

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: December 11, 2023

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center, 625 Broad Street.

ROLL CALL

Present **Batey, Gordon, McComas, Kramer, Stevens**
Absent
Administrators **16**
Staff **18**
Visitors **107**

Student Liaison Tyler Blum

23-12-131 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **McComas**, to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Special Meeting December 5, 2023

VOTE: Yea - Gordon, McComas, Kramer, Stevens, Batey
 Nay - None

Motion Carried,

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

A. December Students of the Month

STUDENT	GRADE	SCHOOL
Kenndra Kingsley	04	Franklin
Eloise Lizewski	04	Isham
Eden Eiseman	04	Lincoln
Lucca Porchowsky	04	Overlook
Zella Barco	04	Valley View
Ryker Larabee	06	CIS
Georgia Obendorf	07	WMS
Reagan Hunt	12	WHS Career-Technical
Elizabeth Edwards	12	WHS

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- B. Recognition of Board of Education Member Ms. Linda Kramer
1. Mayor Robin Laubaugh presented a Proclamation from the City of Wadsworth to Linda.
 2. House Representative Sharon Ray presented a Proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives to Linda.
 3. Former Board Members Mark Casalnova and Dave White spoke on behalf of Linda.
 4. Erin Simpson presented her with a gift basket of memorable items representing her 24 years on the school board.
 5. Board Member Julie Batey spoke on behalf of current school Board members.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

- A. Presentation by Dr. Michele Evans, Director of Instruction and Professional Development: State Local Report Card.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

23-12-132 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. **PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Resignations

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|----|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| a) | Jonell Fox | Non-Teaching Employee | (retire 01/01/24) |
| b) | Christopher Kallai, Jr. | Certified Teacher | (eff. 11/21/23) |
| c) | Jordan McGovern | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 12/05/23) |
| d) | Sandra Shafer | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 12/06/23) |

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2. Employments

(Recommendations are contingent upon each individual receiving his/her license from the Ohio Department of Education prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year, with a license effective date of July 1, 2023, if he/she does not already have the said license and successfully meeting all other pre-employment requirements of the Board.)

a) Certified Employees

Michael Horvat (eff. 11/29/23)

b) Non-Teaching Employees

Amber Bowling (eff. 12/04/23)
Karen Wood

c) Certified Substitutes

Roger Wright (eff. 11/30/23)

d) Classified Substitutes

Tanya Breuer (eff. 12/04/23)
Jennifer Stenger (eff. 12/27/23)
Aerial Watson (eff. 12/04/23)

e) Supplemental Contracts

Anthony Ward Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.)

f) Home Instructors

Abby Elliott
Serra VanZandt (eff. 12/06/23)

g) Volunteers

Brittany Balmat (Cristino)
Nick Cristino
Lauren Klancer
Elisha Knack
Adam Marino
Paula Saurman

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- h) Athletic Contest Workers (Division IV Football game on November 24, 2023, at Art Wright Stadium)

Cindy Beeman	Scanner	\$ 40
Doug Beeman	Visiting Team Host	\$ 80
Dana Berlin	Tickets	\$ 40
Rich Berlin	Tournament Manager	\$ 150
Matt Hulme	South Field Gate Attendant	\$ 40
Kristine Palecek	Media Coordinator	\$ 80
Phil Seenes	Announcer	\$ 80
Chris Sieber	Band Host	\$ 80
Vincent Suber	Stadium Manager	\$ 80
Justin Todd	Home Team Host	\$ 80
Joyce Walker	Tickets	\$ 40

3. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Stephanie Blaha (Teacher) on the following dates: January 26, 2024, March 15, 2024 and May 10, 2024.

VOTE: Yea – McComas, Kramer, Stevens, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

23-12-133

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the Ohio Interscholastic Adaptive Sports Participating School Agreement for the period of November 1, 2023 through March 11, 2024. **(ATTACHED)**
2. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Excess Cost for Children with Disabilities Pursuant to Sections 3313.981 O.R.C., 3323.14 O.R.C., and Rule 3301-48-02(F). **(ATTACHED)**
3. Recommendation to approve the purchase of Rosetta Stone for Schools (Silver) through the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Consortium for the subscription dates of January 5, 2024 through December 31, 2024. **(ATTACHED)**
4. Recommendation to approve the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Tournament Agreement. **(ATTACHED)**

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5. Recommendation to approve the Contract for Service, Lecture or Performance between the College of Wooster and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. **(ATTACHED)**
6. Recommendation to accept a \$1,500 grant from the Parker Foundation.
7. Recommendation to accept a \$500 donation from Shawn and Katherine Swinehart.
8. Recommendation to approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding Between Ashland University and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. **(ATTACHED)**
9. Recommendation to determine the following student as impractical to transport for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a) Mariana Gluck Archbishop Hoban

VOTE: Yea – Kramer, Stevens, Batey, Gordon, McComas
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

23-12-134 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Gordon**, to adopt the Action Item of the Treasurer from the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. ACTION ITEM

1. Recommendation to approve membership renewal with the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2024.
2. Call for the Organizational Meeting of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education to be held Wednesday January 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Wadsworth High School Performing Arts Center and to appoint Jill Stevens as president pro tem to open the meeting.
3. Recommendation to accept the financial reports as presented and subject to audit.

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Batey, Gordon, McComas, Kramer
Nay – None

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

KRAMER: Announced that the new Department of Education and Workforce Executive Director has been appointed.

H.B. 70 Passed

H.B. 68 Senate amended relating to gender identification and sports.

H.B. 348 To increase student attendance and graduation rates is currently being debated.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

LINDA

KRAMER: Thanked Tyler for presenting her with a card signed by students from the High School. Expressed thanks to everyone and stated how much she has enjoyed every minute of her 24 years of service as a board member.

AMANDA

GORDON: No items to report.

GARY

MCCOMAS: Congratulated all of the Students of the Month. Thanked Linda..

JULIE

BATEY: Congratulated SOM and stated it was a privilege to honor Linda at her last meeting. Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

JILL

STEVENS: Thanked everyone attending to recognize Linda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

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- A. ***To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:***
1. Appointment
 2. ***Employment***
 3. Dismissal
 4. Discipline
 5. Promotion
 6. Demotion
 7. Compensation
 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- E. ***Matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes.***
- F. Regularized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on A2 and E as listed above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23-12-135 The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Gordon**, to enter Executive Session at **8:11** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Batey, Gordon, McComas, Kramer, Stevens
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

Kramer left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **10:39** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

23-12-136 The motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Batey**, to adjourn at **10:40** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, McComas, Stevens, Batey
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Jill Stevens, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer