



West Licking Joint Fire District  
851 East Broad Street  
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

*Board of Trustees*

## MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2024

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James Kincaid II opened the special meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Dan Wetzel

Harrison – Mark Van Buren

Etna – Mark Evans

Hebron – Kenney Nauer

Kirkersville – James Kincaid II

Pataskala – Tom Lee

Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker - absent

Mr. Kincaid stated this Special Board Meeting is to discuss health insurance update, mechanic issue with T403 and an executive session to consider the investigation of a complaint against a public employee.

Mr. Evans informed the Board, the insurance committee met and discussed various options concerning the health insurance benefits.

Mr. Evans presented the three options to the Board and stated the three options are to stay the course, go back to Cigna or go to option 2 and the union would request the current wellness credit be changed.

Mr. Evans stated that some items were brought to light that it is more of an EOB issue not actual bills from providers, Mr. Savage informed everyone on the committee the app is ready to roll out to the plan participants.

Brian Savage, Waypoint Benefits Solutions, stated they are willing to have a meeting with the employees to discuss the process as to how claims are submitted and how everything works and then launch the app.

Mr. Evans recommendation is to stay the course with the current insurance benefits program.

Mr. Van Buren stated there needs to be employee meetings with Waypoint Benefits Solutions on the process of submitting claims and the use of the Benefits app for all three shifts and record the meeting for employees who are unable to attend.

Mr. Van Buren inquired if the HRA amount was figured by the amount of liability less the deductible.

Mr. Savage stated that yes, it is, and it is insurance compliant.

Mr. Van Buren inquired as to the number of people involved in the unprocessed claims to date.

Mr. Savage stated that for December 2023 there are 53 claims for 13 plan participants totaling approximately \$22,000.00. For January 2024 there are 27 claims for 4 plan participants with additional information requested totaling approximately \$8,600.00. 116 claims have been paid and settled.

Mr. Van Buren requested monthly reports for aging claims.

Mr. Savage stated that yes, they will do the reports. He will provide an update on March 13<sup>th</sup> as far as claims aging.

Mr. Evans stated the District should stay the course with continued updates.

Mr. Savage stated that with the issue of Anthem getting the deductible credits applied for the employees, he is going to request a one-month extension on the plan until 12/31/2024.

Ms. Mayle requested a meeting to preview the app and its functions.

Mr. Savage stated he is available on February 28, 2024 and would send out an invite.

AC Treinish presented to the Board a quote for the hydraulic lift on the ladder and another part to go with it. The quote is \$7,715.98 and this does not include shipping charges. It should be about \$8,000.00.

Mr. Lee motioned to approve \$8,000.00 for Advantech Service and Parts LLC for the parts to repair T403. Mr. Nauer seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; Evans – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Lee motioned to go into executive session to consider the investigation of a complaint against a public employee ORC §121.22.1. Mr. Evans seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; Evans – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.** The Board went into executive session at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to come out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lee seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; Evans – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

There being no further business, Mr. Kincaid adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner  
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

  
Board of Trustees

President  
Title

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