

UTICA SHALE ACADEMY  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
2022

**JANUARY 11, 2022 – ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**The Governing Board of the Utica Shale Academy met for a Organizational Board Meeting hosted by Southern Local District on the Eleventh day of January 2022, and the meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Mark Chronister, Mrs. Alison Jackson, and Mr. William Pitts. Also present was Robert P. Barrett, Treasurer. **ABSENT:** Mr. Chase Askounes. Also in attendance was William Watson, Superintendent, Dr. Warren Glenn (via phone), Morning Journal reporter, and Robert Mehno.

**22-001 ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Chronister nominated Mr. Pitts as the 2022 Board President. Mr. Chronister moved to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Jackson. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Mr. Pitts was approved as 2022 President by a vote of 3-0.

**22-002 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Jackson nominated Mr. Chronister as the 2022 Board Vice-President. Mrs. Jackson moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Pitts. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes. Mr. Chronister was approved as 2022 Vice-President by a vote of 3-0.

**22-003 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Chronister to appoint Mrs. Ursula Mehno to the vacant Board seat. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Mrs. Mehno appointed to the Board. Treasurer Barrett administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Mehno.

**22-004 2022 BOARD MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to establish the Board meeting dates on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 PM at the Hutson Building. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

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**22-005 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mr. Pitts to adjourn the organizational meeting at 4:36 P.M. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes. Motion approved.

ATTEST:

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Board President

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Treasurer

**JANUARY 11, 2022 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**The Governing Board of the Utica Shale Academy met for a Regular Board Meeting hosted by Southern Local District on the Eleventh day of January 2022, and the meeting was called to order at 4:36 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Mark Chronister, Mrs. Alison Jackson, Mrs. Ursula Mehno, and Mr. William Pitts. Also present was Robert P. Barrett, Treasurer. **ABSENT:** Mr. Chase Askounes.

**22-006 REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Chronister to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting for December 14, 2021. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Guests in attendance for this month's Board meeting included, Dr. Warren Glenn (via phone), Robert Mehno, Morning Journal reporter, and Superintendent William Watson.

**REPORT FROM THE TREASURER**

Robert Barrett gave a brief overview of the financial status of Utica Shale Academy and reported the status of financial cash position to cover December 2021 expense.

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**22-007 DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the December 2021 Financial Reports as presented by the Treasurer. The Financial Report included the following: Monthly Cash Reconciliation Report, Financial Report (FINSUMM), Check Register (CHKREG), Cash Flow Statement, Monthly Cash Balance Comparison Charts. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**SPONSOR'S REPORT**

- Fall FTE audit is currently being reviewed
- Update on ODE's contract will be here soon
- Review of new funding formula

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Total Enrollment = 93.
- Suspension/Expulsion – there were none.
- 85% of seniors are on track for graduation.
- 75 NC3 certifications have been completed since the December meeting
- Received the “green light” to proceed on the construction of the outdoor welding lab.
- Looking at technology grants

**22-008 APPROPRIATION ADDITIONS**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the appropriation addition of \$2,500.00 for the Walmart Grant (#019-9122) for fiscal year 2022. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-009 DONATION**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to accept a donation with gratitude of \$1,700.00 from the D.B. Dixon Memorial Scholarship to be used in the diesel program. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-010 OUTDOOR WELDING LAB**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Chronister to authorize to proceed with the outdoor welding lab at 65 East Main Street property to include a 100 MW Natural Gas Generator, A&I Architectural plans, as well as concrete and structure done by vendors with the time frame out as the largest rubric to choose. Roll Call: Mr. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

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**22-011 SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN LOCAL FOR TEST COORDINATOR**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Chronister to approve a service contract with Southern Local Schools for a testing coordinator for all state testing and Dorp Testing for the 2021/22 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-012 ONSOLVE FOR SCHOOL**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the purchase of the OnSolve for School communication platform for mass notifications to students. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-013 ADDENDUM TO SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CARTER HILL**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Mehno to approve the addendum to the Southern Local Schools staffing contract for Carter Hill. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-014 OFFICE OF SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT**

It was moved by Mr. Chronister and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the Office of School Sponsorship to remain as Utica Shale Academy's sponsor in substantial form with Superintendent having approval to approve any changes brought forth by Ohio Department of Education Office of School Sponsorship or seek attorneys input. Roll Call: Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-015 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Chronister to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 P.M. Roll Call: Mrs. Jackson, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mrs. Mehno, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

ATTEST:

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Board President

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Treasurer