



CITY OF PATASKALA

RESOLUTION 2024-056

Passed August 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Licking Heights Local School District Board of Education wants to establish a School Resource Officer Program to promote school safety by building a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe and students are supported to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the SRO Program also seeks to reduce violent crime committed by and against youth in our community. The SRO Program accomplishes this mission by supporting safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers, and staff. The SRO will establish a trusting channel of communication with students, parents, and teachers and establish regular feedback opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this goal, the Board of Education wants to contract with the City for a fulltime Pataskala Police Department Personnel who is certified Peace Officers for the State of Ohio and meets all requirements as set forth by state law, the School District's policies and guidelines, and Police Department's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the SRO will be accountable to the Pataskala Police Department chain of command. However, while at the school, the SRO also will be accountable to the principal, Director of Business Operations and Director of Pupil Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT CONCURRING THAT:

Section 1: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby authorizes and directs the City Administrator to execute a School Resource Officer Agreement, in substantially the same form and content as the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, with the Licking Heights Local School District Board of Education.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that

all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian M. Zets, Law Director