Minutes of the Delphos City School's Board of Education Meeting:

December 18, 2023

The Board of Education of the Delphos City School District of Allen and Van Wert Counties of Ohio Met at 7:00PM on Monday in the Delphos City Schools Administration office for the regular Meeting with the roll call revealing the following members present: Tina Brinkman, Jason Grogg, Becca Suever, Perry Wiltsie and Jamey Wisher.

The Board and guests stood for the pledge of allegiance led by Ava Sherman a second grader from Mrs. Wisher's class.

Mr. Wiltsie moved and Mrs. Brinkman seconded that the board approve the following consent agenda items presented by the treasurer.

Approval of minutes of the special and the regular Board meetings held November 27, 2023.

The following were all approved for the month of November:

Payment of invoices

Fund Balance statement

Bank Account reconciliations

Purchase order adjustments over $3000

VENDER	P.O. #	CHECK AMOUNT	
County Electric	88507	$3,025.82	November
Scolastic	88666	$3,325.79	
AEP	88241	$6,122.94	
Florida Farm Bureau	88735	$7,635.00	
KTF Protein Solutions	88736	$7,525.00	
Metzger Popcorn	88734	$3,376.00	
Good Clean Fundraising	88862	$3,440.25	

Additional Pays: Class Coverage Kelsie Gillespie $60.00, Josh Hilgenberg $30.00, Stephanie Ohtola $30.00, Jeff Rex $60.00, Zach Srnis $30.00, Speech Lisa Roebke $779.65

Additional Appropriations:

Class of 2026	200-9026	$ 1,000.00
Bowling Team Funds	300-9552	$ 660.00

Wiltsie – Yes Brinkman– Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes Suever – Yes

Mr. Rostorfer suggested that the board amend the non-certified salary schedule which lays out how the salary is figured for bus drivers during supplemental trips, and thus simplifying the billing for St. Johns to use the buses with or without drivers being paid through the City schools payroll. This would make it easier for St. Johns to estimate field trips with a per hour and per mile rate, similar to some neighboring districts. The Board asked Mr. Hobbs and Mrs. Peters to delve into it further for future discussion.

Mrs. Brinkman moved and Mr. Wisher seconded that the board approve the creation of the Cafeteria Student Assistance fund 006-9000, to help students and families that struggle to keep up with their lunch accounts.

Brinkman– Yes Wisher – Yes Grogg – Yes Wiltsie – Yes Suever – Yes

Mr. Wiltsie moved and Mrs. Brinkman seconded that the board approve Leane Giese to replace Pat Poling whose term expires December 31, 2023 and Laura Peters to replace Brad Rostorfer in the school's seat on the Delphos Public Library Board of Trustees. Laura will complete Brad's term which is set to expire December 31, 2024.

Wiltsie – Yes Brinkman– Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes Suever – Yes

Mr. Hobbs introduced Mrs. Herge who gave an update on the state of the Cafeteria. She pointed out that we have a new POS system since meals plus was bought out by Titan, which has brought about both challenges and new advantages. The state is using grant funds to make students who have qualified as reduced for this school year, free, by reimbursing the schools for them. Finally, she reported that her spend down plan had been improved by the state in which she is providing fresh fruit and vegetables to students in addition to their lunches and high quality of choices for the foods in the lunches. Mr. Hobbs then spoke about the CTE Equipment grant that we have applied for in cooperation with Lakeview Farms, United Equity, Unverferths, and Vanamatic to obtain manufacturing, farm, STEM and other equipment to repurpose the shop areas of the high school. We should hear as soon as January for work to be done next summer. He also announced his first "Chat up the Superintendent" for Thursday at 5:30 the public to meet him.

In Committee reports Mr. Wisher only stated that the maintenance committee is still working on next year's list.

Mr. Wisher moved and Mrs. Brinkman seconded that the board approve the superintendent consent agenda containing the following:

Certified Resignation

Kathy Buettner is retiring from elementary and junior high guidance at the conclusion of the school year.

Supplementals

Abby Violet – Reserve Girls Basketball
Eric Wallace – Boys Track Coach and Indoor W\inter Track volunteer
Aubrey Fruchey – Volunteer Track Coach
Bub Lindeman – Girls Track Coach
Denis Lindeman – Volunteer track coach
Doug Geary - Varsity Softball Coach
Rick Suever - Varsity Baseball Coach

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Aleigh Hellman – Aast Softball Coach
Hunter Haehn – Asst Baseball Coach
Brad Rostorfer – Volunteer Baseball & Softball Coach
Damon Joseph – Volunteer Softball Coach
Michelle Schuerman – Volunteer Softball Coach
Rebekah Dubey – MS Boys Track Coach
Kelsey Berelsman – MS Girls Track Coach

Teacher Placement:
Elisabeth Beaubien – Masters +15

Wisher – Yes Brinkman– Yes Grogg – Yes Wiltsie – Yes Suever – Yes

Mr. Wiltsie moved and Mrs. Brinkman seconded that the board approve Michelle Kayseer to serve as the NPAS clerk for the remainder of the 2-023-24 school year 5 hours per day
Wiltsie – Yes Brinkman– Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes Suever – Yes

Mr. Wisher moved for the adoption of Resolution 2023-10 to place the 5.5 mill operating renewal levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03, 5705.21, and 5705.25)

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2023, the Board passed a resolution (the "Resolution of Necessity") declaring the necessity to renew for five years all of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, at the rate of 5.50 mills for each $1 of taxable value, for the purpose of current expenses, (the "Renewal Levy"); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Allen County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") has certified to the Board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the Renewal Levy assuming the taxable value of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the Renewal Levy is $1,002,000, based on the current total taxable value of the School District of $237,637,970; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has also certified to the Board that the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on the Renewal Levy's "estimated effective rate" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i)) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest $1, for each $100,000 of the "county auditor's appraised value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P)), is $134.00 (the "Estimated Cost");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Delphos City School District, Allen and Van Wert Counties, Ohio, two thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines to proceed with the submission of the question of the Renewal Levy to all of the electors of the School District at the rate of 5.50 mills for each $1 of taxable value for five years, for the purpose of current expenses, which the County Auditor has certified at the Estimated Cost for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.21, the question of the Renewal Levy shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on March 19, 2024 (the "Election Date"). All of the territory of the School District is located in Allen and Van Wert Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Delphos City School District, for the purpose of current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect $1,002,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5.50 mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $134.00 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for five years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

FOR THE TAX LEVY _____
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY _____

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to immediately certify, not later than December 20, 2023 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Allen County, Ohio (the "Board of Elections"), a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this Resolution together with the certificate of the County Auditor certifying the current total taxable value of the School District, the estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the Renewal Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on the Renewal Levy's estimated effective rate) expressed in dollars for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall also certify to the Board of Elections that the Renewal Levy will be levied for five years and will include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2024 tax year (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 6. 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.

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Mrs. Brinkman seconded the motion and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:
Ayes: Wisher, Brinkman, Grogg, Wiltsie, Suever
Nays:
The resolution passed

Mr. Wisher moved for the adoption of Resolution 2023-11 for the necessity of the 2.25 mill operating renewal levy:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03, 5705.21, and 5705.25)

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2023, the Board passed a resolution (the "Resolution of Necessity") declaring the necessity to renew for five years all of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, at the rate of 2.25 mills for each $1 of taxable value, for the purpose of general permanent improvements (the "Renewal Levy"); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Allen County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") has certified to the Board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the Renewal Levy assuming the taxable value of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the levy is $327,000, rounded to the nearest $1,000, based on the current total taxable value of the School District of $237,637,970; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has also certified to the Board that the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on the Renewal Levy's "estimated effective rate" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q)), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i)) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest $1, for each $100,000 of the "county auditor's appraised value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P)), is $39.00 (the "Estimated Cost");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Delphos City School District, Allen and Van Wert Counties, Ohio, two thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines to proceed with the submission of the question of the Renewal Levy to all of the electors of the School District at the rate of 2.25 mills for each $1 of taxable value, for the purpose of general permanent improvements, which the County Auditor has certified at the Estimated Cost for each $100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

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AGAINST THE TAX LEVY |_____|

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Mrs. Brinkman seconded the motion and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:
Ayes: Wisher, Brinkman, Grogg, Wiltsie, Suever
Nays:
The resolution passed

Mr. Wiltsie moved and Mr. Grogg seconded that the board accept the following donations with great gratitude:

Morris Chiropractic	$50 Feed the Students program
United Equity	$1000 Feed the students program
Delphos Hearing Aid Center	$150 Feed the Students
David Berelsman	$1000 HS Principal's Teacher Appreciation
Paul Krendl	$220 Wildcat Warriors
Franklin Parents Club	$200 Principal's Fund
Double A Trailers	$100 FFA
VFW Post #3035	$2500 Delphos Jefferson Girls Basketball Uniforms/Clothing

Wiltsie – Yes Grogg – Yes Brinkman– Yes Wisher – Yes Suever – Yes

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Mr. Wiltsie moved and Mrs. Brinkman seconded that the board approve the 2024-25 school Calendar as created by the calendar committee.
Wiltsie – Yes Brinkman– Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes Suever – Yes

Mrs. Suever moved and Mr. W\iltsie seconded that the board appoint Tina Brinkman to serve as President Pro-temp for the organizational meeting to be scheduled for January 3, 2024 at 6:00PM.
Suever – Yes Wiltsie – Yes Grogg – Yes Brinkman– Yes Wisher – Yes

In Wildcat "paws"itives Mr. Hobbs was reading a statement from Mrs. Braun who wanted to thank the preschoolers and their families who came out to their holiday event, and the show Choir and Mrs. Wirth who entertained that night. Mrs. Suever echoed that and complimented both the choir and the band for a tremendous winter concert. Mr. Hobbs talked about how awesome the 1st graders were in the Franklin play. Mrs. Brinkman gave her appreciation to Mr. Rostorfer on his service to the district. Mr. Hohlbein said he appreciated working with Mr. Wisher on the maintenance committee and with Mr. Wiltsie on the many projects he worked on at franklin, and wished them well. Mr. Hobbs agreed the Mr. Wisher, Mr. Wiltsie and Mr. Rostorfer had made his first sixth months of duty a smooth transition period.

At 7:32 PM Mrs. Brinkman moved and Mr. Wisher seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Brinkman– Yes Wisher – Yes Grogg – Yes Wiltsie – Yes Suever – Yes

CLERK

PRESIDENT