

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS**  
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting  
January 9, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Jerrod Hawk.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Jerrod Hawk, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. January is School Board Recognition Month. The Administration would like to thank our current and past Board members for all that they have done to serve the students and community of Paulding.
5. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

Heather Eubank, Quiz Bowl Co-Advisor, recognized Xander Schawb for his performance in Quiz Bowl competitions this fall. Xander has been invited to participate in the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Rosemont, IL on April 7, 2024. Great job and good luck Xander!

6. Treasurer’s Report

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for December 2023 (Attachment B).
- (3) Approval of the following Student Activity Budget for the 2023-2024 school year (Attachment C).

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Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Saxton  
Nays – None

7. Administrators’ Report

A. Superintendent’s Report

- Growth in the number of ESL students (50+ district wide)
- MS/HS Fire Alarm System
- Board Training at 7:00 on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Academic Hall of Fame Class of 2024

B. Principal, Curriculum, Special Education and Athletic Reports

- None.

8. JVS Report

9. Legislative Report

## Recommendations by the Superintendent

### 10. Ohio School Boards Association

Karen Saxton moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to continue membership in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for the 2024 calendar year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Saxton, Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz  
Nays – None

### 13. 2024-2025 School Calendar

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar. A public hearing was held at the December 19, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting and the calendar complies with minimum hour requirements in the Ohio Revised Code. (Attachment D)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Saxton  
Nays – None

### 14. Farm Lease Bid

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to accept E & B Stoller Farm's bid for the Gorman Family Trust Scholarship Farm Lease at \$199.37 per acre/year for 51.3 tillable acres. (Attachment E)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton  
Nays – None

## Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

15. Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2023-2024 school year, except as noted, pending records:

A. Approval to accept the resignation of Ken Amstutz, Superintendent, effective August 1, 2024. He has served the district for 7 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Saxton  
Nays – None

### 16. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to hold an executive session to discuss employment of a public employee, specifically reemployment of the head volleyball coach.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller  
Nays – None

Time In: 6:35 p.m.

Time Out: 6:45 p.m.

17. Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2024-2025 school year, except as noted, pending records:

Whereas, the Athletic Director recommended that the Board not rehire Sydney Collins as head coach for volleyball for the 2024 season; and

Whereas, the Board reviewed four years of written performance evaluations of the coach and met with the Athletic Director in executive session to learn more about the reasons for his recommendation;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved: It is the Board's intention not to award to the same individual (Sydney Collins) for the 2024 season because of unsatisfactory performance and failure to make sufficient improvement following evaluations over a four-year period to meet expectations to be a qualified District coach.

Be it further resolved: The Athletic Director is directed to post the position of head volleyball coach for the 2024 season.

Roll Call:     Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Hawk, Saxton  
                  Nays – None  
                  Abstain – Arend

18. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to hold an executive session to discuss employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call:     Ayes – Arend, Stoller, Hawk, Manz, Saxton  
                  Nays – None

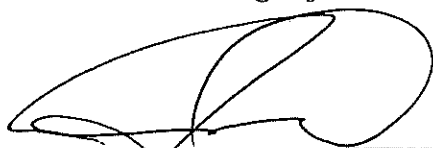
Time In: 6:49 p.m.                   Time Out: 7:10 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call:     Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton,  
                  Nays - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

  
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President

  
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Treasurer/CFO

