

**ORGANIZATIONAL/BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
CORY-RAWSON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CAFETERIA & LIVE STREAM**

**6:30 p.m.**

**January 12, 2021**

**2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Cory-Rawson Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria with the following members present: Jason Oman, Robert Warren, Jerry Wieman, Ben Wittenmyer, Treasurer Sheila Hausknecht, and Superintendent Pro Tempore Jodi Gaietto. Mike Walters attended via telecommunication.

President Pro Tempore Mr. Wittenmyer called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Kypsten Oman & Connor Smith.

Guests Present: Kory Bacon, Shelby Bacon, Becky Bucher, Larry Busdeker, Lyndsey Howell, Beth James, Ria Montgomery, Frank Niese, Kypsten Oman, Mark Peckham, Caitlin Quinlan, Cathy Quinlan, Aaron Reese, Jenny Sammet, Karlie Sammet, Carol Schleucher, Ben Smith, Connor Smith, Brent Thomas, Sierra Thomas, Lindsey Walker, Crystal Warnimont, Jacob Warnimont, Julia Young, and Wayne Young

President Pro Tempore Mr. Wittenmyer requested a nomination for President. Mr. Wieman nominated Mr. Wittenmyer.

1-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oman to close the nomination for President and declare the nominee to be elected.

Yeas: Wieman, Oman, Walters, Warren  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Wittenmyer  
Motion Carried

The Roll Call Vote to elect Ben Wittenmyer as the 2021 Board President was as follows:

Yeas: Oman, Walters, Warren, Wieman  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Wittenmyer  
Motion Carried

Treasurer Mrs. Hausknecht to administer the Oath of Office to the new President Wittenmyer.

President Wittenmyer requested a nomination for Vice President. Mr. Oman nominated Mr. Walters.

2-21 Motion by Oman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman to close the nomination for vice president and declare the nominee to be elected.

Yeas: Oman, Wieman, Warren, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Walters  
Motion Carried

The Roll Call Vote to elect Mike Walters as the 2021 Vice President was as follows:

Yeas: Oman, Warren, Wieman, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Walters  
Motion Carried

Treasurer Mrs. Hausknecht to administer the Oath of Office to the new Vice President Walters.

3-21 Motion by Warren & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wittenmyer to set the board members' salary as follows for 2021: \$80 per meeting up to a maximum of 20 meetings per year in accordance with Article II, Section 20 of the Ohio Constitution. O.R.C. 3313.12 and Bylaw 0147.

Yeas: Warren, Wittenmyer Oman, Walters, Warren

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- 4-21 Motion by Warren & 2nd by Wieman to hold the 2021 regular monthly meetings of the Cory-Rawson Board of Education on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Yeas: Warren, Wieman, Oman, Walters, Wittenmyer

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- 5-21 Motion by Wittenmyer & 2nd by Wieman to certify enrollment as of January 6, 2021 as presented for the purpose of establishing a Board Service Fund of \$2,000 in accordance with O.R.C. 3315.15.

Yeas: Wittenmyer, Wieman, Oman, Walters, Warren

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- 6-21 Motion by Wieman & 2nd by Oman to approve the following standing authorizations for Cory-Rawson Local School District for 2021:

- Appoint the superintendent as Purchasing Agent
- Give the superintendent the authority to employ personnel on a temporary basis
- Give the superintendent the authority to accept and act on resignations on behalf of the Board of Education
- Give the treasurer the authority to make appropriation modifications throughout the year as is necessary
- Give the treasurer the authority to request and invest money as it becomes available through the county auditor

Yeas: Wieman, Oman, Walters, Warren, Wittenmyer

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- 7-21 Motion by Warren & 2nd by Wittenmyer to designate *The Courier* from Findlay, Ohio as the official newspaper for reporting Board business for 2021.

Yeas: Warren, Wittenmyer, Oman, Walters, Wieman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

President Wittenmyer's appointments of the 2021 committees & representatives are as follows:

- Building & Grounds Committee: Wieman, Wittenmyer
- Athletic Council Representative: Oman
- Legislative Liaison & Delegate to O.S.B.A. Annual Conference: Walters
- O.S.B.A. Annual Conference Alternate Delegate: None
- O.S.B.A. Student Achievement Liaison: Warren
- Strategic Planning Central Steering Committee: Wieman, Wittenmyer
- Noncertified Staff Labor Relations Committee: Warren, Walters
- Certified Staff Labor Relations Committee: Wittenmyer, Oman
- Finance Committee: Oman, Superintendent, Treasurer
- SSDAN Delegate: Wieman Alternate: None

- 8-21 Motion by Walters & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn the 2021 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Walters, Wieman, Oman, Warren, Wittenmyer

Nays: None  
Motion Carried

### 2021 BUDGET HEARING

The 2021 Budget Hearing was called to order by President Wittenmyer.

Treasurer Hausknecht presented the FY'22 budget.

9-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walters to adopt the budget for FY'22 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) as presented.

Yeas: Wieman, Walters, Oman, Warren, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

10-21 Motion by Warren & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oman at 6:43 p.m. to adjourn the 2021 Budget Hearing.

Yeas: Warren, Oman, Walters, Wieman, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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Superintendent Pro Tempore Mrs. Gaietto addressed the Board in conjunction with Ohio's Board Member Recognition Month and thanked them for their service to Cory-Rawson Schools. The board members received gifts from F.C.S., Student Council, FFA, Food Service, Mrs. Warren's class, Ohio School Board Association, and Mrs. Gaietto.

### REGULAR JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Wittenmyer.

Caitlin Quinlan addressed the board From the Floor regarding School Safety and COVID-19 should student return to school full time.

Treasurer Hausknecht shared correspondence received for the board.

11-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oman to approve the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Yeas: Wieman, Oman, Walters, Warren, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

12-21 Motion by Oman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walters to approve the following Treasurer's recommendations as presented:

- Review and approval of the December paid bills
- Review and approval of the Financial Report

Yeas: Oman, Walters, Warren, Wieman, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

13-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wittenmyer to name the Board of Education the Audit Committee for 2021.

Yeas: Wieman, Wittenmyer, Oman, Walters, Warren  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 14-21 Motion by Warren & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman to approve hiring the following certificated persons for the supplemental position of K-6 Intervention Specialist effective January 4, 2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year:

Jeanine Lewis  
Ashley Sprunger

Yeas: Warren, Wieman, Oman, Walters, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 15-21 Motion by Oman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren to approve extending Michael Quinlan's FMLA beginning January 2, 2021 – January 31, 2021.

Yeas: Oman, Warren, Walters, Wieman, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 16-21 Motion by Wittenmyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walters to accept Michael Quinlan's resignation as Technology Coordinator effective August 1, 2021, as presented, and thank him for his years of service at Cory-Rawson Schools.

Yeas: Wittenmyer, Walters, Oman, Warren, Wieman  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 17-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Victoria Cheek has applied for disability benefits with the State Teachers Retirement System ("STRS") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3307.62; and

WHEREAS, STRS has approved Mrs. Cheek for disability benefits effective November 19, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cory-Rawson Local School District Board of Education that the board accepts and approves, for five years, the disability benefit of Mrs. Cheek effective January 20, 2021.

Yeas: Wieman, Warren, Oman, Walters, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 18-21 Motion by Wittenmyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oman to approve the following extracurricular positions for spring sports 2020-2021 contingent upon the board's receipt of appropriate licensure/credentials and BCII and FBI background check results proving there has not been a conviction or guilty plea to certain criminal offenses pursuant to Sections 3319.39 and 109.57 of the Ohio Revised Code:

**Track & Field Coaches**

Head Coach: Gary Holland

Assistant Coach: Beth James

**Baseball Coaches**

Head Coach: Brock Bell

Asst Coach: Jason Holtzberger

**Softball Coaches**

Head Coach: Ricki Francis

Asst Coach: Ami Jo Ricksecker

Yeas: Wittenmyer, Oman, Walters, Warren, Wieman  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

- 19-21 Motion by Warren & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman to approve an agreement with the Hancock County Educational Service Center to employ a preschool teacher aide for the 2020-2021 school year.

Yeas: Warren, Wieman, Oman, Walters, Wittenmyer  
Nays: None

Motion Carried

20-21 Motion by Wieman & 2nd by Warren to approve the use of public funds for the following public purposes:

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| Retirement Club          | Community Breakfasts                                       |
| United Way Campaign      | Veterans Day Event   |
| Birthday & Holiday Cards | New Teacher Workday  |
| Flowers – Sick/Funeral   | Snacks/Food at Committee Meetings/PD Training              |
| BOE Recognition          | Food/Beverages for Employee Retirement Recognition Events  |
| Staff Appreciation       | Food/Beverages for BOE Forums/State of the District Events |

Yeas: Wieman, Warren, Oman, Walters, Wittenmyer

Nays: None

Motion Carried

21-21 Motion by Wieman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wittenmyer to approve an extension to Superintendent Heath Huffman’s medical leave beginning January 23, 2021 – June 1, 2021.

Yeas: Wieman, Wittenmyer, Oman, Walters, Warren

Nays: None

Motion Carried

22-21 Motion by Walters & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wittenmyer to approve returning PK-6 students to school 5 days a week, beginning January 19, 2021, in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidance. Students in 7-12 will remain in a hybrid schedule for exam week (January 19-22) and return to five days a week, beginning January 25, 2021.

Yeas: Walters, Wittenmyer, Oman, Warren, Wieman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria or Board Meeting Room (location TBA).

23-21 Motion by Oman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar as presented.

Yeas: Oman, Wieman, Walters, Warren, Wittenmyer

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

- The board toured the new bus and Transportation Supervisor Ben Smith answered questions that the board members had regarding the new bus.
- Superintendent Pro Tempore Mrs. Gaietto gave an update on the COVID Vaccine for staff.

24-21 Motion by Warren & 2nd by Wittenmyer at 7:22 p.m. to go into executive session to personnel matters.

Yeas: Warren, Wittenmyer, Oman, Walters, Wieman

Nays: None

Motion Carried

President Wittenmyer declared the board out of executive session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ & 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education.

\_\_\_\_\_ Oman \_\_\_\_\_ Walters \_\_\_\_\_ Warren \_\_\_\_\_ Wieman \_\_\_\_\_ Wittenmyer