

ROLL CALL at 7:00 p.m.

Members present for roll call were: M. Bruns, R. Crandall, E. Damman, T. Otto, and M. Wesche.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American flag was led by Mr. Ryan Crandall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. School Resource Officer Report - Dr. Belcher directed the Board to the report in the packet.
2. State Recognition – athletes participating at the state level.

Bowling

Girls: Arianna Kiessling - Arianna won the Division II state championship as a freshman.

Coaches: Chris Ehlers; Absent: Randy Schwaiger, Denny Ehlers

Boys: Ashton Kiessling, Riley Ehlers

Coaches: Absent: Randy Schwaiger, Dave Kiessling, Randy Babcock

C. Ehlers: Both teams won the NLL. This is Riley and Ashton's third year at State.

A. Ham: Thank you to the parents and River City Bowl-A-Way for your support.

DECA

12th Grade: Curtis Lydy, Derek Miller,

Absent: Emma Berry, Grace Gerken, Calen Gray, Micah Hopkins, Jeremy Ledyard, Mason Melia, Jady Reed

11th Grade: All Absent: Denver Grundy, Trace Schultheis, Owen Storch, Nathan Ward Myers

10th Grade: All Absent: Nick Flowers, Xavier Fouty, Keaton Miller, Trenton Weber

9th Grade: Allyssa Borck, Elizabeth Bullock, Ava Elling, Kristen Franklin, Hayden Gerken, Emma Grisier, Kate Harmon, Chris Helberg, Lillie Marr, Braylon Polter, Bob Ratliff, Emma Reynolds, Porter Rice, Paul Sausser, Cooper Speiser, McKenzie Weber

Advisor: Jason Zera

Derek Miller: I have been in DECA for three years and made 8th place at State.

Curt Lydy: We took 49 students to Districts, 34 to State, nine state finalists, and six qualified for International in Orlando.

Curt placed 3rd in the state and this was his 4th year in a row to qualify for international.

R. Wilde: 34 students went to state for DECA.

Diving

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Ella Borstelman - 4th place at State, Mara Cashman- State runner up, Ashton Delaney, Tauren Davis - Two-year state qualifier

Absent: Jorja Swihart - Placed 10th at State

Head Coach: Denise Brown

Assistant Coaches: Kristin Shepard

Three out of top ten in the State of Ohio were from Napoleon and two others that train here were in the top eleven.

K. Shepard: The kids put in a lot of time and do a great job of balancing school and practice.

Speech

Derek Miller and Tate Behnfeldt - DUO Interpretation - Placed 8th in the State.

Paige Kerrigan-Christ - Declamation - Finished 7th in the State.

Harlow Calvert - Program Oral Interpretation

Absent: Alternate to State: Jeremy Ledyard - Dramatic Interpretation

Advisors: Gwen Howe-Gebers, Heidi Mekus

H. Mekus: March 2nd - March 4th students competed at State.

Swimming

Brett Bostelman, Nick Flowers, Alex Gyde, Ruby Morman, Hannah Nagel, Addyson Speiser, Mackenzie Spring, Masen Switzer

Head Coach: Denise Brown

Assistant Coaches: Mitch Delaney, Kennedy Hall

D. Brown: Eight went to state this year. Ms. Brown covered each athlete's events and accomplishments.

Wrestling

Girls Team: Absent: Tia Leahy - First year state sanctioned for girls' wrestling and Tia qualified.

Boys Team: Absent: Alex Gonzales - Second time at State, made the State semi-finals and finished 5th at State.

Head Coach: Jason Seiler

Assistant Coaches: All Absent: Austin Ripke, Devin Meyer, Seth Beard, Josh Lynch, Charley Bohls, Demetrius Hernandez

CONSENT AGENDA - R23:023

Bold indicates new

Mr. M. Wesche moved, Mr. T. Otto seconded the motion to:

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1. approve the minutes of the regular Napoleon Area City School Board of Education meeting of February 21, 2023 as presented.
2. approve the employment of Ms. Jessica Barton as an Aide at Napoleon Elementary School effective February 24, 2023 after successfully completing her probationary period.
3. approve the employment of Mr. Timothy Cereghin as a Bus Driver at Napoleon Area City Schools effective March 15, 2023 after successfully completing his probationary period.
4. approve the employment of Mrs. Denise Lalonde, Instructional tutor for a student with multiple disabilities who is homebound due to medical needs, starting March 7, 2023 at the tutor rate for three (3) to five (5) hours per week. The ending date of the tutoring contract will be determined based on the student's progress and clearance to return to school.
5. approve the transfer of Mrs. Angela Behnfeldt to a Class II Secretary position at Napoleon Elementary School effective with the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Behnfeldt will serve a 45-day probationary period. Mrs. Behnfeldt is replacing Mrs. Richards who transferred to a different secretary position.
6. approve Mrs. Peggy Snyder as a Bus Driver for the mid-day Preschool drop off route at Napoleon Area City Schools effective August 23, 2023. This route is two (2) hours per day and is in addition to Mrs. Snyder's regular route.
7. approve the transfer of Mrs. Jennifer Moehrman to Bus #4 effective August 23, 2023.
8. accept the resignation of Mrs. Rebecca Stover, Sophomore class advisor effective June 30, 2023.
9. accept the resignation of Mrs. Brenda Zuch as Camp Palmer Education staff effective March 13, 2023.
10. approve the following meet manager for the 2022-2023 school year:

Track & Field - Andy Ham
11. approve the following game/tournament help for the 2022-2023 school year. The Tournament Help rate is established and approved by the Tournament Governing Body and the amount approved includes benefits paid by the Board of Education, which will be deducted from the established rate. Non-tournament game help rate is determined by board policy.

Chris Millen

Joe Pennington

Chad Bostelman

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12. approve the following student workers on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year, as lighting and sound technicians for Napoleon Area City School District at the state minimum wage rate per hour:

Sydney Bechtol

13. approve the employment of Mrs. Beth Speiser as Camp Palmer nurse for the Camp Palmer trip scheduled May 8 to May 12, 2023. Mrs. Speiser is a Licensed Practical Nurse and will be paid \$400.00 for the week out of Camp Palmer funds.
14. approve the following chaperones for the Napoleon High School band trip from March 29 – April 3, 2023 to Orlando, Florida:

Angie Behnfeldt	Christina Corbitt	Angiala Franz	Heather Gallagher
Jenna Gray	Andrew Lesick	Kyle Light	Catherine McCorkle
Alain Miller	Kyle Miller	Scott Steward	Nick Torres
Andrea Wauer			

15. approve the following volunteer senior project internship position for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Cory Niekamp will oversee this position.

Cavan Moriarty - Effective May 8-12, 2023

16. approve the following substitute positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

Alex Gerken - Bus Driver, effective March 7, 2023

17. approve the substitute list for teachers and paraprofessionals from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.
18. approve the 2023-2024 Napoleon Elementary School Handbook for students in grades PK-2 as presented. Handbook changes are highlighted in yellow.
19. approve the 2023-2024 Napoleon Elementary School Handbook for students in grades 3-6 as presented. Handbook changes are highlighted in yellow.
20. approve the Napoleon Area City Schools Responsible Use Principles for Employees as presented.
21. approve Napoleon Area City Schools 7th - 12th Grade District-Owned Device Loan Agreement as presented.

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22. approve the Ohio Department of Education, Medicaid School Program (MSP) Agreed Upon Procedures with Julian and Grube for FY24 and FY25 for the Medicaid Cost Report at a cost of \$2,300.00 per year (\$100.00 increase) as presented.
23. approve the Northwest State Clinical Affiliation Agreement, two-year renewal for Early Childhood/Paraprofessional Education Program as presented.
24. ratify the contracts entered into by the Superintendent and Treasurer as follows:
 - PAXIS Institute Service Agreement for administrator online training at a cost of \$816.00 as presented.
25. It is recommended that the following amounts and rates of the Budget Commission be accepted as follows:

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provision of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Henry County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitations; there be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Napoleon Area City School District, Henry County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rates of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

General Fund	3.30 mills within	
	10.00 mills limitation	\$1,263,001.00
	48.20 mills outside	
	10.00 mills limitation	\$11,158,549.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	2.00 mills	\$527,351.00
Bond Funds	3.8 mills	\$1,532,556.00

And be it further RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

26. accept the financial reports as presented in Exhibits A-D.

27. approve the budget and revenue transactions in Exhibit E.

DISCUSSION

M. Bostelman: Item #25 - Discussed the bond millage reduction of 1.6 mils due to savings from previous bond refundings.

Roll Call: M. Bruns, yes; R. Crandall, yes; E. Damman, yes; T. Otto, yes; M. Wesche, yes.
Motion carried.

OTHER

R23:024

Mr. M. Wesche moved, Mrs. M. Bruns seconded the motion to:

1. approve the Litigation Cost-Sharing Agreement between the Napoleon Area City School District Board of Education and the City of Napoleon whereas the parties are proposed to be the co-Plaintiff's in a lawsuit captioned Napoleon Area City School District Board of Education and City of Napoleon, Ohio v. Cultural Center of Henry County f/k/a Napoleon Civic Center Foundation as presented.

Roll Call: R. Crandall, yes; E. Damman, yes; T. Otto, yes; M. Wesche, yes; M. Bruns, yes.
Motion carried.

R23:025

Mrs. M. Bruns moved, Mrs. E. Damman seconded the motion to:

2. approve the amendment/change order to the original Energy Optimizer contract approved November 17, 2021 as presented.

DISCUSSION

E. Belcher: We are splitting the work, but the cost is the same.

Roll Call: E. Damman, yes; T. Otto, yes; M. Wesche, yes; M. Bruns, yes; R. Crandall, yes.
Motion carried.

R23:026

Mr. T. Otto moved, Mr. M. Wesche seconded the motion to:

3. AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ENERGY OPTIMIZERS, USA, LLC FOR THE DISTRICT'S HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BASED UPON O.R.C. 167.081 FOR CONTRACTS PROCURED THROUGH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Superintendent recommends that the Board authorize a contract with Energy Optimizers USA, LLC ("Energy Optimizers") for the District's HVAC Project based upon the authority of O.R.C. 167.081 for contracts procured through a Regional Council of Governments.

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need for certain HVAC improvements for the installation of four roof top HVAC units at the Napoleon Jr./Sr. High School facility, located at 701 Briarheath Drive, Napoleon, OH 43545 (the "Project").
2. The Project will greatly improve indoor air quality throughout the facility and is a critical component of the District's overall plan to combat COVID-19. The Project is reasonable and necessary to reduce the risk of virus transmission and creates a safer environment for students and staff.
3. O.R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a Regional Council of Governments (a "COG") without the need to engage in competitive bidding. Specifically, O.R.C. 167.081 states that a regional council may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a multistate consortium of which the council is a member. The Board is a member of the Ohio Council of Educational Purchasing Consortia ("OCEPC"). OCEPC is a Regional Council of Governments established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. Energy Optimizers is an experienced HVAC & roofing contractor who has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$480,000.00 (the "Contract Sum"), which is based on qualified unit pricing as set forth in Energy Optimizer's agreement with OCEPC.
5. The Superintendent recommends procuring Energy Optimizers through O.R.C. 167.081.
6. The Superintendent also requests authority to enter change orders on behalf of the Board in a total amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum for the Project; change orders in excess of that amount will be brought to the Board for its approval.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in O.R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of Energy Optimizers without the need to engage in competitive bidding.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Optimizers for the Project and to sign any related documents for the work in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00.
3. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to sign change orders related to the Project in a total amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum; should a change order exceed this amount individually or as the aggregate of change orders for the work, the change order will be brought to the Board for approval prior to the work being performed.

Roll Call: T. Otto, yes; M. Wesche, yes; M. Bruns, yes; R. Crandall, yes; E. Damman, yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

R23:027

Mrs. E. Damman moved, Mr. T. Otto seconded the motion to:

1. RESOLUTION – GRADE 3 PAPER TESTING CHOICE FOR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, R.C. 3301.0710 requires the state board of education to adopt rules establishing a statewide program to assess student achievement; and

WHEREAS, OAC 3301-13-02 sets forth the statewide program of tests to assess student achievement; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3301.0711(G) (4) permits a school district to administer the third-grade English language arts and/or mathematics assessments in a paper format in any school year beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Napoleon Area City School District Board of Education hereby chooses to administer the English language arts assessment in a paper format in the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of the Napoleon Area City School District shall file a copy of this resolution with the Ohio Department of Education on or before May 1, 2023.

DISCUSSION

E. Belcher: This is done each year.

Roll Call: M. Wesche, yes; M. Bruns, yes; R. Crandall, yes; E. Damman, yes; T. Otto, yes.
Motion carried.

R23:028

Mr. T. Otto moved, Mr. M. Wesche seconded the motion to:

2. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MILLAGE AND BALLOT FORM FOR BOND ISSUE AND LEVY OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

(Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.218)

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.218 authorizes school districts to submit to their electors bond issues combined with tax levies in excess of the ten-mill limitation for current operating expense and/or permanent improvements purposes; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, the Board approved a resolution to proceed with a \$21,500,000 bond issue (the “Bond Issue”) combined with property tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for current operating expenses at a rate not exceeding 4.50 mills for each \$1 of taxable value (the “Levy”), and certified the same to the Board of Elections of Henry County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 140, first effective for the May 2, 2023 election, has made certain changes in the way millage is referenced in election proceedings, and the Ohio Department of Taxation has refined its directives in that regard several times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Napoleon Area City School District, Henry County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that that:

Section 1. The Board confirms that (a) the millage estimated for the Bond Issue is 3.10 mills, which amounts to \$109 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, (b) the 4.50 mills of the Levy amounts to \$158 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, and (c) the ballot form for the Bond Issue shall read substantially as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

Shall the Napoleon Area City School District be authorized to do the following:

- (1) Issue bonds for the purpose of constructing school facilities and renovating and expanding existing school facilities, including a new multi-purpose building for school

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and community use; furnishing and equipping the same; and improving the sites thereof in the principal amount of \$21,500,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 37 years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to average over the bond repayment period 3.1 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$109.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

(2) Levy an additional property tax to pay current operating expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,851,908 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$158.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY

Section 2. The Treasurer is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Henry County, Ohio.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

DISCUSSION

M. Bostelman: This resolution is due to the rounding of figures required by the State.

Roll Call: M. Bruns, yes; R. Crandall, yes; E. Damman, yes; T. Otto, yes; M. Wesche, yes.
Motion carried.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND FINANCE

FOR BOARD AGENDA March-23
INTEREST EARNED
MONTH: January

TYPE	AMOUNT	FUND	INT. RATE	INVESTED	SOLD/DUE	INTEREST
PAYROLL	0.00	GENERAL	N/A			0.00
SUPER NOW	3,489,387.41	VARIOUS	0.23%			1,781.64
SUPER NOW	29,951.01	ST. AUG	0.23%			15.29

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SUPER NOW	25,933.86	ST. JOHN	0.23%	13.24
SUPER NOW	107,006.92	ST. PAUL	0.23%	54.64
PREMIER BANK ICS	11,715,620.85	VARIOUS	4.87%	42,654.11
STAR OHIO	4,702,947.62	VARIOUS	4.80%	17,154.31
STAROhio-Local Funds	1,541,430.50	Construction	4.80%	<u>5,622.47</u>
				TOTAL
				<u>67,295.70</u>

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. Niese: Ohio State tests are coming up in April/May. Right to Read week, Read-a-thon was fantastic with \$18,400 raised to date.

M. Dietrich: Daddy Daughter dance was held on Saturday.

J. Gebers: We are preparing for state testing and were able to reduce costs to students on laptop repairs by doing them in house.

W. Nashu: It's great to see kids tonight.

R. Wilde: The K-12 audit of health records was conducted. Our records were clean and no issues were noted. We are working with Automatic Feed for Industrial technologies offerings next year.

R. Crandall: Opening up vo-ag classes. Why are we doing that versus having them with Four County?

R. Wilde: We worked with Four County. They have backed off of satellite programs at Districts. Over 45 kids have expressed interest in two vo-ag class offerings.

OTHER BUSINESS AND CONCERNS

1. The regular April meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the multi media room of Napoleon Jr. /Sr. High School.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

[The school board and administrative staff encourage and appreciate citizen interest in meetings of the board of education. This section of the agenda is designed to hear the views of citizens about their schools and items on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the board may make written requests in advance of the meeting or indicate their name, address and the item which they wish to address. Each speaker is asked to address the board so the speaker's remarks may be clearly heard. The speaker should give his or her name and address and limit comments to three minutes. We provide a time for citizen remarks at every regular meeting. At no time do we allow particular grievances about an employee to be aired. These remarks will be declared to be out of order and will be terminated when they are made about a specific employee. Any such discussion is not allowed in a public meeting, but may be discussed in an executive session at the board's discretion. Board members may ask questions of the speaker for information or clarification and may or may not make comments in response to a speaker's remarks. No board member has the power or authority to act for the board; therefore, no response from an individual board member should be interpreted as an official action. Requests for information about any subject should be made in writing to the board president or superintendent. Requests for information at the board meeting will be referred to the superintendent for review and report to the board. Thank you for your cooperation.]

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Curt Lydy, Tim Reynolds, Jen Lazenby, Ryan Wilde, Jacob Gebers, Adam Niese, Matt Dietrich, Wendy Nashu, Stephanie Homan and Tootie Bockelman.

T. Bockelman: Bloodmobile had 29 people scheduled, 24 were able to donate.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

E. Damman: SB1 has been introduced to the house to revamp the Ohio Department of Education. HB1 - flat income tax, would increase taxes for agricultural and residential property owners.

FOUR COUNTY CAREER CENTER REPORT

M. Bruns: A short meeting was held. Four County has received 825 applications from juniors and seniors.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

E. Damman: It's great to see the state recognition.

T. Otto: It's great to see the state recognition.

M. Bruns: It's great to see the state recognition.

M. Wesche: Seeing the students tonight shows the good stories going on in our District.

R. Crandall: It's fun to meet and celebrate the students.

ADJOURNMENT - R23:029

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. M. Wesche moved, Mrs. E. Damman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:22 p.m.

Attest: _____
Treasurer, Board of Education

Signed: _____
President, Board of Education