

**Black River Board of Education
Organizational Meeting
January 12, 2017
Black River High School Media Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Jody Weidrick with the following members answering roll: Tim Clifford, Scott Meredith, Chuck Stiver, Jody Weidrick and Pam Wheeler.

The Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Scott Meredith, Chuck Stiver, Jody Weidrick and Pam Wheeler.

Ms. Weidrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 01/17 Agenda

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Clifford that the agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted.

Vote: Ayes – Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford
The President declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 02/17 Election of President of the Board (No second required)

The President will open the floor to nominations for President of the Board for 2017. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Board President.

Nomination of Chuck Stiver by Scott Meredith

Motion by Clifford, seconded by Meredith to close nominations for the Black River Board of Education President.

Vote: Ayes – Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith
The President declared the nominations closed.

Black River School Board President is Chuck Stiver

RESOLUTION 03/16 Election of Vice-President of the Board (No second required)

The acting President will open the floor to nominations for Vice-President of the Board for 2017. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Vice-president.

Nomination of Scott Meredith by Pam Wheeler

Motion by Clifford, seconded by Wheeler to close nominations for the Black River Board of Education Vice-President.

Vote: Ayes – Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith, Stiver
The President declared the nominations closed.

Black River School Board Vice-President is Scott Meredith

RESOLUTION 04/17 Establish Meeting Dates/Times/Locations

Motion by Clifford, seconded by Stiver to establish the schedule of the regular Board meetings for the 2017 calendar year. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Any change in date, time and location will be published in the designated newspapers.

Vote: Ayes – Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick
The President declared the motion passed.

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RESOLUTION 05/17 Consent agenda: Items A through N

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith to adopt the following standing authorizations to allow for efficient financial management and full execution of duties by the Treasurer, Board of Education President and Superintendent, as written.

Note: Items A through N under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

- A) Advance on Tax Settlement:** to authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the auditor when funds are available and payable to the Black River Local School District.
- B) Investment of Inactive Funds:** to authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds in financial institutions at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive funds are available.
- C) Payment of Bills:** to authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the limits of the appropriation resolutions as bills are received for services rendered or materials received.
- D) Transfers:** to authorize the Treasurer, after consultation with the Superintendent, to transfer monies between budget accounts as necessary and report the same to the board for its approval at the next regular meeting.
- E) Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Designee:** to appoint the Superintendent as designee to handle suspension/expulsion hearings.
- F) Appoint Purchasing Agent:** to recommend the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent as the purchasing agent authorized for purchases up to \$25,000.00 without board approval for the district calendar year 2017.
- G) Employment of Temporary Personnel:** to authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as are needed for emergency situations, for calendar year 2017. Such temporary employments will be presented for approval by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- H) Accept/Participate in Federal, State or Local Grants and Agreements:** to authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into and/or accept/participate in Federal, State or Local Grants or agreements and authorize funds for the grant awards.
- I) Attendance of Professional Meetings:** to authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to attend professional meetings, including in-services and professional development that pertains to their responsibilities as the district's Chief Executive Office and Chief Financial Officer, respectively.
- J) Acceptance of Resignations:** to authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept the resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when the Board is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board; upon ratification by the Board, such resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- K) Consulting Service and Purchasing Contracts:** to authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to enter into consulting service and purchasing contracts up to the amount allowed by law.
- L) Borrowing Authority:** to authorize the Treasurer and Board of Education President to borrow funds, if needed, within the limitations established by state or federal law.
- M) Public Record Training:** to authorize the Treasurer as designee, or other designees as appointed by Treasurer, to attend Public Records Training on behalf of the Board of Education members as required by Ohio Revised Code 109.43.
- N) Alternative Tax Budget:** to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Alternative Tax Budget document in accordance with Substitute House Bill No. 129 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.281.

Vote: Ayes – Clifford, Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler
The President declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 06/17 Designate Local Newspapers

Motion by Meredith, seconded by Wheeler to follow Ohio Revised Code, which states each school district should designate a local newspaper. Therefore, The Ashland Times Gazette, Medina Gazette and Elyria Chronicle newspapers will be designated as the Black River Local School District's official newspapers.

Vote: Ayes – Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford
The President declared the original motion passed.

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RESOLUTION 07/17 Approve Insurance for Board Members

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith to approve providing health insurance for Board members, if requested. Board members will reimburse the district for the cost of this insurance.

Vote: Ayes – Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith
The acting President declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 08/17 Election of Treasurer Protempore (No second required)

The Board President will open the floor to nominations for Treasurer Protempore of the Board for 2017. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Treasurer Protempore.

Nomination of Pam Wheeler by Tim Clifford

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith to close nominations for the Black River Board of Education Treasurer Protempore.

Vote: Ayes – Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith, Stiver
The President declared the motion passed.

Black River School Board Treasurer Protempore is Pam Wheeler

RESOLUTION 09/17 Retain Legal Counsel

Motion by Clifford, seconded by Stiver to retain the law firm of Fisher & Phillips, LLP for calendar year 2017.

Vote: Ayes – Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick
The President declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 10/17 OSBA Membership

Motion by Wheeler, seconded by Meredith to approve membership for the 2017 calendar year with the Ohio School Board's Association (OSBA) for the amount of \$4,418.00. Plus \$150.00 for the annual newsletter (electronic version) subscriptions and the annual school management news (electronic version).

Vote: Ayes – Clifford, Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler
The President declared the motion passed.

C. Closing Items

1. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting Immediately following this Organizational Meeting 7:00 pm

RESOLUTION 11/17 Adjournment

Motion by Clifford, seconded by Meredith that the Board adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Vote: Ayes – Meredith, Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford
The President declared the motion passed.

President

Treasurer