

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

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FOOD SERVICE UPDATE

Food Service Supervisor Bethany Lenko praised the food service team for offering all Olentangy students the opportunity to receive two meals a day throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Olentangy Schools food service is part of the National School Lunch Program, a School Breakfast Program Sponsor, and is overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Education Office of Integrated Student Supports. The department operates as a nonprofit, and uses profits to invest back into the food service operation.

With approximately 50% of the in-person student body in the school buildings for 113 days this past school year, the food service department did report losses in revenue during Hybrid Attendance, but was able to reclaim daily profits once the district returned to Daily Attendance.

Mrs. Lenko shared that the USDA issued waivers on April 20, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year, which would allow the district to continue to offer meals at no charge to students. In analyzing the data, **Olentangy Schools Food Service will generate more profit/day utilizing the USDA issued waivers and offering school breakfast and**

lunch to Olentangy families at no cost than charging families for meals in the current fee structure.

Offering free meals will not only save money for the district and Olentangy families, but it will also ensure all students receive a healthy, balanced meal, and maintain employment for Olentangy Food Service employees.

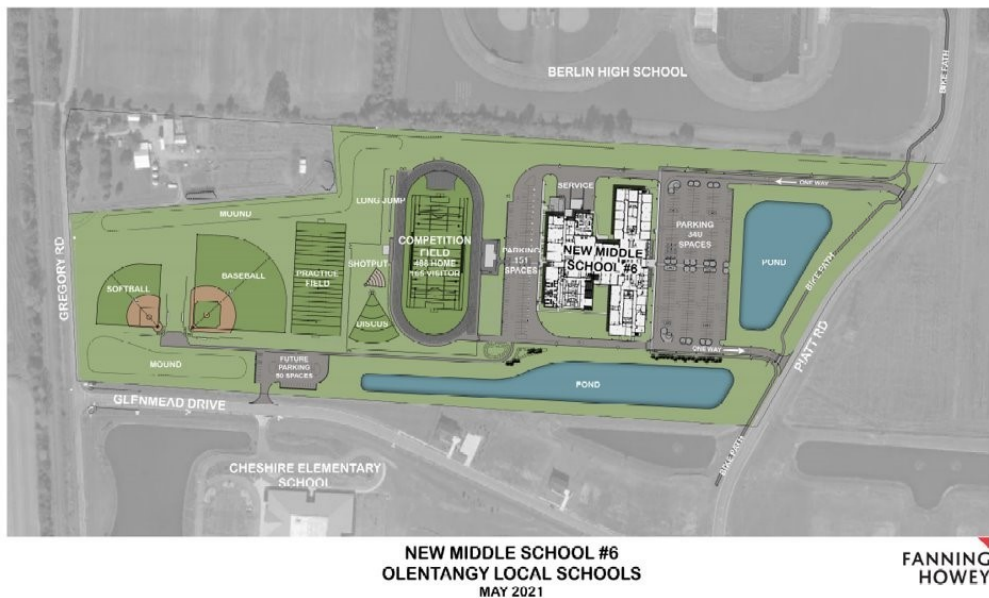
BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Bill O'Sullivan of Construction Analysis led the Building Project Update presentation by providing a photo tour of the building process of Shale Meadows Elementary School.



Delaware County is currently working to complete North Road, which will be the access road to the school from Peachblow Road, and the offsite sewer. Both projects must be completed by the county before the school's opening in August 2021.

Bruce Runyon of Fanning Howey reviewed plans for Middle School 6, which recently began construction on Piatt Road, north of Cheshire Road and south of Berlin High School.



The floorplan mirrors Berkshire and Hyatts middle schools, but with 15,000 in added square footage that will allow the school to enroll over 1,000 students. The additional space includes 6 more academic spaces and expanding common areas like the lunchroom, performing arts spaces, and the gymnasium.

Director of Business Management and Facilities Jeff Gordon presented the financials of the two school building projects. Shale Meadows Elementary School construction began towards the beginning of the pandemic, when construction pricing was more competitive. The district will complete the building of Shale Meadows Elementary under budget by over \$2 million. With current material shortages and construction costs rising, the bid process for Middle School 6 is projecting construction costs to be \$2 million over budget. However, the bond package is self-sustaining and there are options to cover fluctuations in construction costs.

There are currently over 81 construction projects taking place across the district this summer, with work already taking place on security vestibules, playgrounds, 3 broadcast journalism suites, and an additional bus lane at Hyatts Middle School.

STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

Superintendent Mark Raiff and the District Leadership Team will present on the District Strategic Plan’s four strategic priorities during the summer Board of Education meetings. The Olentangy Schools mission statement to facilitate maximum learning for every student ground all leadership decisions, and the district values reflect behaviors that are expected of everyone within the organization.

This meeting spotlighted Learning and Organizational Development, and the three goals within that strategic priority.



Chief Communications Officer Krista Davis has led the district’s brand work, and shared that creating a brand identity for the district and schools was imperative so that logos and marks can be trademarked and protected, the present trademark infringements are eliminated, and Native American imagery is removed. This work will result in a licensing program that will create a modest revenue stream for the district and schools.

The high school brand process included the formation of High School Brand Committees comprised of school administration, staff, athletics- coaches and athletic directors, alumni and current students to discuss what it means to be part of their school community. After reviewing sketches and logos from Cult Marketing, the brand committees worked to build out a logo kit of 12-13 marks for each high school to meet different school areas and needs. Brand Committees held special reveals of the new imagery to their school community on May 26.

Each of the four high schools maintained their mascot names and colors. Below is a look at each of the high school's primary mascot logos, along with some of the additional marks in their school logo kit.







Berlin High School maintained their current Bear, with additional secondary marks for consistency across the district.





Chief of Administrative Services Mr. Randy Wright presented on the district's work on fostering leadership development. Administration adapted to the unique needs of learning during this past school year and completed a relevant book study on *The Power of Positive Leadership*. In-depth discussions were held during quarterly legion meetings. In order to better service the needs of our students, the district is implementing a synthesized approach to professional growth, providing individualized growth, and creating more opportunities to develop leaders.

To ensure mastery of learning, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Fette shared that the district is promoting a safe and caring environment through professional development on the importance of student belonging, guidance on effecting teaching strategies (especially in a digital environment), and creating and maintaining curriculum blueprints and vocabulary. The Portrait of a Learner dispositions and improvement to the Response to Intervention process also ensure a mastery of learning.

Looking ahead, the curriculum team is supporting the transition to OTES 2.0, and creating "The Hub," an internal curriculum and instruction teacher resource.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Julie Wagner Feasel gave an update on the state budget process. The House has passed their version of the budget, and the Senate passed their version yesterday with a new, revised school funding plan. Both plans will fund charter schools directly, but the Senate's plan continues to cap Olentangy's funding. Olentangy receives

less in state funding than comparable districts and private schools, while spending less per student. A conference committee will now decide on a budget, and then the House and Senate will vote on their decision before it is submitted for Governor DeWine's approval. A decision on the Fair Funding Plan must be made by June 30.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Raiff shared that Governor's health orders have expired. Face masks are optional at Olentangy Schools this summer, and PPE will continue to be available upon request. Routine cleaning will continue to occur, and visitor procedures at schools have returned to normal. These current guidelines are in effect for summer operations only. A comprehensive guide for the 2021-2022 school year will be available closer to the start of school.

In Mr. Raiff's Superintendent Action Items, the Board approved student overnight and out-of-town trips. He also noted that PowerSchool will be unavailable June 21 – August 11, with the Parent Portal opening on August 12.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Emily Hatfield and her team are bringing forward digital solutions by working through the conversion to eFinance Plus. The district recently received a 4-Star rating from the Auditor of State as an Open and Transparent Government. This is the highest achievement a government agency can receive regarding compliance with response to public records requests under the Ohio Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Hatfield also updated the Board and community on the Fair School Funding Plan, explaining that changing the funding model would provide stability and predictability for school finance forecasting. House Bill 110 would change the school funding formula and set a new standard, with Olentangy schools receiving \$13.1 million in the House's plan. The Senate's plan is a band aid for the current broken formula, allocating \$11.3 million to Olentangy. The Senate and the House will publish their bills and supporting documents for community members interested in getting involved and educating themselves.

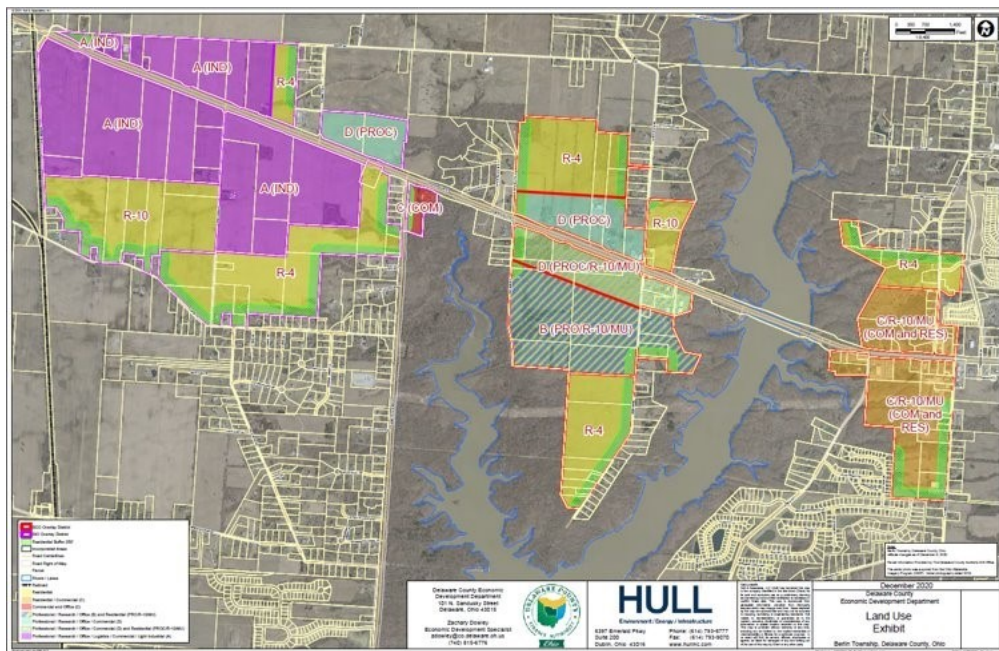
MATH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESOURCES

Dr. Kristin Bourdage, Assistance Director of Secondary Curriculum and Resources, presented three educational resources to the Board for renewal:

- ALEKS: A supplemental, adaptive math instructional program for students in grades 6-8.
- ST Math: Game-based instructional software that supplements mathematics instruction for students in grades K-5.
- NEWSELA: Real-world, standards-aligned, leveled texts in 20+ genres with curricular resources. Recent extensions to the program include social studies, social emotional learning, and science. It is a cross-discipline resource with instruction in all core classes for students in grades K-12.

BERLIN BUSINESS PARK AND THE RAVINES AT MEADOW RIDGE

The Board of Education voted to approve the TIF for the Berlin Business Park, Ravines at Meadow Ridge, and an additional 71 interchange to relieve traffic in the northeast quadrant of the district. Rob Platte, Economic Development Administrator for Delaware County, presented the option to rezone 1,790 acres on 3B's and K Road for commercial. Repositioning this land to not be entirely residential will reduce the district's exposure and the cost of educating additional students. Maps of zoning plans and the new I-71 interchange from Mr. Platte's presentation are included below.



The Olentangy Schools Board of Education has returned to the regular meeting format. Meetings begin at 6:30pm at the Olentangy Administrative Office, 7840 Graphics Way, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are recorded and will be

posted to the [Board Meeting Records page](#) on the district website the week following the meeting.

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