

The Liberty-Benton Board of Education held a regular board of education meeting January 10, 2024 at 6:16 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Ms. Heather Franks, present; Mr. Brian Christiansen, present; Mr. Steve Benson, present; Mr. AJ Granger, present; Mr. Jim Mace, present.

Board President Jim Mace welcomed the following visitors: Tom Meador, Kim Meador, Colin Franks.

Board President Jim Mace offered the audience an opportunity to address the Board of Education. No one in attendance responded.

(1 5 24) A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

A motion was made by Mr. Christiansen and seconded by Mr. Granger to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2023 regular board of education meeting.

Votes: Ayes: Christiansen, Granger, Benson, Franks, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(1 6 24) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Mr. Granger to approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

1. Listing of bills, expenditures and investments through December 31, 2023 and monthly financial report of the Treasurer
2. Approve appropriation modifications for January, 2024
3. Approve the 2024-2025 calendar as presented
4. Approve the Cross Country trip to Camp Friedenswald, Michigan from August 5, 2024 through August 9, 2024
5. Approve extra curricular/co curricular staff pending approval of all necessary documents and certification:
 - Brandon Pickett, Baseball Assistant
 - Nathan Harris, Baseball JV Assistant
 - Paul Pape, Softball Head
 - Scott Snider, Softball Assistant High School
 - Paul Gladden, Track Boys Head
 - Will Nowak, Track Boys Assistant Middle School
 - David Rath, Track Girls Assistant Middle School
 - Jack Slezak, Volunteer
 - Griffin Snider, Volunteer
 - Neal Harris, Volunteer
6. Approve the following resignations:
 - Rebecca Shardo, Paraprofessional/Teacher's Aide, effective 1/26/2024
 - Stephanie Theiss, Cross Country Girls Head Middle School, effective 1/6/2024

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Granger, Franks, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(1 7 24) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXTRA CURRICULAR/CO CURRICULAR STAFF PENDING APPROVAL OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATION, AJ GRANGER, VOLUNTEER.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Ms. Franks to approve extra curricular/co curricular staff pending approval of all necessary documents and certification, AJ Granger, Volunteer.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Franks, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None. Abstain: Granger.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(1 8 24) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 63623, PASSED ON JUNE 28, 2023, TO CONTRACT WITH PREVIOUS VENDOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$101,400.89 FOR THE PROJECT. BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND EXERCISING THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN ORC SECTION 3313.46, THE BOARD WAIVES COMPETITIVE BIDDING BASED ON THE SECURITY AND PROTECTION EXCEPTION IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A CONTRACT WITH NEW VENDOR FOR THE PROJECT. THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER, AS APPROPRIATE, TO WORK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NEW VENDOR AND TO SIGN ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORK, INCLUDING PURCHASE ORDERS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$99,371.57 AND GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDERS RELATED TO THE PROJECT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 10% OF THE CONTRACT SUM WITH NEW VENDOR; SHOULD A CHANGE ORDER EXCEED THIS AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY OR AS THE AGGREGATE OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE WORK, THE CHANGE ORDER WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE WORK BEING PERFORMED.

A motion was made by Mr. Christiansen and seconded by Mr. Granger to approve resolution rescinding Resolution No. 63623, passed on June 28, 2023, to contract with Previous Vendor in an amount not to exceed \$101,400.89 for the Project. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in ORC Section 3313.46, the Board waives competitive bidding based on the security and protection exception in order to move forward with a contract with New Vendor for the Project. The Board authorizes

the Superintendent and Treasurer, as appropriate, to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute a contract with New Vendor and to sign any related documents for the work, including purchase orders, in an amount not exceed \$99,371.57 and granting authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign change orders related to the Project in a total amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum with New Vendor; should a change order exceed this amount individually or as the aggregate of change orders for the work, the change order will be brought to the Board for approval prior to the work being performed.

Votes: Ayes: Christiansen, Granger, Franks, Benson, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(1 9 24) A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT FEWER THAN THREE (3) QUALIFIED FIRMS ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL CRITERIA ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE PREPARATION OF MASTER PLAN DRAFTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION/BUS FACILITY, AS AUTHORIZED IN BOARD RESOLUTION 10 62 23; THE BOARD FURTHER DETERMINES, SELECTS, AND RANKS THE ONE (1) PROFESSIONAL CRITERIA ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FIRM (TECHNICON DESIGN GROUP) THAT SUBMITTED A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE ISSUED ON DECEMBER 15, 2023; THE BOARD DIRECTS ITS SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE ONE (1) FIRM (TECHNICON DESIGN GROUP), PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 153.69, AT A COMPENSATION DETERMINED IN WRITING TO BE FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE BOARD; AND THAT THE BOARD DIRECTS ITS SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER TO PRESENT THE CONTRACT AS NEGOTIATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD FOR OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve determining that fewer than three (3) qualified firms are available to provide the required professional criteria architect or engineer services with respect to the preparation of master plan drafts and related documents for the construction of a transportation/bus facility, as authorized in Board Resolution 10 62 23; the Board further determines, selects, and ranks the one (1) professional criteria architect/engineer firm (Technicon Design Group) that submitted a statement of qualifications in response to the notice issued on December 15, 2023; the Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate a contract with the one (1) firm (Technicon Design Group), pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 153.69, at a compensation determined in writing to be fair and reasonable to the Board; and that the Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to present the contract as negotiated in accordance with this Resolution to the Board for official approval.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Benson, Franks, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(1 10 24) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAMS FOR THE 2024 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by Mr. Granger, seconded by Mr. Franks to approve participation in the College Credit Plus Programs for the 2024 2025 school year.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Franks, Christiansen, Benson, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Christiansen to adjourn to executive session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing, the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding, preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees, and specialized details of security arrangements.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Christiansen, Franks, Granger, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:04 p.m.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Benson, Franks, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

Board President



Treasurer

