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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
PROBATE DIVISION

SCOTT ALTENBURGER  
JUDGE

*SCOTT ALTENBURGER, JUDGE*

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO TIPP CITY EXEMPTED  
VILLAGE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Case No. 20236062**

**ENTRY APPOINTING REPLACEMENT TO VACANCY IN SCHOOL BOARD**

Upon receiving notice of an opening on the Tipp City Exempted Village Schools District Board of Education and in accordance with O.R.C. §3313.85, Miami County Probate Judge Scott Altenburger initiated the process of soliciting applications and letters of recommendation to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Simon Patry. The person selected to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the shorter of the terms specified in O.R.C. §3313.11, which is the remainder of his unexpired term ending on December 31, 2023. Eligible candidates were required to be registered voters who live in the Tipp City Exempted Village Schools District area.

The Court received applications and letters of recommendation for many qualified and outstanding candidates. The Tipp City community is fortunate to have so many individuals willing to serve and support its schools. The Court is confident that the residents of Tipp City will be the best evaluator for a permanent replacement on the Board during the upcoming election process which is currently taking place. The Court considered leaving the position open due to the proximity of the coming election and to simply select the top vote recipient. This Court, however, came to the conclusion that the statutory intent, as well as the residents of Tipp City, would be better served by the prompt appointment. A full and functioning Board needs to be able to respond to any emergency situation.

After careful consideration and deliberation, the Court appoints Joellen Heatherly to assume the rights, powers, and responsibilities of the unexpired term of Simon Patry. Ms. Heatherly was elected and served a 4-year term on the Board from 2018-2021. Ms. Heatherly shall take her oath of office as a Board member at the next meeting of the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

cc: Aaron Moran, Tipp City EVS Superintendent  
Joellen Heatherly

  
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Scott Altenburger, Judge