

***The Union County Board of Elections met on June 6, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members William Steele; Gary Lee; Barbara Luke; Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Gretchen Kinney; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Gray; Joseph R. Miller, Protestor Attorney; Erin Higinbotham, Respondent; Paula Kehlbeck, Respondent; Jason Axe, Respondent, Justin George, Respondent; and Kelly Thornton, Respondent.***

*Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.*

#### Preliminary Meeting on the protest hearing

Chairman Cook welcomed everyone and introduced the Board Members and staff. Director Clay read from the Preliminary Matters for Protest Hearing to those in attendance. Please reference this document as attached.

#### Approve minutes from the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting

Board Member Lee moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Campaign Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented Campaign Finance.

1. Woodring, Bochkor, and Yoder for School Board- Termination
2. Riley for Marysville-DOT

Board Member Luke moved to approve the Campaign Finance with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Quill
2. Verizon
3. Staff travel expenses (Vicki Flanders and Renee Error)

Board Member Lee moved to approve the bills with Board Member Steele seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Budget Review

Deputy Director Forrider presented budget overview. There were no questions or concerns.

#### Precinct changes

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider informed the Board the 5 new precincts have been added: Dublin 3, Jerome 7, Marysville 16, Marysville 17, and Marysville 18. There were no questions or concerns.

#### New Polling location

Deputy Director Forrider presented discontinuing the use of the National Guard Training Center as a polling location and replacing it with the URE multi-purpose room. She explained that URE will accommodate 5 precincts (Dover 1 and 2, Marysville 2, 12, and 18). Board Member Luke moved to discontinue the use of the National Guard Training Center and replace it with the URE multi-purpose room as a polling location. Board Member Lee seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Election Update

Deputy Director Forrider stated that the office is preparing for the August election and programming the voting machines this week.

#### Candidate Petitions

Deputy Director Forrider presented 3 petitions that have been reviewed and staff recommended approval for the November Ballot.

1. Jay Riley (City Council Ward 4)

2. Jermaine C. Ferguson (MEVSD School Board)

3. Greg Gerten (Allen Township Trustee)

Board Member Lee motioned to approve the 3 petitions for the November Ballot with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Forrider presented 2 Questions and Issues for the November Ballot for Board approval.

1. North Union Local School District

2. Jerome Home Rule

Board Member Steele moved to approve these 2 Questions and Issues for the November Ballot with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Ballot/Machine allocations

Deputy Director Forrider presented the Ballot/Machine allocations to the Board for approval. Board Member Luke moved to approve the Ballot/Machine allocations with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Poll Workers

Director Clay suggested to the Board that all our multi-precinct polling locations be staffed with 2 poll workers per precinct. Director Clay reiterated that this is an SOS guideline. Board Member Steele moved to approve the use of 2 poll workers per precinct with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Board Meetings changes

a) August 15th change to 21<sup>st</sup>. Official for August elections and to certify petitions for November.

Board Member Steele moved to change the Official to August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am with Board Member Lee seconding.

\*The motion passed unanimously.

b) Audit on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Board Member Luke moved to approve the August Audit to take place on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am with Board Member Lee seconding.

\*The motion passed unanimously.

c) Provisional Ballot Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the Provisional Ballot Meeting to take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am with Board Member Lee seconding.

\*The motion passed unanimously.

#### Misc

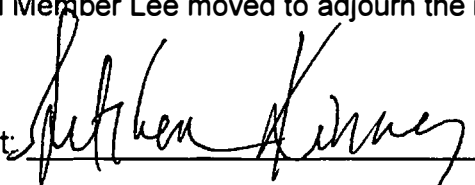
Chairman Cook and Deputy Director Forrider recommended hiring Amy Schrolucke for the open Republican full-time position starting on July 3, 2023. Board Member Lee moved to approve Amy Schrolucke for the full-time Republican position with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.


The next Board meeting will take place on July 11, 2023 at 1:00pm.

Board Member Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am with Board Member Luke seconding.

Attest:

  
Gretchen Kinney, Election Specialist

Chairman:

  
Dean Cook, Chairman