

**CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Organizational & Regular Meeting  
Streaming on Middle School Twitter Live @ [www.clearfork.k12.oh.us](http://www.clearfork.k12.oh.us)  
January 11, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

**District Mission Statement:** *Striving to Exceed Expectations*

The Organizational Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School board was called to order at 6:31 PM by Board President Pro-Tempore Mrs. Lori McKee.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Ryan Knuckles, Mrs. Amy Weekley, Mr. Gary McCue, Mrs. Lori McKee, and Mr. Carl Gonzalez.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021 (O.R.C. 3313.14)**

Mrs. Amy Weekley nominated Mr. Gary McCue for Board President.

**2021-001** **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board closed the nominations and elected Mr. Gary McCue for President of the Board of Education for 2021.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Weekley</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

Mr. Gary McCue nominated Mrs. Lori McKee for Vice-President.

**2021-002** **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Weekley, the Board closed the nominations and elected Mrs. Lori McKee for Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2021.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Weekley</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**OATH OF OFFICE – OFFICERS**

Treasurer Bradd Stevens administered the Oath of the Office of President to Mr. Gary McCue

Treasurer Bradd Stevens administered the Oath of the Office of Vice-President to Mrs. Lori McKee.

## SCHEDULE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021 (O.R.C. 3313.15)

**2021-003** **Upon Motion** by Mr. McCue and seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the Board set the Regular Board meetings for Calendar Year 2021 to be held the Third Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM, to be rotated between the HS/MS Media center, Butler Elementary Cafeteria, and the Bellville Cafeteria in the following order listed below:

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom and Twitter  
Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the HS/MS Media Center  
Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the HS/MS Media Center  
Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the HS/MS Media Center  
Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Butler Elementary Cafeteria  
Thursday November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the HS/MS Media Center  
Thursday December 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Bellville Elementary Cafeteria

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. Weekley</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

## STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS

**Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board adopted the following standing authorizations to allow for efficient financial management and full execution of duties by the Treasurer, Board President and Superintendent:

- 2021-004** Authorized the Treasurer to apply to the Richland and/or Knox County Treasurer and the County Auditor for advances of taxes, when appropriate, throughout the 2021 calendar year.
- 2021-005** Authorized the Treasurer to invest available interim monies, during 2021 at the most productive interest rate, in accordance with 135.08, 135.09 and 135.14 Ohio Revised Code and according to policy of the Clear Fork Board of Education.
- 2021-006** Authorized the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution after invoices and merchandise have been received and/or services have been performed.
- 2021-007** Authorized the Treasurer to issue checks for change as needed in food service, the building offices for the sale of workbook and supplies, athletic events and for use in concession stands.
- 2021-008** Authorized the appointment of the Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent for the Clear Fork Valley Local Schools.
- 2021-009** Authorized the Superintendent to dispose of personal property of less than \$2,000 aggregate value (equipment, furnishings, books and other materials) without further resolution by the Board per board policy DN.

- 2021-010** Authorized the Treasurer to borrow up to \$300,000 against anticipated tax receipts at any one time during the year if necessary due to cash flow problems.
- 2021-011** Authorized the Treasurer to offer to Board members that they may participate at their own expense in the group health and dental insurance plans provided to employees of the district as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.202
- 2021-012** Authorized the Treasurer to secure position bonds as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.25 for Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer. Such bonds to be paid from district funds.
- 2021-013** Authorized the Treasurer to file requests as needed for amendments of the Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Certificate of Total Appropriations with the county auditor as information becomes available to the Treasurer to warrant such filings.
- 2021-014** Established a service fund appropriation in the amount of \$7,500 (O.R.C. 3315.15) to pay expenses of Board Members or their official representatives incurred in performing their duties for the Board of Education. Amount not spent may be transferred, where needed, at a later date.
- 2021-015** Authorized the Treasurer to make fund-to-fund advances, advance returns and transfers as needed throughout the year with Board ratification as part of the financial reports at the next regular meeting.
- 2021-016** Authorized the Treasurer to modify the appropriation resolution to re-direct funds previously appropriated to other appropriation accounts as requested by the Superintendent or her designee, provided that total fund appropriations are not increased and that the modifications are presented to the Board for ratification on or before the last day of the fiscal year.
- 2021-017** Authorized the Treasurer to make appropriate modifications within a particular fund including intra-fund transfers to add new appropriations as necessary to conduct the financial business of the school district.
- 2021-018** Authorized the Superintendent to employ temporary and/or substitute personnel as needed. Such employment to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- 2021-019** Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to use legal counsel as needed for calendar year 2021.
- 2021-020** Authorized the Superintendent to employ home instruction tutors on an as needed basis at the approved tutor rate.
- 2021-021** Authorized the Superintendent to be the designee of the Board of Education to hear appeals of suspensions and make decisions regarding any recommendation for expulsion.
- 2021-022** Approved continuing its membership in Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) for calendar year 2021. Dues, charges for subscriptions and periodicals are approximately \$5,640.00.

**2021-023** Approved the following resolution:

Whereas, the Clear Fork Valley Local School District Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2021 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the OSBA for the LAF at a rate of \$250.00.

**2021-024** Authorized the administration to apply for and participate in any and all applicable State and Federally funded programs and projects for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years.

**2021-025** Designated the Superintendent or her designee to be the Title VI Coordinator, the Title IX Coordinator, and the Section 504 Coordinator. Complaints regarding Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), or Section 504 (handicap) should be referred to:

Superintendent or her designee at:

Clear Fork Valley Local Schools  
211 School Street  
Bellville, Ohio 44813

Dissemination Procedures: All Staff Handbooks at the beginning of each school year Students Student Handbook & Rules Folder, Parent Newsletters General Public Newspaper, and District Web Site.

**2021-026** Appointed the Assistant High School Principal in conjunction with Director of Physical Facilities to be Safety Director of the District.

**2021-027** Appointed the Special Education Director to be Coordinator of the Homeless.

**2021-028** Reviewed (as required by No Child Left Behind) Board Policy IGBL – Parental Involvement in Education

**2021-029** Authorized the Superintendent or Treasurer to accept all donations to the school district on behalf of the Board of Education.

**2021-030** Authorized the Treasurer to be the designee of the Board Members to attend all required training and seminars to meet the Public Records Law for Elected Officials in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 109.43 (B) and 149.43 (E)(1).

**2021-031** Authorized the Superintendent to make technical corrections to Board policies that have already been adopted through normal procedures. These technical corrections may include: - renumbering subsections, sections, chapters and titles - corrections or additions for grammatical or typographical errors, - alternations and omissions not affecting the constructions or meaning of those sections, subsections, chapters, titles, or policies as a whole.

2021-032 Authorized the Superintendent during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

2021-033 Authorized the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

2021-034 Authorized the Treasurer to file amended Five-Year Financial Forecasts with the proper state authorities.

2021-035 Authorized blanket purchase orders pursuant to Policy DJ of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District, the Board hereby authorizes the issuance of "blanket" purchase orders (certificates) by the District Treasurer, in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.

2021-036 Authorized, as a public purpose, the provision of meals and/or beverages to employees and attendees during meetings as a means of improving efficiency as authorized by the Superintendent.

2021-037 Authorized the Treasurer and Board President to borrow funds, if needed, within the limitations established by state and federal laws.

2021-038 Authorized the administration to issue purchase orders within adopted appropriations.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

## LEGAL COUNSEL

2021-039 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mrs. Weekley the Board approved the employment of the following legal firms for use on an as needed basis:

Bricker & Ecler  
Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

## ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 TAX BUDGET

2021-040 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. McKee the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Budget. The public hearing, as required by law, was held at the Board Office on December 29, 2020.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

2021-041 **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. McKee, the Board adjourned from Organizational Session at 6:42 PM.

The vote was:	Mrs. Weekley	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes		

## JANUARY 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The Regular Meeting of the Clear Fork Valley Local School board was called to order at 6:43 PM by Board President Mr. Gary McCue.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Ryan Knuckles, Mrs. Amy Weekley, Mr. Gary McCue, Mrs. Lori McKee, and Mr. Carl Gonzalez.

2021-042 **Upon Motion** by Mr. McCue and seconded by Mr. Knuckles, the Board approved the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting as written.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes		

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Upon Motion** by Mrs. Weekley and seconded by Mrs. McKee, the Board:

2021-043 Approved the December 2020 Financial Report.

2021-044 Accepted a donation of \$2,000.00 from Susan A. Smith to the Butler Elementary Library dated December 2020.

The vote was:	Mrs. McKee	Yes	Mr. Gonzalez	Yes
	Mr. Knuckles	Yes	Mr. McCue	Yes
	Mrs. Weekley	Yes		

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**2021-045** **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board approved the use of unpaid leave following use of paid leave for Amber Weaver not to exceed a total of 12 weeks.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Weekley</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**2021-046** **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. McCue, the Board adjourned from Regular Session at 6:50 PM.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. McCue</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Weekley</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

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Gary McCue, Board President

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Bradd Stevens, Treasurer