

UTICA SHALE ACADEMY  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
2022

**MARCH 7, 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 Seventh day of March 2022, and the meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.**

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

**22-022 REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting for February 7, 2022. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes. Motion approved.

**22-023 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the resignation of Mrs. Ursula Mehno from the Governing Board. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes. Motion approved.

**22-024 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

It was moved by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Askounes to appoint Mr. Tim Miller to the vacant Board seat. Roll Call: Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes. Motion approved. Treasurer Barrett administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Miller.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Guests in attendance for this month's Board meeting included, Dr. Warren Glenn (via phone), Youngstown State University administrator, Mr. David Janofa, Morning Journal reporter, and Superintendent William Watson.

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Janofa presented to the Board the Youngstown State University's Work Force Development Program and the benefits to the Academy's students.

**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 February 2022 expense.

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**22-025 FEBRUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS APPROVED**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the February 2022 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, and Monthly Cash Balance Comparison Charts. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

**SPONSOR'S REPORT**

- Finalization of the State Report Card
- Meeting virtually by Ohio Department of Education

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Total Enrollment = 105.
- Suspension/Expulsion – there were none.
- Received the \$75,000 Ascent Energy donation.
- Utica Shale made a presentation at the Sustainable Opportunity Development (SOD) Center in Salem.
- Partnership with Youngstown State University.
- STAR testing is underway.
- OTC Conference
- Looking to expand the hospitality program.

**22-026 FISCAL CONTRACT**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the recommendation to award Robert P. Barrett a three-year contract as fiscal officer beginning July 1, 2022. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

**22-027 CAREER SPECIALIST/GRANT WRITER CONTRACT**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve a one-contract with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center for Mr. Robert Mehno as Career Specialist/Grant Writer. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

**22-028 CONTRACT FOR TUTOR POSITIONS**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve a one-year contract with Jefferson County Educational Service Center for three tutors. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

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**22-029 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve the partnership with Youngstown State University as presented by Mr. Janofa. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

**22-030 REMOVAL OF DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE ON 65 E. MAIN ST**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the proposal to remove the dilapidated structure on 65 E. Main St. at no cost to the Academy. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-031 ACCEPT DONATION**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes and seconded by Mr. Pitts to accept the \$75,000 donation from Ascent Energy to be used for the construction of the outdoor welding lab. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion approved.

**22-032 SENIOR ON TRACT PROGRAM**

It was moved by Mr. Askounes, and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Senior On Tract program utilizing ESSER Funds. Roll Call: Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

**22-021 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Askounes to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 P.M. Roll Call: Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Askounes, yes; Mr. Chronister, yes; Mr. Pitts, yes. Motion approved.

ATTEST:

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Board President

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Treasurer