A. Opening Items

1. Roll Call/Call to Order

The Black River Board of Education is meeting in Regular Session. The meeting is called to order by acting President Tim Clifford with the following members answering roll:

Clifford  Meredith  Stiver  Weidrick  Wheeler

1A. Oath of Office (Swearing in new Board members)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ that the agenda for tonight’s meeting be accepted.

Clifford  Meredith  Stiver  Weidrick  Wheeler

B. Election of Officers

Any member of the Board of Education may nominate another member of the Board for office. A member may also nominate him or herself. Nominations do not require seconds. If more than one person is nominated for President or Vice-President, the Treasurer shall publicly call the roll of the Board and ask members to vote their choice. (Ohio Law requires a majority vote of all members to elect an officer.)

1. Election of President of the Board (No second Required)

The presiding 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 ______________________________ by ______________________________
Nomination of ______________________________ by ______________________________

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

Clifford  Meredith  Stiver  Weidrick  Wheeler

Black River School Board President is ______________________________
2. **Election of Vice-President of the Board (No second Required)**

The Board 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 ______________________________ by ______________________________
Nomination of ______________________________ by ______________________________

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

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

**Black River School Board Vice-President is ______________________________**

3. **Establish Meeting Dates/Times/Locations**

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ to establish the schedule of the regular Board meetings for the 2016 calendar year. Meetings will be held on the ____________ of each month at _______ p.m. in the ______________________________. Any change in date, time and location will be published in the designated newspapers.

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

4. **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.

A) Legislative Liaison ______________________________
B) Student Liaison ______________________________
C) Buildings & Grounds ______________________________ ______________________________
D) Transportation ______________________________
E) Athletic Council ______________________________
F) Finance ______________________________
G) Curriculum ______________________________ ______________________________
H) Negotiations ______________________________ ______________________________

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

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler
5. Consent agenda: Items A through O

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ 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 O 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.

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.

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler
Item if any, to be removed for separate consideration from consent agenda:

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Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

6. **Designate Local Newspapers**

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ 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.

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

7. **Approve Insurance for Board Members**

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

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

8. **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 Vice-President.

Nomination of ____________________________ by ____________________________
Nomination of ____________________________ by ____________________________

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

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler

**Black River School Board Treasurer Protempore is ____________________________**

9. **Retain Legal Counsel**

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

Clifford Meredith Stiver Weidrick Wheeler
10. OSBA Membership

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ 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).

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C. Closing Items

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

2. Adjournment

Motion by __________, seconded by __________ that the Board adjourn at _____ p.m.

Clifford    Meredith    Stiver    Weidrick    Wheeler