**Minutes**

**BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 02, 2024, 5:30 PM**

**Central Office**

The Berea Board of Education met on January 02, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office. The following board members were present:

Attendance Taken at: 5:30 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Rebecca Blankenship

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside

Mr. Van Gravitt

Mr. Tom McCay

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett

**I.** CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

**II.** COMMUNICATION

**A.** Audience Comments

**B.** Typo in Meeting Schedule

**C.** Preschool Partnership Grant Agreement Update

**D.** Finance Report

**III.** Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

**A.** Nomination and Vote Chairperson

Motion Passed: Acceptance of nomination of Van Gravitt for the chairperson to serve during the 2024 term passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

**B.** Nomination and Vote for Vice Chairperson

Motion Passed: Acceptance of nominations and vote for Tom McCay to serve as the vice chairperson during the 2024 term passed with a motion by Mr. Nathaniel Hackett and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

**IV.** Adoption of Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion Passed: Adoption of schedule for regular meeting dates, times and location for the 2024 year passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

Adoption of schedule for regular meeting dates, times, and location for the 2024 year. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Theater except for the work session meetings and those noted which will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 22, 2024                   Kennedy Theater

Monday February 19, 2024                   Kennedy Theater

Monday, March 18, 2024                      Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 15, 2024                        Kennedy Theater

Monday, May 20, 2024                         Kennedy Theater

Monday, June 17, 2024                        Kennedy Theater

Monday, July 15, 2024                         Kennedy Theater

Monday, August 19, 2024                     Kennedy Theater

Monday, September 16, 2024               Kennedy Theater

Monday, October 21, 2024                   Kennedy Theater

Monday, November 4, 2024                  Central Office (5:30 p.m. Assessment – Work Session)

Monday, November 18, 2024                Kennedy Theater

Monday, December 16, 2024                Kennedy Theater

Monday, January 6, 2025                     Central Office (5:30 p.m. Elect Chair and Set Meeting Dates-Work Session)

**V.** Adoption of Agenda

Motion Passed: Adoption of Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Nathaniel Hackett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

**VI**. Work Session

**A.** Enrollment Projections

**B.** Budget Working Session

**VII**. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

**A.** Auditing Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion Passed: Approve the proposed auditing contract with Summers, McCrary & Sparks, LLC to include auditing for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at a cost of $18,000 passed with a motion by Mr. Nathaniel Hackett and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

**VIII.** BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

**IX.** ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Van Gravitt and a second by Mr. Nathaniel Hackett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Nathaniel Hackett Yes

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Chairperson Secretary