

Oxford Academy & Central School Board of Education
Special Meeting
October 28, 2022

Mrs. Gates called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Gates led those present in the flag salute.

Flag Salute

Additions: None

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Deletions: None

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Present were Trustees: Julie Gates, John Godfrey, and Nathaniel Emerson. (*Betsy Locke and Matthew Leach were unable to attend.*)

Present

Superintendent

John Hillis

District Clerk

Michele Rice

Visitors

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None

Mr. Godfrey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Emerson to approve resolution G1. Yes-3, No-0, Motion carried.

10-22(3) G1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING LITIGATION

**JUUL Labs
Lawsuit**

WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Oxford Academy & Central School District (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

There being no further action to come before this Board, Mr. Emerson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Godfrey to adjourn. Yes-3, No-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.

**Meeting
Adjourned**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele D. Rice". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michele D. Rice
District Clerk