

## SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2023

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Pavella at 9:00 a.m. Present were Board Members Joan Windnagel and Nancy McArthur. Also present were Director Michelle Lane and Office Administrator Scott Daisher. Guest attending via Teams was ShoMore DeNiro-Wright, S.O.S. Regional Liaison. Absent was Board member, Janet Carson.

Mr. Pavella stated this meeting was called to amend the Official result of the November 7, 2023, General Election. Scott Daisher explained that while compiling all the ballots for the precinct recount for the Chardon Local School Board race it was discovered there were more ballots than the DS450 had originally tabulated for mailed absentee. As directed by the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, a recount of all the ballots was conducted. With 17- inch paper and the original paper quality, the DS450 machines were jamming. During the Unofficial Canvass, ballots went to the lower counted ballot tray of the DS450. A follow-up with ES&S over this issue will be done. One, DS450 ran the ballots through and was not as bad. Mr. Pavella stated it was an issue that can be resolved and he wanted to follow through.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to amend the Official result of the November 7, 2023, General Election and to recertify the Official Canvass. Mrs. McArthur seconded the motion. All voted: AYE. Motion carried.

Mrs. McArthur was confirming the 89 additional ballots. None of the races changed. Mr. Daisher stated in the Chardon Local School Board race the recount stayed within the 55 votes (1/2 of 1 percent). Mr. Wilson, candidate, and Mr. Midyette, candidate, 49 vote difference. Parties affected by the recount may attend. It is a mandated recount. Other close races were not affected. Director Lane stated there will be four, two-party teams to handle the recount, and DS200s will be used.

Mr. Daisher stated all the paperwork will be sent to the Ohio Secretary of State's Office today.

Mrs. McArthur stated the policy of checking absentee numbers should be followed. Any DS450 malfunction should be immediately reviewed so that this does not happen again. Mrs. Windnagel stated that reports need to be double checked with the scanning results before they are sent to the Ohio S.O.S. Office. All Board members agreed.

Mr. Pavella stated there was no other business necessary to legally complete and recertify the Official Canvass.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Mrs. McArthur seconded the motion. All voted: AYE. Motion carried.

*Next meeting: December 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Recount*