact the superintendent. By following this procedure, you will generally receive a prompt, informed response. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing citizens to present helpful suggestions for the school district. Public participation at board meetings is governed by the following guidelines:

Public comment is permitted during the recognition of the visitor's portion of the meeting and will not exceed thirty minutes total. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and preface their comments by stating their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and may not speak twice on the same subject until all have spoken. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the board to be placed on the regular agenda. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

(R.C.3313.20 Board Policy | Chapter 1 - Board of Education | Policy 1.16 | Adopted August 10, 2015)

Treasurer, Mr. Carpenter, reminded the Board that with the district receiving ESSER funds, School Safety funds and other grant funds over the last two years for district improvements, the district is now able to undertake other projects with permanent improvement funds. Mr. Carpenter stated that all permanent improvements must have a life expectancy of at least five years.

SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

Member Slaven moved, seconded by Member Calcei that the Field Local Board of Education approve the Superintendent consent agenda items as presented. **24-0028**

Mr. Heflinger talked about the awarding of administrative contracts. Mr. Heflinger talked about the great job that Alex Grad does for the district as our Technology Director and Robin Ferguson for her outstanding work covering all the day to day items to keep the district running and overseeing all classified staff./ You will also see a couple of MOU's for college credit plus./ With mixed feelings you will see the resignation/retirement of Sue Blake. Sue has been a terrific principal for a long time. She has been a voice I have counted on, and her counsel has been valuable to me. She will be here through the end of August.

*Roll Call: Slaven-Yes, Calcei-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Evans-Yes, Porter-Yes.
President declared the motion carried.*

Superintendent Items

- **Awarding of Administrative Contracts** – The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education award administrative contracts to the following personnel:

- **Administrative Employment**

Robin Ferguson, Assistant Director of Operations effective August 1, 2024.
Step 4 5-year contract

Alex Grad, District Technology Administrator effective August 1, 2024.
Step 4 5-year contract

- **Employment**- The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education employ the following pending proper paperwork/certification/licensure/background:

Certified Employment

1. After School Tutors – up to 3 hours per week. Rate of pay per Negotiated Agreement.

Katelyn Bellian

Brandon Fairchild

Theresa Scotton

2. Alyssa Schippert, 5 Hour Tutor at Brimfield Elementary effective February 2, 2024.
Rate of pay per Negotiated Agreement.

Bachelor's Degree Step 0

Classified Employment

1. Millaina Brown, 4.5 Hr. Playground Monitor at Brimfield Elementary effective February 1, 2024. Rate of pay per Negotiated Agreement.
2. Brittani Frick, 4.5 Hr. Cook/Cashier at the High School effective January 31, 2024. Rate of pay per Negotiated Agreement.

- **Athletic Ticket Taker Prices**- The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education approve the ticket taker pay for the following effective February 1, 2024.

Middle School events - \$25.00

Varsity football games - \$50.00

- **Rescinding of contract**- The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education rescind the following supplemental contract for the 2023-2024 school year;

1. Laura Goldman-National Honor Society Advisor, Middle School.

- **Supplemental Contract(s)** – The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education employ the following for the 2023-2024 school year.

Certified Athletic/Academic

Experience (years)

1. Laura Goldman-National Honor Society Advisor-MS (50%) 7
2. Samantha Kelly-National Honor Society Advisor-MS (50%) 0

- **Resolution** – The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education adopt the following resolution authorizing membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year (Exhibit S-1).

Whereas the Field Local Schools of Mogadore, Ohio, Portage County have satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary not-for-profit association; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education/Governing Board and its administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Field Local Board of Education/Governing Board that Field Middle School and Field High School shall be members of the OHSAA and that the

Constitution, Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the OHSAA shall be approved and adopted by this Board of Education for its own minimum student eligibility standards. The Field Board of Education/Governing Board reserves the right to raise the eligibility standards as the Board deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Interpretations and decision of the OHSAA. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to be primary enforcers of the Constitution, Bylaws and Sports Regulations and their interpretations.

- **Resignations**– The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education accept the resignation of the following:

1. Susan Blake, Middle School Principal effective August 1, 2024, due to retirement.

- **Operations/Vendor Contracts** – The Superintendent recommends that the Field Local Board of Education enter into a vendor contract with the following:

1. Kent State University CCP Memorandum of Understanding for the 2024-2025 school year (**Exhibit S-2**).
2. University of Akron CCP Memorandum of Understanding for the 2024-2025 school year (**Exhibit S-3**).

- **Informational Items**

The following degree change will take effect for the 2nd semester of the 2023-2024 school year:

Shannon Scalise M+30 to M+45

TREASURER CONSENT AGENDA

Member Calcei moved, seconded by Member Stewart that the Field Local Board of Education approve the Treasurer consent agenda items as presented.

24-0029

Roll Call: Calcei-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Slaven-Yes, Evans-Yes, Porter-Yes.

President declared the motion carried.

Treasurer Items

- **Fiscal** – The Treasurer recommends that the Field Local Board of Education approve the following:

1. Financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2023.

2. To approve the following appropriation modifications at fund level:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
003 Permanent Improvement	\$1,044,954.29	\$1,918,147.18
507 ESSER III	\$1,140,757.78	\$1,147,757.78
516 Title VI-B	\$710,700.36	\$695,983.69
572 Title I	\$451,902.96	\$446,443.38
587 Pre-School	\$18,573.43	\$14,668.10

3. Approve the following advance:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
001	003 9019	\$250,000.00

• **Public Hearing**

Pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.48(B):

Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a school calendar, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall hold a public hearing on the school calendar, addressing topics that include, but are not limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length of school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction.

Public notices for this hearing were properly advertised. Notices were posted on our district website and websites of each school.

Mr. Heflinger conducted the public hearing on adopting the school calendar and discussed the number of hours in the school year, length of the school day and the beginning and end dates of instruction.

There being no further business to come before the Field Local Board of Education
Member Slaven moved, seconded by Member Calcei to adjourn the January 30, 2024
special meeting.

24-0030

Roll Call: Slaven-Yes, Calcei-Yes, Stewart-Yes, Evans-Yes, Porter-Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



Randy Porter, President



Attest: Todd Carpenter, Treasurer