

LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Minutes

Date: January 3, 2024 Kind of Meeting: Organizational

The Leipsic Local Board of Education met for the Annual Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. in the Media Center.

The following Board members were present: Brian Reynolds, John Schortgen, Sam Walther, Barry Ward, and Kirk Wensink.

Administration present included: Greg Williamson, Superintendent; Brian Bennett, MS/HS Principal; Megan Tobe, Student Success Coordinator; and David Miller, Treasurer.

In attendance was one staff member.

Sam Walther, as President Pro Tem, called for nominations for president. John Schortgen placed the name of Sam Walther in nomination. Sam Walther placed the name of John Schortgen in nomination. There being no further nominations, Sam Walther moved, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, that nominations be closed. Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Nominations
for President

John Schortgen was elected president.

John Schortgen as President, called for nominations for vice president. Sam Walther placed the name of Brian Reynolds in nomination. Kirk Wensink placed the name of Sam Walther in nomination. There being no further nominations, Sam Walther moved, and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion, that nominations be closed. Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Nominations
for Vice
President

Sam Walther was elected vice-president.

Sam Walther moved, and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion to set the date, time, and place of regular board meetings for 2024 on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Meeting Dates
& Time

Brian Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Sam Walther, to authorize the following:

- a. Permission for the Treasurer to invest funds.
- b. Permission for the Board President and Treasurer to borrow money if needed.
- c. Resolution to permit the Treasurer to request an advance on local taxes as needed.
- d. Designate the local Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent and coordinator of all federal funds.
- e. Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed on a temporary basis subject to approval at the next regular or special board meeting.
- f. Allow the Superintendent to authorize attendance at conferences or workshops for staff members' requests within the State.
- g. Resolution waiving the reading of minutes at the Board meetings.
- h. Designate *The Putnam County Sentinel* as the newspaper for publishing of Board materials, meeting dates, and times.
- i. Authorize the Board members, Treasurer, and Superintendent to attend any State and National conferences for the year 2024.

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Misc.
Authorizations

Vote: Brian Reynolds—yea; Sam Walther—yea; John Schortgen—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

Sam Walther made a motion, seconded by Kirk Wensink to approve the following depositories for the deposit of public funds:

Union Bank
Fort Jennings State Bank
Premier Bank
STAR Ohio

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Approve
Depositories

Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

John Schortgen as President, made the following committee assignments:

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Personnel	Brian Reynolds	John Schortgen
Building and Grounds	Brian Reynolds	Sam Walther
Extra-curricular	Kirk Wensink	Sam Walther
Curriculum	Brian Reynolds	Barry Ward
Finance	Sam Walther	Kirk Wensink
Legislative Liaison	Brian Reynolds	
Negotiations	Barry Ward	John Schortgen

Kirk Wensink seconded the motion, to approve the committee assignments. Vote: John Schortgen—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Sam Walther—yea; and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Committee
Assignments

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Sam Walther made a motion and Kirk Wensink seconded the request to approve professional membership in the following organizations:

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Professional
Memberships

- OSBA- School Board
- BASA- Superintendent
- OASSA- High School Principal
- OAESA- Elementary School Principal
- OASBO- Treasurer

Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; and Barry Ward—yea.
Motion passed: 5-0

Kirk Wensink moved, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, to set Board Members’ pay at \$120 per meeting for 25 meetings per year. Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; and Sam Walther—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Board Members
Pay

Sam Walther made a motion, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Sam Walther—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; John Schortgen—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

_____ President

_____ Treasurer