

Members Present: Mrs. Linda Blum, President  
Mrs. Jane Woodie, Vice President  
Dr. Karl Espeleta  
Mr. Nick Orrill  
Mr. Hobbs, Student Representative

Members Absent: Mr. Chris Pulos

Mrs. Blum presided over the meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the district's mission statement.

The student representative vote contained in these minutes is recorded for the purpose of participation but is not part of the count in determining approval or disapproval of items.

**No. 24-23** Mr. Blum motioned to approve the agenda as follows. Mr. Orrill seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Blum, Orrill, Woodie, Espeleta

Aye: Hobbs

Motion Carried

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Leingang presented Ms. Asma Ouafli with the "Superintendent's Helping Hands Award" for all her volunteer work at the Kleptz Early Learning Center.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ms. Sipes, Mrs. Leingang, Mrs. Mangen, and Mrs. Woodard presented on Strategy 4 - Staff Wellness. The group updated on their progress in developing what the next 5 years will look like.

### **VISITORS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

Pat Burnside - Opposition to LifeWise  
Erica Robinson - LifeWise

**No. 24-24** Dr. Espeleta motioned to approve the the treasurer's agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2024.
- B. Approve the financial reports for January 2024.
- C. Approve the Student Wellness and Success and Disadvantage Pupil Impact Aid Funding Plan.

D. Approve the then and now certificate:

Invoice No.	Purchase Number	Purchase Date	Vendor	Amount
769284	1145372	12/21/2023	I Am Boundless	\$18,112.00
OSBA	1160093	1/09/2024	OSBA	\$10,449.00
Cardinal Bus	1118035	1/08/2024	Cardinal Bus	\$ 8,000.00
FTI	1145370	1/25/2024	Mont. CTY Juvenile Court	\$ 3,640.00
151336-2	1118102	1/05/2024	Solid Blend Technologies	\$13,500.00
37674	1118105	1/08/2024	Farnham Equipment Comp	\$ 3,578.00

Mr. Orrill seconded the motion and the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Espeleta, Orrill, Blum, Woodie

Aye: Hobbs

Motion Carried

**No. 23-25** Mrs. Woodie motioned to approve the personnel agenda as follows:

**RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - CERTIFIED**

Margaret Brackman	Resignation as Teacher, Effective 7/31/24 - NW
Michelle Dennis	Retirement as Psychologist, Effective 5/31/24 - NW
John Rohde	Resignation as Substitute Teacher, Effective 1/1/24 - DS

**RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS - CLASSIFIED**

Heather Quillen	Resignation as Paraprofessional, Effective 2/20/24 - KELC
Leonda Scales	Resignation as Food Service Substitute, Effective 2/1/24 - DS

**NEW CONTRACTS/APPOINTMENTS**

Anthony Litersky	District & Athletic Grounds Manager, Effective 2/5/24 - DS
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**NEW CONTRACTS/APPOINTMENTS - CLASSIFIED**

Vanessa Bailey	Educational Assistant, 3 Hrs. Per Day, 0 Yrs. Exp., Effective 1/29/24 - UN
Julie Buzzard	Paraprofessional, 6.5 Hrs. Per Day, 2 Yrs. Exp., Effective 2/26/24 - UN
Ariella Hardin	Substitute Educational Assistant/Paraprofessional, As Needed, Effective 1/30/24 - DS
Joshua Parry	Substitute Driver Trainee, As Needed, Effective 2/2/24 - SC
Tammy Schmaltz	Substitute Custodian, As Needed, Effective 2/7/24 - DS
Tionna Stringer-Dumas	Substitute Educational Assistant/Paraprofessional, As Needed, Effective 1/29/24 - DS
Anna Sutherland	Educational Assistant, 3 Hrs. Per Day, 2 Yrs. Exp., Effective 2/5/24 - NM

**BUILDING CHANGE**

Caitlin Kaiser Paraprofessional from EH to NM, Effective 2/7/24

**SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

Sarah Emmons Orchestra, Cat. 15, 50%, 2 Yrs. Exp. - HS  
Rachel Lech Webmaster, Cat. 19, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp. - KELC

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE - REMAINDER OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mariah Mynes-Kelley Child-Care Leave of Absence - Effective 1/5/24 - KELC

**PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE - CERTIFIED**

Karen Clarke Paid Administrative Leave 1/31/24-2/9/24

**COACHES - HIGH SCHOOL**

Joseph Barnes	Track & Field Head Girls, Cat. 6, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Anthony Broering	Track & Field Head Boys, Cat. 6, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Benjamin Castle	Lacrosse Boys Assistant, Cat. 12, 100%, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Christina Champ	Track & Field Assistant, Cat. 13, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Brent Coppock	Track & Field Assistant, Volunteer, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Nicholas Culver	Track & Field Assistant, Volunteer, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Timothy Dakin	Lacrosse Boys, Volunteer, 2 Yrs. Exp.
Connor DeWine	Tennis Boys Assistant, Cat. 16, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp.
Mindy Ferguson	Softball JV Assistant, Cat. 17, 80%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Braydon Focht	Baseball Varsity Assistant, Cat. 16, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Ann Hall	Volleyball Head Boys, Cat. 7, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Jordan Hanscom	Baseball Freshman, Cat. 15, 36%, 2 Yrs. Exp.
Drake Hickman	Track & Field Assistant, Cat. 13, 100%, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Jackson Hobbs	Baseball Head JV, Cat. 13, 100%, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Braden Kindell	Facility Manager, Cat. 1, 25%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Tanner Lee	Baseball, Volunteer, 1 Yr. Exp.
John (Jack) Lintz	Spring Stadium Director, Cat. 10, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
John (Jack) Lintz	Track & Field Assistant, Cat. 13, 50%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Matthew Maiken	Softball Varsity Assistant, Cat. 16, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Kristin Mangen	Softball Head Coach, Cat. 7, 50%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Sarah McGonigle	Tennis Head Boys, Cat. 13, 100%, 2 Yrs. Exp.
Eric Newman	Facility Manager, Cat. 1, 25%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Matthew Pfeffer	Baseball Freshman, Cat. 15, 36%, 2 Yrs. Exp.
Katherine Pfeffer	Softball Head Coach, Cat. 7, 50%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Brandon Rexin	Baseball Head Varsity, Cat. 7, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Tamara Rizzo-Sterner	Softball JV Assistant, Cat. 17, 20%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Amanda Rose	Softball JV Head Coach, Cat. 13, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Joshua Russell	Lacrosse Head Boys, Cat. 3, 100%, 2 Yrs. Exp.
Colleen Shelley	Lacrosse Assistant Girls, Cat. 12, 100%, 1 Yr. Exp.

Jayla Tarver	Track & Field Assistant, Cat 13, 100%, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Janelle Tipton	Lacrosse Assistant Girls, Volunteer, 4 Yrs. Exp.
Jason Tipton	Lacrosse Head Girls, Cat. 3, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Brian Tolle	Baseball JV Assistant, Cat. 17, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Anthony Turner	Baseball Freshman, Cat. 15, 28%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Seth Wilson	Resignation as Boys Head Volleyball Coach, Effective 1/24/24

### **COACHES - MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Lori Barnes	Assistant Track, Cat. 17, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Paytin Borders	Assistant Softball, Cat. 17, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp.
Sarah Emmons	Head Softball, Cat. 15, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp.
Seth Forrest	Assistant Softball, Cat. 17, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Madison Gerding	Head Softball, Cat. 15, 100%, 4 Yrs. Exp.
Mark Mays, Jr.	Head Track, Cat. 15, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Seth Oberer	Assistant Track, Cat. 17, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Marc Pendleton	Assistant Track, Cat. 17, 50%, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Timothy Szabo	Assistant Track, Cat. 17, 100%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Adrian Warfield	Assistant Track, Cat. 17, 50%, 1 Yr. Exp.

### **UNPAID ABSENCES - CLASSIFIED**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.13 and Article 7 Section 7.06 of the Master Agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No.957, the Board hereby grants the following employees an unpaid absence for the following days from work:

### **Dock Days for 2/9/24**

Drake Hickman	1.75 Day - 1/11 (.75), 1/12
Carrie McRorie	.75 Day - 1/17
Jeffrey Tucker	.25 Day - 1/9

Mr. Orrill seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Woodie, Orrill, Blum, Espeleta

Motion Carried

**No. 24-26** Mrs. Woodie motioned to affirm the action of its designee with respect to appeals of student suspensions and expulsions heard the month of December 2023. The names of affected students are available in the Superintendent's office. Dr. Espeleta seconded the motion and the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Woodie, Espeleta, Blum, Orrill

Motion Carried

**No. 24-27** Dr. Espeleta motioned to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve out-of-state, overnight trip to the DECA Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California for students, advisor, and chaperone(s), April 27 - April 30, 2024.
- B. Approve out-of-state trip for five ROTC students and chaperones to New Albany, IN for the NJROTC Brain Brawl on February 17, 2024.
- C. Accept public cash donation of \$1000 from The Thompson Family Living to the Northmont High School ROTC program.
- D. Approve Urgent Necessity for the restoration of water-damaged areas at the high school, Shook Construction, not to exceed \$67,500, per Board Policy 6320.

Mrs. Woodie seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Espeleta, Woodie, Blum, Orrill

Aye: Hobbs

Motion Carried

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Mrs. Blum

\*The Northmont Education Foundation auction is on March 1, 2024.

Dr. Espeleta

\*We had three students compete in the Business Professionals of America competition.

Harrison Davis -1st

Khalil Hood - 3rd

David Oliver -3rd

Mrs. Woodie

\*The three honorees for the Role of Recognition are Pete Chakiris, Doug Doherty, and Debbie Stahl.

Mr. Orrill

\*Thanked Mr. Brumbaugh for hosting the Kleptz Early Learning School dance. It was held at the high school this year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

\*Grant money from the state of Ohio is used to help offset the cost of the expense of the cameras and servers.

\*Professional Development day is on Thursday, February 15th.

\*Bus Inspections start this week and will extend throughout the rest of the year.

- \*Thank you to Mr. Watson and Mr. Knecht for all their work with the flooding at the high school.
- \*All our winter sports teams are heading into tournament action.
- \*The Academic Team won their 11th tournament over the weekend.
- \*Parent/Teacher conferences are being held this week.
- \*The Middle School community breakfast is on Wednesday, February 14th.

**No. 24-28** There being no further business, Mrs. Blum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regular Board of Education meeting will at 6:00 p.m., February 26, 2024, Kleptz Early Learning Center, 1100 National Road, Englewood.

President *Chanda A. Blum*  
Treasurer *Ann Fernandez*

Visitors: 19