

# CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting  
Bellville Elementary Cafeteria  
May 12, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

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

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

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mr. Rick Kvochick, Mrs. Koti Epperson, Mrs. Lori McKee, Mr. Ryan Knuckles, and Mr. Carl Gonzalez.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

Mrs. Lori McKee stated that the following policies were presented to the Board for review at the March meeting. She asked if there were any questions regarding those policies. The Board was provided with additional policies to review for discussion at the June Board meeting. Mr. Gonzalez had some questions about Policy BCCA and BCCA-R and using that policy for a treasurer pro-temp. Mrs. McKee differentiated between a treasurer pro-temp and the incapacity of the Treasurer. Mr. Gonzalez had further questions about those two policies and Mrs. McKee said those policies would be pulled out for further review before they move on with them.

BBFA	Board Member Conflict of Interest
BCA	Board Organizational Meeting
BCB	Board Officers
BCC	Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer
BCCA	Incapacity of the Treasurer
BCCA-R	Incapacity of the Treasurer
BCCB/AFBA	Evaluation of the Treasurer
BCCD	Board – Treasurer Relationship
BCD/CBI	Board – Superintendent Relationship

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

Mr. Gabriel Dannemiller, the Bellville Technology teacher, along with several 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrated to the Board a few of the activities the Bellville Elementary Students have done throughout the year in their technology classes.

Mrs. Ashley Twedt, Bellville Elementary Intervention Specialist, along with two students explained the Purple Star program the District has in place at the Elementary buildings.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S)**

Mrs. Kathy Quickle, the Gifted Coordinator shared with the Board some information about the gifted program. She explained how the 214 gifted students district wide are

able to be selected into the program. She identified the various areas of gifted identification and described the testing and referral process along with where to find a referral application on the district website. She also described the services that gifted education provides and supports the district provides.

Mrs. Libby Nickoli, Butler Principal and Special Education Director shared with the Board how she has coached Mr. Ryan Vermillion who represented the district at all the IEP and ETR meetings. She discussed the goals they developed, and a Google shared drive they developed as a “one stop shop” for the intervention specialists to get all the information they need for their students. She shared a few data points with regards to special education students within the district.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Anne Dettmer of 6586 State Route 95, Butler inquired about the hiring practices and policy procedures for supplemental contracts. She asked if the district gave the first right of refusal for a supplemental position to district employees if there is a person internally that wanted a position?

Ms. Wyckoff answered there is state law and negotiated contract language that supersede state law. She stated that first consideration is given to district employees. She stated that positions are posted internally first and employees are given first consideration so they always get an interview. She further went on to say that if they met the standard or qualities and they are equal to or better than we hire internally. If they are not the best candidate we hire the best person through a process of vetting resumes, cover letters and applications. She stated there are first round interviews, an invite back, and then a recommendation is made by the AD to the High School Principal. The High School Principal will then make the recommendation to the Superintendent with an explanation of why a particular person was recommended.

Ms. Ashley Ousley of 82 Fitting Avenue, Bellville spoke about a coalition that could potentially stop vouchers to private schools. She described her child, his special education diagnosis, and his experience at Clear Fork. She asked the Board to withdraw their support for the Coalition.

Ms. Sarah Hellman of 137 Stewart Road North, Mansfield read two stories that, as she explained, were not her experience but were collected by Kyle. Both stories written by students at Tree of Life Cristian School in Columbus Ohio about their experience and how grateful they were to be given the opportunity to attend that school through a school choice program.

Mr. Ray Hoskins of 195 Woodruff Road, Lexington also read two stories he claimed were submitted to him about students that are not in the district. He stated the by joining the Coalition the effects are not just to this district but students throughout the entire state. One story was from a parent that lives in Hilliard, whose children attends Tree of Life Christian School in Columbus, but couldn't afford the tuition without an Ed Choice Scholarship. The second, written by the school counselor, was about a student that attends Cincinnati Cristian Schools and how Cincinnati Christian Schools impacted her and how successful she is.

Mr. Troy McIntosh of 64 Kennebec Place East, Westerville claimed he was asked by district residents to speak on the current law suit over the Ed Choice Program. He

stated that Clear Fork joined the Coalition to file suit against the State of Ohio and the Ed Choice program. He stated while there are only 6 students that live in the district that are on the Ed Choice Scholarship there are 50 thousand students state wide that utilize it. He stated the point they are trying to make is the Coalition threatened to bring harm to a significant number of Ohio students. He stated data on the effects of the Ed Choice program and the support of that program. He request the district not join the Coalition.

Mr. Carl Gonzales replied to Mr. McIntosh stating that the funding doesn't equally follow the student as Mr. McIntosh implied. He stated that if a student goes to a private school the entire amount from the state would follow them, but if that same student attends Clear Fork the district would only receive half of that amount. Mr. Gonzales said the disparity is what he is opposes because it isn't equal funding. He reiterated there isn't' equal funding following a student that stays in a public school compared to if they that attend a non-pubic school.

Mr. McIntosh stated that all the local property taxes stay in the district. He said that if a student leaves the only money that leaves is the state money for that student.

Mr. Gonzales argued, replying that the district is still responsible for the cost of the extra services required by a student's IEP's even when a student attends elsewhere.

Mr. McIntosh stated that is what local property tax revenue from those families pays for.

Mr. Gonzalez stated again that the district would have to fund a student's IEP while the student gets all the state money to go to a private school.

Mr. McIntosh stated that funding is provided through local property taxes.

Mr. Gonzalez stated he is not going to vote for anything that doesn't give our district any extra money.

Mr. Kyle Miller of 1115 Hathaway Road, Bellville attempted to coerce the Board to introduce a resolution and a vote on getting out of the Coalition. He stated he wanted to have discussions with them all privately so he wouldn't have to address this publicly and bring people to a board meeting to capture their attention. He stated the district is spending taxpayer dollars on something that he thinks would hurt his family. He stated that what the district did goes beyond this district and effects kids in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Bucyrus and others. He stated if the board believes in the Coalition they should donate their own money. He stated that by joining the Coalition, they are using the district a propaganda to go into other communities to join the Coalition. He stated he is the guy out knocking on doors, phone begging, and Facebook posting and he then passed out a thank you pamphlet that he stated he would share if the Board would back out of the Coalition. He stated that as hard as he has worked to get the people to the Board meeting, make phone calls and do door knocking he would work as hard to let everybody know the Board is open minded. He read an excerpt from the webpage of the Coalition the district joined which stated "we are fighting on behalf of voters, families, teachers, and school districts". He stated that nowhere does it say that they are fighting on behalf of the kid. He stated that he doesn't know if the Board is talking to the voters but they are not talking to him. He asked Mrs. McKee if the Board would bring up for a vote, withdrawing from the Coalition and pull the district's support tonight. He stated that Mrs. McKee had

emailed him stating the district is still researching the topic which is why it isn't on the agenda for this evening. He stated that if they are still in the research process would they vote for it? He requested the Board pull out and then just vote to join again at a later date if they want to join later.

Mrs. McKee stated that many of them have attended a meeting to get additional information and the Board will not be voting on it tonight. He asked for a commitment to have it on the agenda for next month. Mrs. McKee stated she could not make that commitment.

Mr. Miller asked what the reasoning is for staying in the Coalition.

Mrs. McKee stated she agreed with Mr. Gonzalez and she struggles with the fact that we could potentially lose money as a district. She stated we are not stopping kids from having a choice of where they go to school, that is their decision to make. She stated that her struggle is the funding. She stated that as the President of the School Board she has 1632 students in this district that she has to be worried about, and she has to worry about the district's faculty, and all the things that are taking place in this district. She stated she thinks we have amazing teachers and administration and she thinks they do everything their power to make sure the kids are getting the education they need. She stated understands people have choices, but if they make the choice to go elsewhere that is their choice.

Mr. Miller stated he has traveled all across Ohio and spoken with parents in all different areas and provided an example of how the Coalition lawsuit could affect them. Mrs. McKee stated that she has to do the best by this school district and joining the Coalition was what was best for the 1632 kids at this district. She stated she signed up to go on the ballot to protest the students and teachers of this district.

Mrs. Epperson stated that she felt it is dishonest to say families are being stripped of their right to choose where to send their children. She stated she had the benefit of a private school K-12 and when she lived in Columbus she sent her own child to a private school and she did not expect someone else to foot the bill and neither did her parents. She stated that is was dishonest to say the district is stripping parents of their chose to send their children anywhere they would like to attend school based on whether or not the Backpack bill passes.

**2022-113** **Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Knuckles, the Board approved the minutes of the April 21, 2022- Regular and the May 5, 2022 – Special Meetings as written.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Epperson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Kvochick</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Kvochick, the Board:

**2022-114** Approved Knox Educational Service Center to assist with the search for a school treasurer.

2022-115 Approved Jon Mason as the Interim Treasurer for Clear Fork Valley Schools beginning June 11, 2022.

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mrs. McKee Yes  
Mrs. Epperson Yes Mr. Kvochick Yes  
Mr. Knuckles Yes

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Epperson, the Board:

2022-116 Approved the April 2022 Financial Report.

2022-117 Approved the following change funds for the 2022-2023 school year:

High School Office	\$150.00	Bellville Office	\$ 50.00
Middle School Office	50.00	Butler Office	50.00
Bellville Cafeteria	100.00	Butler Cafeteria	100.00
MS/HS Cafeteria	200.00	Athletics	3,000.00
High School Library	20.00		

2022-118 Approved a transfer to fund 070-9022 for the purpose of turf management and replacement in the amount of \$60,000. Of this amount \$35,000 will come from General Fund 001, \$20,000 from Permanent Improvement 003, and \$5,000 from Athletics 300-9500. This Fund transfer replaces the Special Cost Center that was already established for turf replacement, 003- 2020 by creating a new special cost center in a different fund 070-9022.

The Board further directs the Treasurer to request a transfer of a similar amount each year hereafter for the total amount of \$30,000 to come from General Fund 001 in the amount of \$15,000. Permanent Improvement Fund 003 in the amount of \$10,000 and Athletics 300-9500 in the amount of \$5,000.

2022-119 Approved the revised five-year forecast for May 2022

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes Mrs. McKee Yes  
Mrs. Epperson Yes Mr. Kvochick Yes  
Mr. Knuckles Yes

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Gonzlaez, the Board:

2022-120 Accepted the following resignations:

Jessica Haley Assistant Band Director – effective 8/2/2022  
Natalie Johnson Bellville Elementary – effective end of current contract  
Rosemary Kline Middle School/High School - effective end of current contract

2022-121 Employed the following on Three Year Administrative Contracts effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025. Salary and benefits per the administrative salary schedule.

Jennifer Klaus Stacey Swank

Shawn Ramion

Anitra VanHorn

**2022-122** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Kelsey Aldrich  
Jordan Black  
Theresa Dutch  
Aaron Gates  
Seth Johnson  
Angela Kasper  
Samantha Kline  
Katrina Knight  
Justen LaPlante

Faith Lutz  
Emily Marquette  
Sydney Moore  
Stephanie Phillips  
Sarah Robinette  
Kilee Stoner  
Sarah Vermillion  
Leighan Wells

**2022-123** Employed the following certified personnel on a three (3) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Jill Conway  
Lauren Motter  
Nichole Rinehart

Meredith Wendling  
Molly Weyhmeller  
Kelsey Winters

**2022-124** Employed the following certified personnel on a continuing teaching contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Whitney Bates  
Robert Casey  
Brandis Hauger  
Joseph Jancura  
Gabriel Kennedy  
Lynn Kneile

Edward Kossick  
Michael McCorkle  
Melinda Sansom  
Kelly Shinabarker  
Joseph Staab  
Amber Weaver

**2022-125** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited retire – rehire teaching contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

David Carroll

Cynthia Ridenour

**2022-126** Employed the following classified staff on a one (1) year limited contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Jennifer Bebout  
Erin Bunnell  
Michael Conrad  
Megan McFerren  
Tammy McFerren  
Macall Hanlon  
Tammi Means  
Ronald Miller  
Dorothy O'Brien  
Carrie Oyster  
Scott Pfahler

Kent Rinehart  
Rebecca Rinehart  
Kristine Roberts  
Daniel Robinson  
Donita Robison  
Shelia Smith  
Bradley South  
Stephanie Stull  
Steven Thompson  
Tina Thompson  
Melissa VanPelt

**2022-127** Employed the following classified staff on a three (3) year limited contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

William Holvey

**2022-128** Employed the following as Drug Prevention Officers for 32.5 hours per week in addition to supervision at special events at \$20.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jeff McBride

**2022-129** In accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirmed that the following positions have been offered to the certified employees of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District and no qualified employee has been selected for the position(s). Furthermore, the Board affirmed that the position(s) had been advertised on the Clear Fork website on March 2, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 1, 2022 or April 11, 2022 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Timothy Brafford	Varsity Boys Basketball
Jeff Layne	JV Girls Basketball
Chandell Pfeleiderer	High School Cheerleading - Basketball

Non-renewed the following long-term substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year.

**2022-130**

Ann Dettmer	John Parrott
Megan Hill	Taylor Peterson
Catherine Kinley	Teresa Sparks
Julia Leech	Gary Swiatek
Carolyn Parrott	Cora Swank

**2022-131** Approved the hiring of classified substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year from the attached list and any updated lists throughout the school year.

**2022-132** Employed the following certified staff members on a one (1) year supplemental contract for extended service for the 2022-2023 school year:

Aaron Gates	10 days
Seth Johnson	20 days
Samantha Kline	10 days
Kourtney Kucirek	5 days

**2022-133** Approved the following certified staff to provide Extended School Year Services as required by the student IEP's.

Theresa Dutch	Sonia Kelley	Sarah Robinette
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**2022-134** Approved the following Aides to provide Extended School Year Services as required by the student IEP's.

Becky Crock	Brandy Freitag	Brittany Hess
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Nina Klingler

**2022-135** Approved the hiring of high school students for custodial and maintenance work at an hourly rate of \$9.30 per hour not to exceed a total expenditure of \$15,000.00 for the months of June, July and August of 2022. Work schedule is determined by the Facilities Director.

**2022-136** Approved up to 10 paid work days for Denette Mottayaw for the summer of 2022 (June, July and August) to assist with the preparing for and restoring the Media Center after the floor replacement.

**2022-137** Approved up to fifteen (15) days in June and up to fifteen (15) days in August for Ryan Vermillion, Special Education Teacher on Assignment to be paid at the per diem rate of teacher.

**2022-138** Approved the following certified staff member to participate in 2 days planning and teaching Summer Reading Camp for students in grade K-5, to be held August 1-5, 2022. To be paid \$600.00 for teaching reading camp and participating in the planning days.

Theresa Dutch  
Mayme Legron  
Sydney Metcalf

Sherra Miller  
Kelly Stephens

Sarah Vermillion  
Kelsey Winters

**2022-139** Approved the following certified staff members to participate in the Technology Professional Development, to be held May 31-June 1, 2022. To be paid \$50.00 per day.

Kelsey Alrich  
Nicholas Allarding  
Fitzgerald  
Whitney Bates  
Brandon Baumgardner  
Jared Beans  
Sue Beans  
Brittany Bechtel  
Steven Bechtel  
Rachel Bieri  
Jordan Black  
Sarah Robinette  
Erin Blubaugh  
Meredith Bowman  
Jason Brasure  
Susan Brown  
Tracy Burkepile  
Jennifer Campbell  
Katie Carney  
Courtney Carper  
David Carroll  
Robert Casey  
Kattie Chance  
Rebecca Clapp  
Kathy Cole  
Jill Conway  
Amy Cox  
Eric Cunningham

Allison Hahn  
Joseph Hahn  
  
Brandis Hauger  
Barbara Hendrix  
Richard Hoover  
Tyler Hunter  
Jennifer Irwin  
Kathryn Israel  
Joseph Jancura  
Seth Johnson  
Angela Kasper  
Heather Keating  
Billie Jo Keen  
Sonia Kelley  
Randy Kempton  
Gabriel Kennedy  
Cathy Kinney  
Samantha Kline  
Katrina Knight  
Jacquelyn Koch  
Edward Kossick  
Theresa Krockner  
Kourtney Kucirek  
Lisa Kvochick  
Michael Lamp  
Justen LaPlante  
Lynelle Leedy

Stephanie Phillips  
Susan Phillips-  
  
Brittany Pipes  
June Popa  
Jefferson Proto  
Matthew Reffel  
Jeremy Riddle  
Cynthia Ridenour  
Nichole Rinehart  
Melinda Sansom  
L Rachel Schag  
Gregory Seiter  
Kelly Shinabarker  
Tara Smith  
Kailea Sparks  
Joseph Staab  
Adam Staley  
Kelly Staley  
Kelly Stephens  
Kilee Stoner  
Rhonda Studenmund  
Lisa Thorne  
D Nicole Traxler  
Ashley Twedt  
Tami Vaughn  
Sarah Vermillion  
Nicole Walker



Gabriel Dannemiller  
 Danielle Daniels  
 Joy Dials  
 Theresa Dutch  
 Randy Echelberger  
 Laura Feldner  
 Aaron Gates  
 Shawn Gatton  
 Judy Golden  
 Jeffrey Gottfried

Mayme Legron  
 Faith Lutz  
 Jenessa Luzader  
 Cheryl Manges  
 Michael McCorkle  
 Sydney Metcalf  
 James Michalovich  
 Shera Miller  
 Sydney Moore  
 Lauren Motter

Amber Weaver  
 Leighan Wells  
 Jessica Wend  
 Meredith Wendling  
 Molly Weyhmeller  
 Stacie White  
 Alicia Williams  
 Kelsey Winters  
 Melissa Wright

**2022-140** Employed the following certified personnel on a one (1) year limited teaching contract beginning with the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule.

Brielle Miller	High School Science
Teresa Sparks	High School Math

**2022-141** Approved up to 10 paid work days for Nicole Myers for the summer of 2022 (May, June, July and August) to assist the technology department.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Epperson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Kvochick</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**2022-142** **Upon Motion** by Mr. Knuckles and seconded by Mr. Kvochick, the Board in accordance with 3319.22 ORC the Clear Fork Board of Education affirmed that the following positions have been offered to the certified employees of the Clear Fork Valley Local School District and no qualified employee has been selected for the position(s). Furthermore, the Board affirmed that the position(s) had been advertised on the Clear Fork website on March 2, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 1, 2022 or April 11, 2022 to those who may be qualified and that the following personnel be employed on a one (1) year supplemental contract for the 2022-2023 school year per the adopted salary schedule:

Scott Sellers	Varsity Girls Basketball
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<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Epperson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Kvochick</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**Upon Motion** by Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Mrs. Epperson, the Board:

**2022-143** Approved the following fee schedule:

Grades Kindergarten – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
If paid in full prior to 9/30/2022	\$40.00
Grade Kindergarten – 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Technology Usage / Insurance Fee	\$25.00
Grades 6-8	\$55.00
If paid in full prior to 9/30/2022	\$45.00

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Grades 6-12  
Technology Usage /Insurance Fee \$25.00

Grades 9-12 see attached

2022-144 Approved the following handbooks:

Bellville Elementary	Middle School
Butler Elementary	High School
Preschool	Transportation
Athletic	

2022-145 Entered into a Service Agreement with Knox County Educational Service Center for the 2022-2023 school year.

2022-146 Entered into a Day Treatment-Purchase Service Agreement with River Education Services, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year.

2022-147 Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Butler for Sanitary Sewer Services.

2022-148 Approved meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year:

Breakfast	All Buildings	\$1.50
Lunch	Elementary	\$3.00
Lunch	Middle School / High School	\$3.25

Prior to the vote Mr. Gonzales stated he hadn't had time to review the handbooks and requested the Board table resolution 12.22 to be voted on next month. It was explained the handbooks were sent to the Board a week before the meeting and they were already past due for the printer to be available for next year. The Board determined they would proceed with the resolution as presented. Mr. Gonzalez stated he could not vote yes on a resolution he hadn't reviewed.

<b>The vote was:</b>	<b>Mr. Gonzalez</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mrs. McKee</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mrs. Epperson</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Kvochick</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Knuckles</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

### INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

The Board Discussed the (1<sup>st</sup> reading) of the following Board Policies:

DJC	Bidding Requirements
KG-R	Community Use of School Facilities

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

2022-149 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. Epperson and seconded by Mr. Kvochick, the Board entered into executive session for the purpose of to prepare for collective bargaining and employment of a public employee at 8:20PM.

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes  
Mrs. Epperson Yes  
Mr. Knuckles Yes

Mrs. McKee Yes  
Mr. Kvochick Yes

2022-150 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mrs. Epperson, the Board resumed the regular meeting at 9:16 PM.

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes  
Mrs. Epperson Yes  
Mr. Knuckles Yes

Mrs. McKee Yes  
Mr. Kvochick Yes

2022-151 **Upon Motion** by Mrs. McKee and seconded by Mr. Knuckles, the Board adjourned from Regular Session 9:17 PM.

The vote was: Mr. Gonzalez Yes  
Mrs. Epperson Yes  
Mr. Knuckles Yes

Mrs. McKee Yes  
Mr. Kvochick Yes

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Lori McKee, Board President

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Bradd Stevens, Treasurer