

Organizational Meeting

Board of Education

Ridgedale Board Office

Thursday, January 9, 2025

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Present: Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President; Mr. Eric Park, Board Member; Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member; Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President; Mr. Brian Slone, Technology Coordinator; Mrs. Susan Kiemeier, Payroll Officer; Mr. Matthew Cordes, Treasurer; Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member

1 Organizational Meeting-Call to Order

Mr. Cordes

Roll Call:

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Mr. Cordes called the roll, all members were present.

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

2 Recognition of Guests and Visitors

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, President Pro Tempore

Recognition of Guests and Visitors

0169.1 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular and special meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- Individuals may not register others to speak during public participation.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
- During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

The presiding officer may:

- interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest)
- request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
- call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per topic unless extended by a vote of the Board.

Minutes:

Kristin Guthrie, Jessica Parthemore, Rondel Hicks, Jessica Frierhood, and Todd Martin were in attendance, none spoke.

3 Organizational Meeting

4 Nomination(s) for President of the Board for Calendar Year 2025

Motion to close nominations and elect _____ as President of the Board for calendar year 2025.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Minutes:

Mr. Park elected Mrs. Hamilton to be Board President, Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion. There were no other motions for Board President and Mr. Park and Mrs. Roberts motioned to close nominations and elect Mrs. Hamilton as President of the Board for calendar year 2025.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

5 Oath of Office

Mr. Cordes

I, state your name, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will perform faithfully the duties of my office as President of the Board of Education of the Ridgedale Local School District.

President assumes the chair.

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton took the Oath of Office administered by Mr. Cordes.

6 Election of Vice President

Nominations for Vice President of the Board for Calendar Year 2025.

Motion to close nominations and elect _____ as Vice President of the Board for calendar year 2025.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Minutes:

Mrs. Hamilton elected Mrs. Roberts to be Board Vice President, Mr. Park seconded the motion. There were no other motions for Board President and Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Park motioned to close nominations and elect Mrs. Roberts as Vice President of the Board for calendar year 2025.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Cathy Hamilton

Seconded: Mr. Eric Park

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

7 Oath of Office

Mr. Cordes

I, state your name, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will perform faithfully the duties of my office as Vice President of the Board of Education of the Ridgedale Local School District.

Minutes:

Mrs. Roberts took the Oath of Office administered by Mr. Cordes.

8 OSBA Legislative Liaison

Recommend to approve the appointment of Cathy Hamilton as Ohio School Boards Legislative Liaison for 2025.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

9 OSBA Delegate

Recommend to approve the appointment of Cathy Hamilton as the delegate and Mandy Roberts as the alternate delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association annual conference for 2025.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mrs. Misty Hayden

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		

Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

10 Legal Counsel

Recommend to approve the appointment of Bricker & Graydon, LLP as General Legal Advisor for 2025, and Ennis/Britton and Walter/Haverfield as secondary legal advisors.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

11 Meeting Dates for 2025

Resolution to approve the Regular Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for 2025, and that the Board establish regular meetings in 2025 to occur on the following dates of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Administration Office, 3103 Hillman Ford Rd, Morral, Ohio, unless noted below:

January 9, 2025

February 10, 2025

March 17, 2025

April 21, 2025

May 19, 2025

June 16, 2025

July 21, 2025

August 18, 2025

September 15, 2025 at Tri Rivers Career Center

October 20, 2025

November 17, 2025

December 15, 2025

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park
Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

12 Committee Appointments

Recommend to approve the following committee appointments for 2025:

Curriculum: Roberts & Roush

Finance: Hayden & Park

Transportation: Roush & Park

Buildings & Grounds: Hayden & Park

Athletic Council: Hamilton & Roush

Rural Enterprise Zone: Hayden & Hamilton

Student Achievement: Roberts & Hamilton

DLT: Hamilton & Roberts

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Ed Roush
Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

13 Board Service Fund

Resolution to approve the establishment of the Board Service Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for calendar year 2025.

_____Hamilton _____Hayden _____Park _____Roberts _____Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Eric Park
Seconded: Mrs. Mandy Roberts

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

14 Standing Authorizations

Resolution to approve the standing Authorizations for Superintendent and Treasurer for 2025:

- Payment of Bills - The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve and pay invoices when due, provided funds are available, and to submit monthly to the Board a list of all bills paid.
- Employment of Temporary Personnel - The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to employ and pay temporary personnel as needed, and that such personnel will be submitted for Board approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- Investment of Funds - The Board authorizes the Treasurer to invest all funds of the district in accordance with Board policy.
- Participation in State and Federal Programs and Grants - The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to submit applications and other documents as needed for the Board to participate in state and federal programs and grants available to the school district.
- Requesting Tax Advances - The Board Authorizes the Treasurer to request tax advances from the Marion. Wyandot and Crawford County Auditors, for real estate and personal property taxes as they become available in 2025.
- Professional Development and Field Trips - The Board authorizes the Superintendent to approve or deny staff attendance at professional and in-service meetings, field trips, and other events as may occur in 2025.
- Appointment of Purchasing Agent - The Board appoints the Superintendent as the Board's purchasing agent in 2025.
- Employment of Full Time Personnel and Accept Resignations - The Board authorizes the Superintendent to hire employees, for existing or newly created positions, pending board confirmation at its next regular or special meeting called for this purpose, and to also accept resignations which have been submitted by employees; that upon ratification by this Board shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of acceptance by the Superintendent, effective January 1, 2025- December 31, 2025.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Mandy Roberts
Seconded: Mr. Eric Park

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		

Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		

15 Adjournment from Organizational Meeting

Adjourn.

_____ Hamilton _____ Hayden _____ Park _____ Roberts _____ Roush

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Misty Hayden

Seconded: Mr. Ed Roush

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, Board President	X		
Mr. Eric Park, Board Member	X		
Mr. Ed Roush, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Mandy Roberts, Board Vice President	X		
Mrs. Misty Hayden, Board Member	X		