

PATRICK HENRY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2025

The Patrick Henry Board of Education held its annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the High School Library with members Mr. Vennekotter, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bostelman, Mr. Knueven, and Mrs. Meyer present.

Mr. Knueven led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT, 2025:

Mrs. Meyer nominated Mr. Vennekotter as President of the Patrick Henry Board of Education for calendar year 2025.

Mr. Vennekotter nominated Mr. Bostelman as President of the Patrick Henry Board of Education for calendar year 2025.

The motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Meyer that nominations for the office of President of the Patrick Henry Local Board of Education be closed.

Roll Call: Mr. Bostelman, yes; Mr. Vennekotter, yes; Mrs. Meyer, yes; Mr. Knueven, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Individual Board Members vote for their choice to be President:

Meyer: Mr. Vennekotter

Taylor: Mr. Bostelman

Bostelman: Mr. Vennekotter

Vennekotter: Mr. Bostelman

Knueven: Mr. Vennekotter

Mr. Vennekotter is elected Board President by a 3-2 vote.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT, 2025:

President Vennekotter sought nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Knueven nominated Mr. Bostelman as Vice-President of the Patrick Henry Board of Education for calendar year 2025.

The motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Bostelman that nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Patrick Henry Local Board of Education be closed.

Roll Call: Mr. Vennekotter, yes; Mrs. Meyer, yes; Mr. Knueven, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Bostelman, yes.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Individual Board Members vote for their choice to be Vice-President:

Taylor: Mr. Bostelman

Bostelman: Mr. Bostelman

Vennekotter: Mr. Bostelman

Knueven: Mr. Bostelman
Meyer: Mr. Bostelman

Mr. Bostelman is elected Board Vice-President by a 5-0 vote.

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

The motion was made by Mrs. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Patrick Henry Local Board of Education establish the 4th Monday of each month as the regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Patrick Henry High School.

Roll Call: Mrs. Meyer, yes; Mr. Knueven, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Bostelman, yes; Mrs. Vennekotter, yes.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The motion was made by Mr. Knueven and seconded by Mr. Bostelman to approve the following items as a consent agenda.

1. Recommend appointment of Board Members to the following committees for the 2024 calendar year:
Buildings/Grounds/Facilities/Safety Committee – Eric Bostelman, Konnie Meyer
Legislative Liaison – OSBA – Mike Knueven
Athletic Council Representative(s) – Eric Bostelman, Thomas Taylor
Four County Career Center/High Schools that Work Representative – Konnie Meyer
Patrick Henry Community Foundation Inc. Committee – Mark Vennekotter
Financial/Audit (including Levy) – Eric Bostelman, Mike Knueven
Patrick Henry Local School District Public Library – Thomas Taylor
Board of Education Policy Committee – Mark Vennekotter, Mike Knueven
Student Achievement/Parental Involvement Liaison – Mike Knueven, Konnie Meyer
Transportation Committee – Konnie Meyer, Mike Knueven
2. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance at professional meetings, conferences, and workshops by Board members, Treasurer/C.F.O., Superintendent and other personnel with appropriate reimbursement.
3. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to employ temporary personnel as needed for the 2024 calendar year.
4. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter the district into leases on supplies and equipment as deemed necessary for the 2024 calendar year.
5. Recommend the Board appoint the Superintendent as Patrick Henry Schools' representative to the Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) insurance pool for 2024.
6. Recommend the Board appoint the Superintendent as Patrick Henry Schools' representative to the Henry County Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Review Council for 2024.
7. Recommend the Board appoint the Superintendent to be purchasing agent for the 2024 calendar year.
8. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to file applications for any Federal, State, or local grants available.

9. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to pay “in lieu of” transportation payments or mileage for approved student transportation with any in lieu of situations to be reviewed and approved by the BOE at the next meeting.
10. Recommend the Board adopt the following resolution:
Be it resolved by the Patrick Henry Local Board of Education:
SECTION 1: That the Auditor of Henry County is requested to issue an order to the Treasurer of Henry County to pay the Treasurer of the Patrick Henry Board of Education such funds as may be available for distribution by said County Treasurer.
SECTION 2: The President or Vice-President of the Patrick Henry Board of Education be and is authorized to sign the necessary documents to receive such advances during the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024.
SECTION 3: That the authorization herein confirmed shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024.
SECTION 4: That the Treasurer of the Patrick Henry Board of Education has the authority to invest such funds.
11. Recommend that the Finance Committee accept the responsibility of the Audit Committee.
12. Authorize the Treasurer/C.F.O. to make any needed advances, transfers, and appropriation modifications and to report them to the Board at its next regular meeting.
13. Recommend the Board authorize the Treasurer’s Office to pay bills each month for the 2024 calendar year provided procedures for purchasing are properly met.
14. Recommend the Board authorize 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 the 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.
15. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such provided however, that upon 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. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.
16. Recommend the Board appoint the Board President as Treasurer Pro Tempore in 2024 in absence of the Treasurer.
17. Recommend the Board approve the resolution to authorize the Superintendent to enter into College Credit Plus agreements with Ohio colleges and universities.
18. Recommend the Board appoint the Treasurer/C.F.O. as public records designee for the Board:
WHEREAS, The Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43 that every elected official covered under the Ohio Public Records Act must attend a certified public records training program at least once during each term serviced, in order to enhance the official’s knowledge of the duty to provide access to public records as required under the Ohio Public Records Act, and
WHEREAS, The Ohio Revised Code provides that the elected officials may designate an “appropriate designee” for such training, in order to meet the requirements of this provision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Patrick Henry Local School District appoints the Treasurer/C.F.O. as the designee for the purposes of the training requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43.

19. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to approve volunteers as needed for the 2024 calendar year.

Roll Call: Mr. Knueven, yes; Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Bostelman, yes; Mr. Vennekotter, yes; Mrs. Meyer, yes.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

The motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Bostelman to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Taylor, yes; Mr. Bostelman, yes; Mr. Vennekotter, yes; Mrs. Meyer, yes; Mr. Knueven, yes.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

ATTEST

Board President

Treasurer/CFO