

**Automatic Recount for the  
Bethel-Tate Board of Education – Full Term**

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Judy Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Paul Campbell, Larry Heller and Ray Lembke. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Julia Carney – Deputy Director, Chris Dennison – Deputy Director Trainee, and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

**OTHER ATTENDEES AND OBSERVERS:** None.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED:**

**2017-151** – Ray Lembke made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**Instructions to Observers:**

There were no Candidates or Observers at the meeting.

**Board to Verify & Accept the Results of the Test Deck for Recount:**

At 9:05 a.m., the Board went off the Record while Ray, Larry, Julia, and Chris observed Dan Shebesta (ES&S) run the Test Deck for the Bethel-Tate School Board Member race (full term) through the 850-scanner.

At 9:11 a.m., the Board went back on the Record.

Rick read the results from the control sheet while Ray compared them from the newly run results and found them to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

**2017-152** – Paul Campbell made the motion to verify and accept the results of the Test Deck for the Recount. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**Selection of precincts to be hand counted for verification:**

The number of ballots to be hand counted was 224.

The total number of votes in that race was  $4,481 \times .05 = 224$

At 9:13 a.m., the Board went off the Record to prepare the precincts for the random draw for the recount.

At 9:17 a.m., the Board went back on the Record.

The randomly selected precincts were:

Franklin Township - D = 48 votes

Tate Township – H = 124 votes

Tate Township – D = 789 votes

**2017-153** – Ray Lembke made the motion to delegate the processing of the recount to the staff. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

At 9:19 a.m., the Board went off the Record to allow the staff to start the recount.

At 9:28 a.m., the Board went back on the Record.

Director Miller contacted the Secretary of State’s office and asked if we can count only the precinct of TE-D because it contains enough votes for the recount and not have to count all three precincts. The Secretary of State’s Office (Pat Wolfe) advised Judy that we could just count the one precinct (TE-D) since that precinct alone satisfied the requirement and the selection was random as required.

**2017-154** – Larry Heller made the motion to withdraw the previous motion and count only precinct Tate Township D – 789 votes/ballots for the recount. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

At 9:28 a.m., the Board went off the Record to allow the staff to start the recount.

At 11:36 a.m., the Board went back on the Record.

The hand count for TE-D matched the computer count exactly. We ran the additional nine precincts through the 850-scanner for a results total. Judy explained that the election day ballots are run through the DS200 (at the polls) and when we ran the election day ballots today there was a discrepancy on one Election Day ballot. When the voter put the ballot through the DS200 it was counted as an over vote because the voter had a small pen mark (indeterminate mark) on one of the ovals, which counted four votes and not three. When we ran that ballot through the DS850 today, it would not run through. The Ballot was remade and ran through without any problems. This ballot gave one additional vote for Melanie Brandenburger, Brandy Pryor and Tiffiany Riddle. There was no change in the outcome of the election. We will send an Amended Certified Results to the Secretary of State.

**2017-155** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the results of the Recount for the Bethel-Tate Board of Education (full term) as recounted today. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2017-156** – Paul Campbell made the motion to Certify the Results to the Ohio Secretary of State and Bethel-Tate Local School District. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

At 11:41 a.m., the Board went off the Record to run the test deck.

At 11:46 a.m., the Board went back on the Record.

Paul and Rick observed Dan Shebesta run the test deck through the 850-scanner.

Rick read the results from the control sheet while Ray compared them to the newly run results and found them to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

**2017-157** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck as provided. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:**

December 14, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., December Regular Board Meeting.

Beth Hamad stated at the last meeting the Board asked about doing some kind of panel with the elected officials at conference. She did pass the information along to the office and they are looking into it for the summer conference.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**2017-158** – At 11:49 a.m., Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

  
Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman  
Paul L. Campbell – Board Member  
R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member  
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Member  
Attest – Judith A. Miller – Director

Minutes signed on December 14, 2017

	TOTAL VOTES	%	Election Day	Absentee	Provisional
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 10) . . . . .	10	100.00			
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL . . . . .	0				
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL. . . . .	2,476		2,160	292	24
Board of Education - Bethel Tate Local School District					
Vote for not more than 3					
(WITH 10 OF 10 PRECINCTS COUNTED)					
Chris Baker. . . . .	517	11.56	448	64	5
Melanie Brandenburger . . . . .	612	13.68	521	86	5
David R. Brannock. . . . .	631	14.10	498	127	6
Charles Napier. . . . .	617	13.79	521	90	6
Brandy Pryor . . . . .	596	13.32	499	90	7
Tiffany Riddle . . . . .	831	18.57	710	112	9
Bill Shula . . . . .	670	14.98	567	93	10
Over Votes . . . . .	9		6	3	0
Under Votes . . . . .	1,160		934	211	15

**Rudd, Rebecca**

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**From:** Rudd, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** 'legals@clermontsun.com'; rmaloney@communitypress.com  
**Subject:** bd mtg notice  
**Attachments:** 2017 Dec 5 & 14- recount & Dec mtg.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please be advised and post the attached notice as a PSA (no cost) regarding the upcoming Board of Elections Board Meeting dates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd  
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**Notice of Meetings  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
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The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the following dates:

**November 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of Certification at which time Provisional Voter Ballot Information will be reviewed and determinations made in order to count the ballot and any other business the Board deems necessary.**

**November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 7, 2017 General Election & Regular Monthly Board Meeting.**

The meetings are held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, OH 45103.

**Judy Miller-Director**