

**Towpath Trail High School**  
***Board Meeting Minutes***  
**November 8, 2017**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Ron McDaniel - President  
Kathi Brand  
Jessica Hricovec  
Angela Robinson

**Guests in Attendance**

Jason McMillin - Fiscal Officer  
Karen Wachter - CEG  
John Stack - CEG  
Christina Fraser - Director  
April Hart – legal counsel  
Susan Scarponi- CSS  
Kelly Spring - Legal Assistant

The Towpath Trail High School Board Director’s Meeting began at 4:16pm with introductions and updates.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda:** The Board President discussed the Agenda as presented to Board Members.

A Motion was made by Jessica Hricovec and a second by Kathi Brand respectively to adopt the agenda with corrections and the ability to amend throughout the meeting as applicable.

**17-69 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors adopts and approves the November 8, 2017 Meeting Agenda with correction to New Business and the ability to amend as needed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

**October Meeting Minutes:**

A Motion to accept the October Meeting Minutes with corrections was made by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively.

**17-70 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors approved the October Meeting Minutes with corrections.

**Sponsor Report:**

Ms. Scarponi highlighted the Sponsor Connection. There will be a November 29<sup>th</sup> webinar about compliance. A webinar was held today about career readiness. The webinars will all be available on the website for future viewing. The school report card is being reviewed by the state legislature. There is a link available to present comments about the report card.

### **Legal Update:**

Ms. Hart discussed the 501 c3 exemption. There will be a hearing set up regarding the 501 c3 exemption. The school district has requested the hearing.

Mr. Hart discussed her increase in legal fees.

There was a Motion and a Second by Angela Robinson and Jessica Hricovec to approve the increase in legal fees at an hourly rate of \$200 per hour.

**17-71 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail High School approves the increase in legal fees at an hourly rate of \$200 per hour.

### **State of the School Report:**

Mr. Frasier presented the State of the School. Enrollment is at 333 for both schools.

### **Financial Report:**

Mr. McMillian presented the October Financials. There was an increase of FTEs to over 300FTEs total.

There was a Motion and a second by Jessica Hricovec and Angela Robinson respectively to approve the October financials as presented, subject to audit.

**17 – 72 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail High School approves the October Financials as presented, subject to financial audit.

### **Management Report**

Ms. Wachter discussed the Management Report. They have hired an additional intervention specialist for a total of 3. Achieve 3000 literary program training has been completed. ODE completed a financial review and stated that Towpath had no problems.

Mr. Stack discussed his position on a task force for the Ohio legislature. He is representing drop out recovery schools. OCQE has started a drop out prevention recovery roundtable to discuss the schools. They will be discussing several issues including the school report card, drop out recovery vs. drop out prevention, etc. Cambridge is working on public relations to expand knowledge of drop out recovery schools.

Cambridge will have more information next month about the buildout for the satellite campus. There are currently getting quotes.

### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

##### **Computer Refresh:**

The OGT testing is now all on computers. Two labs need updated computers. The total cost would be \$12,500.00 for the computer system, not the keyboard or monitors.

There was a Motion from Jessica Hricovec and Kathi Brand to approve the purchase for 50 computers from CDW in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.

**17- 73 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors approves the purchase of 50 computers from CDW in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.

**Executive Session:**

There was discussion that personnel matters needed to be discussed in an executive session. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22, there was a Motion and a second by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively to enter into an executive session. The board completed a roll call and went into executive session at 4:49pm.

**17-74 RESOLVED:** The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail High School approves an executive session to discuss legal matters.

The board returned from executive session at 5:07pm and resumed the meeting. During executive session the board members discussed personnel issues.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 13, 2017 at 4:15pm at Akron Public Library.

**Motion to Adjourn:** There was a motion by Jessica Hricovec and Angela Robinson seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 5:08pm.

Board Secretary

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