

**Black River Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
January 14, 2016  
Black River High School Media Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by acting President Tim Clifford 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.

Mr. Clifford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION 01/16                      Agenda**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 02/16                      Election of President of the Board (No second Required)**

The acting President will open the floor to nominations for President of the Board for 2016. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Board President.

Nomination of Jody Weidrick by Pam Wheeler

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

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

**Black River School Board President is Jody Weidrick**

**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 2016. 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 Chuck Stiver

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

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

**Black River School Board Vice-President is Scott Meredith**

**RESOLUTION 04/16                      Establish Meeting Dates/Times/Locations**

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith to establish the schedule of the regular Board meetings for the 2016 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 acting President declared the motion passed.

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**RESOLUTION 05/16                      Appoint Committees and Assign Representatives**

The Board should give consideration to, and nominate its members to fill the Standing Committee assignments and representatives for the 2016 calendar year.

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| A) | Legislative Liaison |                | Jody Weidrick  |
| B) | Student Liaison     |                | Chuck Stiver   |
| C) | Buildings & Grounds | Tim Clifford   | Chuck Stiver   |
| D) | Transportation      | Tim Clifford   | Jody Weidrick  |
| E) | Athletic Council    | Pam Wheeler    | Chuck Stiver   |
| F) | Finance             | Tim Clifford   | Scott Meredith |
| G) | Curriculum          | Scott Meredith | Jody Weidrick  |

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith to close nominations for the standing committees listed above.

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

**RESOLUTION 06/16                      Consent agenda:              Items A through N**

Motion by Meredith, seconded by Weidrick 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 2016.
- G) Employment of Temporary Personnel:** to authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as are needed for emergency situations, for calendar year 2016. 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.

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**RESOLUTION 06/16 (continued)**

- 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 2017 Alternative Tax Budget document in accordance with Substitute House Bill No. 129 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.281.

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

**RESOLUTION 07/16                      Designate Local Newspapers**

Motion by Weidrick, seconded by Meredith 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 – Stiver, Weidrick, Wheeler, Clifford, Meredith  
The acting President declared the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 08/16                      Approve Insurance for Board Members**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 09/16                      Election of Treasurer Protempore (No second Required)**

The Board President will open the floor to nominations for Treasurer Protempore of the Board for 2016. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Treasurer Protempore.

Nomination of Chuck Stiver by Tim Clifford

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

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

**Black River School Board Treasurer Protempore is Chuck Stiver**

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**RESOLUTION 10/16                      Retain Legal Counsel**

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Weidrick to retain the law firm of Fisher & Phillips, LLP for calendar year 2016.

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

**RESOLUTION 11/16                      OSBA Membership**

Motion by Weidrick, seconded by Stiver to approve membership for the 2016 calendar year with the Ohio School Board’s Association (OSBA) for the amount of \$4,211.00. Plus \$150.00 for the annual newsletter (electronic version) subscriptions and the annual school management news (electronic version).

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

**C. Closing Items**

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

**RESOLUTION 12/16                      Adjournment**

Motion by Stiver, seconded by Meredith that the Board adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

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

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Acting President

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Treasurer