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SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Ohio General Assembly has delegated responsibility for the conduct of public schools in each school district to a local board of education. Boards of education are political subdivisions of the state and members of a board are officials elected by the citizens of a district to represent them in the management of the public schools.

Legally, a board of education is a body politic and corporate, capable of suing and being sued; contracting and being contracted with; acquiring, holding, possessing and disposing of real and personal property; and taking and holding in trust for use of the District any grant or gift of land, money or other personal property.

The Board of the Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers is composed of members, appointed by the participating districts in accordance with the JVSD plan. A member will not be appointed to the career center Board unless he/she meets the qualifications of State law. Members serve for three years. Board members are limited to two consecutive terms. Terms are considered consecutive unless separated by three or more years.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3311.01; 3311.02; 3311.03; 3311.04; 3311.05; 3311.19
3313.01; 3313.02; 3313.09; 3313.17

CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status
BBB, School Board Appointments

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board is composed of one or more persons who are members of the board of education from each of the city, exempted village, local districts and/or county school districts to be appointed by said boards of education.

The Board consists of 15 members, each appointed for a term of three years from the following school districts: two from the Fremont, and one each from the Tiffin, Port Clinton and Fostoria City boards of education; one each from the Old Fort, Seneca East, Lakota, Bettsville, Mohawk, Hopewell-Loudon and New Riegel Local boards of education; one each from the Gibsonburg, Clyde-Green Springs and Upper Sandusky Exempted Village boards of education.

Should it become necessary to increase the number of Board members to comply with the law, the additional Board member would come from Tiffin City Schools.

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3501.01; 3501.02(D); 3501.38

3513.254; 3513.255; 3513.256

CROSS REF.: BB, School Board Legal Status

UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT
(Board Vacancy)

A vacancy on the Board may be caused by:

1. death;
2. nonresidence;
3. resignation;
4. removal from office;
5. failure of a person elected or appointed to qualify within 10 days after the organization of the Board or of his/her appointment;
6. relocation beyond District boundaries or
7. absence from Board meetings for a period of 90 days, if the reasons for the absence are declared insufficient by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members. (The vote must be taken not earlier than 30 days after the 90-day period of absence.)

Any such vacancy will be filled by the member school's board as soon as possible. Each person selected to fill a vacancy will hold office until the completion of that term.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3.01; 3.02; 3.07; 3.08
3313.11; 3313.85

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

The Board believes public education should be conducted in an ethical manner. In general, the conduct of Board members should conform to the code of ethics of the Ohio School Boards Association which includes the following:

It is unethical for a Board member to:

1. seek special privileges for personal gain;
2. personally assume unauthorized authority;
3. criticize school employees publicly;
4. disclose confidential information or
5. place the interest of one group or community above the interest of the entire District.
6. withhold facts from the Superintendent, particularly about the incompetency of an employee announce future action before the proposition has been discussed by the Board.

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LEGAL REFS.: Ohio School Boards Association Delegate Assembly; OSBA Legislative Platform 1991
ORC 102.03; 102.04
2921.01(A); 2921.42; 2921.43; 2921.44
3319.21

CROSS REF.: BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board and individual members follow the letter and spirit of the law regarding conflicts of interest.

A Board member will not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract with the District; will not furnish for remuneration any labor, equipment or supplies to the District; nor be employed by the Board in any capacity for compensation.

A Board member may have a private interest in a contract with the Board if all of the following apply:

1. the subject of the public contract is necessary supplies or services for the district;
2. the supplies or services are unobtainable elsewhere for the same or lower cost, or are being furnished to the district as part of a continuing course of dealing established prior to the Board member's becoming associated with the District;
3. the treatment accorded the district is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions and
4. the entire transaction is conducted at arm's length, with full knowledge by the Board of the interest of the Board member, member of his/her family, or his/her business associate, and the Board member takes no part in the deliberations or decision with respect to the public contract.

The law specifically forbids:

1. the prosecuting attorney or a city attorney from serving on this Board;
2. a Board member from serving as the school dentist, physician or nurse;
3. a Board member from being employed for compensation by this Board;
4. a Board member from having, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in any contract with this Board;
5. a Board member from voting on a contract to employ a person as a teacher or instructor if he/she is related to that person as father, mother, brother, sister or spouse;

6. a Board member from authorizing, or employing the authority or influence of his/her office to secure authorization of, any public contract in which he/she, a member of his/her family or his/her business associates have an interest;
7. a Board member from having an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract entered into by, or for, the use of the District and
8. a Board member from occupying any position of profit during his/her term of office or within one year thereafter in the prosecution of a public contract authorized by him/her or a Board of which he/she was a member at the time of authorization of that contract.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 102.03; 102.04

2921.02(B); 2921.42; 2921.43; 2921.44

3313.13; 3313.33; 3313.70

3319.21

4117.20

CROSS REF.: BBF, Board Member Code of Ethics

BOARD OFFICERS

President

The President presides at all meetings of the Board and performs other duties as directed by State law Board policy. In carrying out these responsibilities, the President:

1. is responsible for the orderly conduct of all Board meetings;
2. calls special meetings of the Board as necessary;
3. appoints Board committees, is an ex officio member of all Board committees with the power to vote and is knowledgeable as to the business of the various committees and generally oversees their work;
4. signs all proceedings of the Board after they have been approved;
5. signs all other instruments, acts and orders necessary to carry out Federal and State law and the will of the Board and
6. performs such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the office.

The President has the right, as other Board members have, to offer resolutions, to make and second motions, to discuss questions and to vote.

Vice President

In the absence of the President, the Vice President performs the duties and has the responsibilities and commensurate authority of the President. The Vice President also performs such other duties as may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the Board.

President Pro Tempore

A president pro tempore may be elected by a majority of the Board to serve in such capacity when the President and Vice President are absent or unable to perform their duties.

The President Pro Tempore does not have power to sign any legal documents and vacates the chair when the President or Vice President arrives at the meeting.

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CROSS REF.: BD, School Board Meetings

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

Title: Treasurer

Department: Administration

Building/Facility: Central Office

Reports to: Board of Education

Employment Status: Regular/Full-time

FLSA Status: Exempt

General Description: Serve as District's chief financial officer; assume responsibility for receipt, safekeeping and disbursement of all District funds; direct and manage all financial accounting programs and systems

Essential Functions:

1. attend all Board meetings
2. record proceedings of Board meetings
3. prepare annual budget and appropriations resolution with assistance of Superintendent
4. receive, deposit and account for all school funds of District
5. adhere to purchase order system with purchase order to be approved by Treasurer only on a "funds available" basis
6. render monthly statement to Board and, as needed, to Superintendent
7. sign all checks in accordance with law
8. make available to members of Board, administration and for public inspection whenever necessary, and as prescribed by law, all papers and documents entrusted to Treasurer for filing
9. keep on record for Board's information complete listing of all insurance policies and premiums on all District properties
10. complete and file at proper times all forms, reports, papers and other requirements as prescribed by the Auditor of State, Ohio Department of Education, or other state or local agencies
11. prepare and maintain on file all employee contracts
12. receive all moneys belonging to District, including payment of taxes from county treasurer
13. assist in decisions concerning investment of idle District funds
14. prepare and submit monthly report on District's fiscal status
15. render full annual report at the end of each fiscal year
16. supervise staff members of Treasurer's office

17. maintain filing system for Board business and transactions
18. handle communications and correspondence for Board
19. prepare salary notices
20. maintain record of retirement contributions
21. prepare all purchase orders
22. certify all purchase orders and requisitions for supplies and services
23. maintain complete and systematic set of financial records
24. record all sick leave, personal leave and vacation leave for all employees
25. prepare advertisement of all legal notices concerning Board business
26. prepare long-range financial projections with Superintendent for Board
27. act as financial resource person for Board's negotiating team and at all public
28. provide and counsel staff members in areas of insurance benefits, retirement provisions, local tax laws, provisions of sick leave policy and other information concerning fringe benefits
29. prepare necessary paperwork for operating levies and bond issues
30. make contacts with public with tact and diplomacy
31. maintain respect at all times for confidential information, e.g., personnel information
32. interact in positive manner with staff, students and parents
33. promote good public relations by personal appearance, attitude and conversation
34. attend meetings and in-services as required

Other Duties and Responsibilities:

1. evaluate staff members of Treasurer's office
2. obtain and file teaching certificates
3. prepare and issue written notice of intention not to re-employ certificated and classified staff
4. respond to routine questions and requests in appropriate manner
5. cooperate with Superintendent in development and implementation of administrative and Board policies
6. attend meetings and conferences designed to enhance professional qualifications
7. serve as role model for students in how to conduct themselves as citizens and as responsible, intelligent human beings
8. instill in students belief in and practice of ethical principles and democratic values
9. perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

1. State of Ohio treasurer's license
2. degree in accounting, business management or related field from accredited college or university
3. formal training/experience in accounting and fiscal procedures
4. alternatives to above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. knowledge of accounting principles, financial statements and investments
2. ability to research, comprehend and interpret applicable laws
3. knowledge of accounting software
4. organizational and problem-solving skills
5. ability to work effectively with others
6. ability to communicate ideas and directives clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing
7. effective, active listening skills
8. records management skills
9. experience in payroll and accounts payable procedures

Equipment Operated:

1. computer/printer
2. calculator
3. copy machine
4. fax machine
5. telephone

Additional Working Conditions:

1. occasional travel
2. occasional evening and/or weekend work
3. requirement to lift, carry, push and pull various items
4. repetitive hand motion, e.g., computer keyboard, calculator, adding machine, typewriter
5. occasional exposure to blood, bodily fluids and tissue
6. occasional interaction among unruly children
7. regular requirement to sit, stand, walk, talk, hear, see, read, speak, reach, stretch with hands and arms, crouch, climb, kneel and stoop

NOTE: The above lists are not ranked in order of importance.

This job description is subject to change and in no manner states or implies that these are the only duties and responsibilities to be performed by the incumbent. The incumbent will be required to follow the instructions and perform the duties required by the incumbent's supervisor/appointing authority.

My signature below signifies that I have reviewed the contents of my job description and that I am aware of the requirements of my position.

Signature

Date

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3301.074
3311.19
3313.14; 3313.15; 3313.22; 3313.24; 3313.26 through 3313.32; 3313.51
5705.41; 5705.412; 5705.45

CROSS REFS.: BCCA, Incapacity of the Treasurer
BCCB, Evaluation of the Treasurer (Also AFBA)
BCCC, Treasurer's Contract
BCCD, Board-Treasurer Relationship
BDDG, Minutes
DFA, Revenues from Investments

INCAPACITY OF THE TREASURER

Should the Treasurer become incapacitated, the Board will appoint a Treasurer Pro Tempore. The appointment is made by a majority vote of the Board after the conditions relating to incapacity of the Treasurer are met in accordance with Federal and State law.

The Treasurer Pro Tempore shall perform all the duties and functions of the Treasurer and may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board or upon return to full-time, active service of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer Pro Tempore shall meet the licensing requirements established by the State Board of Education. The Treasurer Pro Tempore may not be a member of the Board.

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LEGAL REFS.: Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; 29 USC 2601 et seq.; 29 CFR Part 825 ORC 3313.23; 3313.24; 3313.25

CROSS REFS.: BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer
BCCB, Evaluation of the Treasurer (Also AFBA)
BCCC, Treasurer's Contract
BCCD, Board-Treasurer Relationship

INCAPACITY OF THE TREASURER

A treasurer pro tempore is appointed by a majority of the members of the Board upon determining that the Treasurer is incapacitated in such a manner that he/she is unable to perform the duties of that office. Incapacity is determined:

1. by request of the Treasurer, if the Treasurer is absent with pay by reason of personal illness, injury or exposure to contagious disease that could be communicated to others or is absent without pay in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA);
2. upon certification of the attending physician that the Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of the office of Treasurer;
3. upon the determination of a referee, pursuant to State law, that the Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of the office of Treasurer;
4. upon the granting of a leave of absence, without pay, requested by the Treasurer by reason of illness, injury or other disability of the Treasurer or
5. upon the placing of the Treasurer on an unrequested leave of absence, without pay, by reason of illness or other disability pursuant to State law.

During the period of incapacity, the Treasurer:

1. at his/her request, is placed on sick leave with pay, not to exceed the extent of his/her accumulated but unused sick leave and any advancement of such sick leave which may be authorized by Board policy;
2. at his/her request, or without such request, pursuant to FMLA, is placed on unpaid FMLA leave for up to 12 weeks per year or
3. at his/her request, or without such request, pursuant to State law, is placed on a leave of absence without pay.

The leave provided during the period of incapacity (described above) shall not extend beyond the contract or term of office of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer, upon request to the Board, is returned to active-duty status, unless the Board denies the request within 10 days of receipt of the request. The Board may require the Treasurer to establish to its satisfaction that the Treasurer is capable of resuming such duties and, further, that the duties may be resumed on a full-time basis.

The Board may demand that the Treasurer return to active service. Upon the determination that the Treasurer is able to resume his/her duties, the Treasurer returns to active service.

The Treasurer may request a hearing before the Board on actions as indicated above taken under this policy and has the same rights in such hearing as are granted pursuant to State law.

The Treasurer Pro Tempore performs all of the duties and functions of the Treasurer and may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board.

The Board fixes the compensation of the Treasurer Pro Tempore in accordance with State law and he/she serves until the Treasurer's incapacity is removed or until the expiration of the Treasurer's contract or term of office, whichever is earlier.

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EVALUATION OF THE TREASURER

The Board evaluates the performance of the Treasurer in order to assist both the Board and the Treasurer in the proper discharge of their responsibilities and to enable the Board to provide the District with the best possible leadership.

The objectives of the Board's evaluation of the Treasurer are to:

1. promote professional excellence to improve the skills of the Treasurer;
2. improve the quality of District business practices and
3. provide a basis for review of the Treasurer's performance.

Criteria for the evaluation of the Treasurer are based upon the Treasurer's job description and relate directly to each of the tasks described. The job description and any revisions thereto are developed in consultation with the Treasurer and adopted by the Board.

The Board evaluates the abilities and services of the Treasurer at least once a year.

The evaluation of the Treasurer's abilities and performance is written and made available to and discussed with the Treasurer. The Board considers the evaluation of the Treasurer in acting to renew or nonrenew his/her contract.

Evaluation criteria are reviewed as necessary or as requested by the Treasurer, but not less frequently than annually. Any proposed revision of the evaluation criteria is provided to the Treasurer for his/her comments before its adoption.

This evaluation procedure does not create an expectancy of continued employment. Nothing contained herein prevents the Board from making any final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the Treasurer's contract.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.22
3319.16

CROSS REFS.: BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer
BCCA, Incapacity of the Treasurer
BCCC, Treasurer's Contract
BCCD, Board-Treasurer Relationship
BDC, Executive Sessions

TREASURER'S CONTRACT

The appointment of the Treasurer is secured through a written agreement stating the terms of the contract. The contract meets all state requirements and protects the rights of both the Board and the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is appointed for a term not to exceed five years. The term commences on August 1 and continues through July 31 of the year in which the contract expires. Should a vacancy occur mid-term, the Board can appoint a new hire to a term starting on any date – as long as the length of the contract does not exceed five years from the prior August 1. The period of time in which the Treasurer's contract may be renewed begins on January 1 of the year prior to the contract's expiration and ends on March 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

Salary and benefits are determined by the Board at the time of the appointment and are reviewed by the Board each year. The Treasurer's salary may be increased or decreased during his/her term of office. However, any decrease must be a part of "a uniform plan" affecting salaries of all District employees.

The termination procedures that currently apply to teachers and other administrators, requiring a due process hearing, apply to the Treasurer.

If the Board intends to nonrenew the Treasurer's contract, notice in writing of the intended nonrenewal must be given to the Treasurer on or before March 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

The Treasurer is automatically disqualified from service if he/she fails to maintain his/her license. The Board may permit an individual who does not possess a valid treasurer's license to serve as District Treasurer as long as the individual meets all qualifications for licensure and has applied for issuance or renewal of his/her license but has not yet received the State Board of Education's decision.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent the Board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the Treasurer's contract.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3301.074
3319.16
3313.22; 3313.24; 3313.31

CROSS REFS.: BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer
BCCA, Incapacity of the Treasurer
BCCB, Evaluation of the Treasurer (Also AFBA)
BCCD, Board-Treasurer Relationship

BOARD-TREASURER RELATIONSHIP

The development of financial policies, consistent with long-term goals, is one of the most important functions of a board. The implementation of financial policies is the function of the Treasurer and his/her staff.

Delegation by the Board of its financial powers to the Treasurer provides freedom for the Treasurer to manage the District's finances and frees the Board to devote its time to policy-making and appraisal functions.

The Board holds the Treasurer responsible for the administration of its financial policies, the execution of Board decisions and keeping the Board informed about District financial issues and concerns.

The Board strives to procure the best financial leadership available. The Board, as a whole and as individual members:

1. gives the Treasurer full authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties, holding him/her responsible for acceptable results;
2. refers all complaints of the Treasurer's staff to the Treasurer for appropriate investigation and action and
3. strives to provide adequate safeguards for the Treasurer and other staff members so that they can discharge their duties on a thoroughly professional basis.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.20(A); 3313.22; 3313.31

CROSS REFS.: BCC, Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer
BCCB, Evaluation of the Treasurer (also AFBA)
BCCC, Treasurer's Contract

BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP

The Board enactment of policies, consistent with long-term goals, is the most important function of the Board, and the execution of the policies should be the function of the Superintendent and his/her staff.

Delegation by the Board of its executive powers to the Superintendent provides freedom for the Superintendent to manage the District within the Board's policies and frees the Board to devote its time to policymaking and appraisal functions.

The Board holds the Superintendent responsible for the administration of its policies, the execution of Board decisions, the operation of the District and keeping the Board informed about school operations and problems.

The Board strives to procure the best professional leader available as its Superintendent. The Board:

1. gives the Superintendent full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties, holding him/her responsible for acceptable results;
2. acts in matters of employment or dismissal of personnel after receiving the recommendations of the Superintendent;
3. refers all complaints to the Superintendent for appropriate investigation and action;
4. strives to provide adequate safeguards for the Superintendent and other staff members so that they can discharge their duties on a thoroughly professional basis and
5. presents personal criticisms of any employee directly to the Superintendent.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.20(A)
3319.01

CROSS REFS.: AFB, Evaluation of the Superintendent (Also CBG)
BDC, Executive Sessions
CBC, Superintendent's Contract

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board may authorize the establishment of committees from among its membership as it finds such action necessary to study operations in specific areas and to make recommendations for Board action.

The following may govern the appointment and function of Board committees.

1. The committee is established through action of the Board.
2. The chairperson and members are named by the Board President.
3. The committee may make recommendations for Board action but may not act for the Board unless specifically authorized.
4. The Board President and Superintendent are ex officio members of all committees.
5. No committee appointments will extend beyond the ensuing annual organizational meeting, at which time the newly elected President has the privilege of making new appointments or reappointments. A committee may be dissolved at any time by a majority vote.
6. The Open Meetings Act (Sunshine Law) and its exceptions apply to Board meetings and Board-appointed committee and subcommittee meetings.

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LEGAL REF: ORC 121.22(B)

CROSS REFS.: ABA, Community Involvement in Decision Making (Also KC)
ABB, Staff Involvement in Decision Making (Also GBB)
BCB, Board Officers
BDDG, Minutes
BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings (Also KD)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Board transacts all business at official meetings of the Board. These may be either regular or special meetings. At the organizational meeting, the Board shall fix the time for holding its regular meetings, which shall be held at least once every two months. Special meetings are called between the regularly scheduled meetings to consider specific topics.

All regular and special Board meetings and Board-appointed committee meetings are open to the public. All Board meetings are publicized and conducted in compliance with the Sunshine Law. No action may be taken by the Board in executive session.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 121.22(B); 121.22(C)
3313.14; 3313.15; 3313.16

CROSS REFS.: BCE, Board Committees
BDC, Executive Sessions
BDDA, Notification of Meetings
BDDF, Voting Method
BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings (Also KD)
BDDJ, Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings (Also KBCD)

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Educational matters should be discussed and decisions made at public meetings of the Board. Some matters are more properly discussed by the Board in executive session. As permitted by law, the Board may enter into executive session for consideration of the following matters:

1. the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, or student, unless such individual requests a public hearing (the Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline of one of its members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office);
2. the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;
3. specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law;
4. matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or State statutes;
5. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment or
6. in-person conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
7. consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance provided that:
 - A. the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under provisions of State law authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8)(1), or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project and

- B. a unanimous quorum of the Board has determined by a roll-call vote the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Conferences with a member of the Auditor of State's office or an appointed certified public accountant for the purpose of an audit are not considered meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act (Sunshine Law).

The Board meets in executive session only to discuss legally authorized matters. Executive sessions are held only as part of a regular or special meeting and only after a majority of the quorum determines, by a roll-call vote, to hold such a session.

When the Board holds an executive session for any of the reasons stated above, the motion and vote to hold the executive session shall state one or more of the purposes listed under such paragraph for which the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered in the executive session.

The minutes shall reflect the information described above.

In compliance with law, no official action may be taken in executive session. To take final action on any matter discussed, the Board reconvenes into public session.

The Board may invite staff members or others to attend executive sessions at its discretion.

No present or former Board members or employees shall disclose or use, without appropriate authorization, any information acquired in the course of official duties (which is confidential because of statutory provisions) or which has been clearly designated as confidential because of the status of proceedings or the circumstances under which the information was received.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 102.03
121.22

CROSS REFS.: AFBA, Evaluation of the Treasurer (Also BCCB)
BCD, Board-Superintendent Relationship (Also CBI)
BCE, Board Committees
BD, School Board Meetings
BDDG, Minutes
KBA, Public's Right to Know
KLD, Public Complaints About District Personnel

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS

Due notice of all meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees is given to the press and the public who have requested notification and to all Board members.

Organizational Meetings: Notice of organizational meetings, including any special or regular meeting following the organizational meeting, is given in the same manner as notice for regular and special meetings of the Board (see below).

Regular Meetings: A notice of the time and place of regularly scheduled meetings is given to the media who have requested notification and to those individuals requesting advance personal notice.

Special Meetings: A special meeting may be called by the President, the Treasurer or any two members of the Board by serving written notice of the time and place of the meeting upon each Board member at least two days before the date of the meeting. The notice must be signed by the officer or members calling the meeting. Notice by mail is authorized. Notice of the time, place and purpose must also be given at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to all news media and individuals who have requested such notice.

Emergency Meetings: In the event of any emergency, the media is notified immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Personal Notice of Meetings: Any person who wishes to receive advance personal notice of regular or special meetings of the Board may receive the advance notice by requesting that the Treasurer include his/her name on a mailing list and by providing the Treasurer with a supply of stamped, self-addressed envelopes.

Cancellation: Occasionally, regular or special meetings of the Board must be canceled. Meetings can be canceled for any reason. When a meeting is to be canceled, the Treasurer notifies Board members and all media and individuals who have requested notification of such meetings. Notice of cancellation is also prominently posted at the meeting site. This notice includes the new date of a rescheduled meeting, if possible.

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[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 121.22(B)
3313.14; 3313.15; 3313.16

CROSS REFS.: BCE, Board Committees
BD, School Board Meetings

VOTING METHOD

All votes taken by the Board will be recorded in the official proceedings of the meeting.

To comply fully with State law, roll call votes will be made on resolutions pertaining to the following:

1. any action on which a Board member requests a roll call vote and
2. re-employment of a teacher against the Superintendent's recommendation.

The following actions require a roll call vote and an affirmative vote by a majority of the full membership of the Board for passage:

1. purchase or sale of real or personal property;
2. employment of any school employee;
3. election or appointment of an officer;
4. payment of any debt or claim and
5. adoption of any textbook.

For passage, most other actions will require an affirmative vote by a majority of those present and voting. Board members must be physically present at the meeting in order to vote.

[Adoption date: August 20, 1992]

[Re-adoption date: May 16, 2002]

[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.11; 3313.18; 3313.22; 3313.23; 3313.66(E)
3319.01; 3319.011; 3319.06; 3319.07; 3319.11
3329.08
4117.14(C)(6)
5705.14; 5705.16; 5705.21

CROSS REF.: BD, School Board Meetings

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Board constitute the written record of Board actions. The Treasurer records in the minutes of each meeting all actions taken by the Board. Minutes need only reflect the general subject matter of discussion in executive sessions.

Minutes shall specify: the nature of the meeting (regular or special), time, place, members present, approval of minutes of the preceding meeting or meetings; complete record of official actions taken by the Board relative to the Superintendent's recommendations, communications and all business transacted; items of significant information bearing on action; and a record of adjournment.

The Treasurer shall include the motion, the name of the member making the motion and the name of the member seconding the motion and record the vote of each member present.

A complete and accurate set of minutes shall be prepared and become a regular part of the monthly agenda. The Treasurer must make draft minutes available for public inspection. The minutes shall be signed by the President and attested to by the Treasurer as to the accuracy of the information contained. The attestation is not an authorization of any action taken or not taken during the meeting.

The official minutes shall be bound and kept in the office of the Treasurer, who shall, after they have been approved by the Board, make them available to interested citizens. Copies are made available at cost, during normal office hours.

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[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

[Re-adoption date: January 17, 2019]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 121.22(C)
149.43
3313.26

CROSS REFS.: BCE, Board Committees
BD, School Board Meetings
BDC, Executive Sessions
BF, Board Policy Development and Adoption
KBA, Public's Right to Know

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public.

Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted five minutes until the total time of 15 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board, present and voting.

Opportunities shall be given to the public to address regular or special meetings of the Board; however, the Board shall not be obligated to consider the problem or request of a petitioner unless the matter has been sent to each individual member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school in writing at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, excluding Sundays and legal holidays.

Agendas are available to all those who attend Board meetings. The section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated. Noted at the bottom of each agenda shall be a short paragraph outlining the Board's policy on public participation at Board meetings.

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[Re-adoption date: May 16, 2002]

[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 121.22(C)
3313.20(A)

CROSS REFS.: BCE, Board Committees
BD, School Board Meetings

BROADCASTING AND TAPING OF BOARD MEETINGS

Photographic and electronic audio and video broadcasting and recording devices may be used at regular and special Board meetings legally open to the public according to the following guidelines.

1. Photographs, broadcasting and recordings of meetings may be made only when all parties involved have been informed that cameras, broadcasting and/or recording devices are being used. Persons using these devices must notify the Board of their intent to do so.
2. Persons operating cameras, broadcasting and/or recording devices must do so with a minimum of disruption to those present at the meeting. Specifically, the view between Board members and the audience must not be obstructed, interviews must not be conducted during the meeting and no commentary is to be given in a manner that distracts Board members or the audience.
3. The Board has the right to halt any recording that interrupts or disturbs the meeting.

The Board may make the necessary arrangements to have audio recordings of all regular meetings and any special meeting that it deems appropriate.

[Adoption date: May 16, 2002]

[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: U.S. Const. Amend. I

ORC 121.22

2911.21

2917.12

2921.31

3313.20(A)

CROSS REFS.: BD, School Board Meetings

BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings (Also KD)

ADMINISTRATION IN POLICY ABSENCE

In the absence of Board policy, the Superintendent may take temporary action that would be in accordance with the overall policy of the Board; however, the Superintendent will not be free to act when the action involves a duty of the Board, which by law cannot be delegated.

In each case, the Superintendent will present the matter to the Board for its consideration at its next meeting.

[Adoption date: August 20, 1992]

[Re-adoption date: May 16, 2002]

[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]

[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.18; 3313.20(A)

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

As permitted by law, the Board votes prior to January 1 to set the rate of compensation for the newly-elected or re-elected members of the Board. Compensation for Board members may not be changed during their terms of office. Changes in compensation for Board members must be made prior to the beginning of their respective terms.

Board Service Fund

Action is taken at the annual organizational meeting on the establishment of a Board “service fund” to pay expenses actually incurred by Board members or members-elect in their official duties. The sum set aside will not exceed the maximum amount permitted by law. This fund is used at the Board’s discretion to provide for members’ participation (not compensation) in workshops and conferences, for new Board member orientation and development and for other expenses in connection with assigned duties as permitted by law.

Spending Guidelines: Definition of Public Purpose

The Board wishes to honor, with plaques, pins and flowers for sick employees, token retirement gifts and awards, and other amenities to its staff, former Board members and other nonemployee persons.

The Board also wishes to honor staff, students, citizens and advisory groups for their contributions, with appropriate recognitions, and authorizes administrators to purchase coffee, meals, refreshments and/or other amenities to further the interests of the District.

The Board does affirm that the expenses incurred, as listed above, do serve a public purpose. The Board affirms the use of public funds for the promotion of career/technical education, rapport with the business community, community relations, encouragement of nonemployees to serve as volunteers and other further public purpose.

The Board authorizes the establishment of appropriations to be expended to purchase coffee, meals, refreshments and other amenities for its administrators, employees and other persons to promote the public purpose as set forth by the Board.

The Superintendent/designee will approve all expenditures from this appropriation account.

Travel Vendor Compensation

Any compensation paid by a private travel vendor to a District official or employee, after the official or employee has participated in selecting the vendor to provide a field trip, is considered “public money” and must be returned to the District.

All travel arrangements must be in compliance with District field trip regulations and approved by the Superintendent/designee.

Expenditures of Funds for Promotional Activities

The Board does affirm that expenditures incurred for the purpose of promoting career/technical education do serve as a public purpose and that expenditure of items, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent, for a public purpose is authorized to be in the appropriation measure.

Student Participation/Prize Account

The purpose of this policy is to establish financial controls and authority for the administration of the normal, legitimate activities of the Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers concerning fees, prizes and awards for the student body.

For purposes of this policy, the student participation/prize account may include the expenditure of monies for student organizational fees, student organizational memberships, student contests, student prizes, student incentives and any other incidentals necessary for the operation of the Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers and any of its supplemental programs.

Each activity or event covered by this policy must be recognized by the Board before monies may be disbursed. The Superintendent is directed to obtain on an annual basis and throughout the school year a list of activities/events necessitating the expenditure of Board funds under authority of this policy. The event/activity list shall contain a brief description of the objective, activity and purpose of an expenditure.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent/designee to act on its behalf to review and approve each expenditure under this policy prior to disbursement. In approving an expenditure, the Superintendent/designee shall ensure that it is related to achieving one or more of the stated objectives and purposes listed for the expenditure. An expenditure shall not be approved if it accrues to the personal benefit of one of the staff.

The Board directs the Superintendent/designee, and in consultation with the Treasurer, to implement the administrative guidelines that will ensure that all expenditures under this policy are managed, recorded and deposited in accordance with the law and sound fiscal practices.

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[Re-adoption date: September 16, 2010]
[Re-adoption date: September 17, 2015]

LEGAL REFS.: Ohio Const. Art. II, Section 20
ORC 3311.19
3313.12
3315.15
5705.01; 5705.10

CROSS REFS.: DLC, Expense Reimbursements
GBI, Staff Gifts and Solicitations
JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations