

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MARCH 19, 2024

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The Deer Park Community City Board of Education, Cincinnati, Ohio met in regular session, pursuant to the rules, in the Professional Development Center, 8688 Donna Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present – Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Absent – None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

No. 61-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the Meeting Agenda, of the regular meeting of March 19, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No. 62-24 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mr. Godwin, to approve the minutes of the Board Development meeting of February 6, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No. 63-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No. 64-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the minutes of the Board Development meeting of March 5, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

No. 65-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the Treasurer's financial report for the month of February, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO INVEST

No. 66-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to authorize the Treasurer to invest as follows:

Star Ohio*		
03/05/2024	Redemption	\$1,000,000.00*
03/19/2024	Purchase	\$2,500.00**

*To pay for district operations such as payroll, accounts payable, and outstanding checks.

**Hamilton County Public Health Mini Grant

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

No. 67-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following Grants for the fiscal year 2024:

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOL

FY2024 GRANTS

Federal / State Grants	
Grant Name	Allocation Amount
Title I	\$ 277,655.28
Title II	\$ 48,371.41
Title IV	\$ 22,290.05
IDEA-B	\$ 330,201.99
IDEA-ECSE	\$ 10,733.78
School Wide Pool	\$ 1,359,784.31
ARP Esser	\$ 581,073.54
Hamilton County Public Health Mini Grant	\$ 35,000.00
Stronger Connections Grant	\$ 16,525.53
Ohio Career Tech ED Equipment Grant	\$ 811,600.01

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

During reports of the Superintendent:

- Mindy Robertson and Brandon Grubenhoff gave the Curriculum & Instruction Report.
 - Report on Amity Curriculum and new learning opportunities and tools available for the students
 - Amplify curriculum software at the Career Tech Center
 - Equipment Grant to enhance our Career Academics and create a more robust Manufacturing Career
- Jake Snyder gave the Communications Report.
 - Career Tech Grant Story
 - Spelling Bee story about Grady Kloesz.
 - Sandy Mills Story and the Night for Fight Story
 - Upcoming Celebrate Excellence Nominees
 - 23 News stories released over the last month
 - PTO Spirit Wear Sale finalized and will distribute next week
 - Free School Supplies communications
- Karen Kellums gave the Great Oaks Report.
 - Students of the month were Sam Inabritt and Collin Watkins

- Greg Huster gave the Athletic Report.
 - All 12 CHL selections this year
- Jim Stoll gave the Director of Business Operations Report.
 - Working on renovations at the High School over summer
 - Spring Sports- Fields are getting ready

APPROVAL OF DONATION

No. 68-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following donations:

• Deer Park Dance Program	\$250	To be used towards the Jr/Sr High School Prom supplies for the 2023-24 school year.
• Anonymous	\$2,500	Athletics Department towards Football equipment and supplies. At the discretion of the Athletic Director.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

No. 69-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following courses to be adopted into the Jr/Sr High School course of study:

- CCP Intro to Education

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL GUARD AGREEMENT

No. 70-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the agreement with the National Guard for the ability to advertise and promote with permission from the district for the 2024-25 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

No. 71-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following overnight field trip:

Overnight Field Trip – 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC beginning Monday, November 18th, 2024 to Thursday, November 21st, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CARTWHEEL SERVICE AGREEMENT

No. 72-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the agreement with Cartwheel to provide mental health services, specifically telehealth therapy, to students in need.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF

No. 73-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, recommend Classified Employment for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Hayden	Custodian- 2nd Shift	4/1/24	See Attached

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

No. 74-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rylee Walling	International Club- Amity	\$1,231
Jason Dopp	Games Club- Amity	\$1,231

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXTENDED CONTRACT DAYS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

No. 75-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the following contract days for special education services for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>
McKenzie Wills	Speech Language Pathologist	Up to 5 Days	Current Per Diem Rate

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Godwin, Huster, Kellums, McCormick
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION

During Board Discussion:

The board of education would like to recognize 10th grade student Arionna Swegman for her proactive and compassionate initiative to address a critical issue in the City of Deer Park. Arionna took it upon herself to call the offices of Deer

Park and advocate for the replacement of worn out pedestrian signage due to lack of visibility, specifically for the visually impaired. Arionna has not only improved accessibility for individuals with low vision, but has also enhanced safety and convenience for the entire community. Her willingness to step up and address the worn out street signage demonstrates exceptional leadership and concern for the well-being of her community members, particularly those with low vision. Arionna's courage in speaking up, exemplifies her commitment to making a positive difference.

The board would like to recognize the remarkable achievement of the "Stay Golden" team from Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School for their exceptional contribution to the Night for the Fight cancer research fundraiser held at 5/3 Arena, University of Cincinnati, on February 24, 2024. Comprised of 14 dedicated students—Grace Loudon, Camille Lewis, Kylyn Little, Rachel Walker, Kaylan Harrison, Caden Lewis, Laura Bayer, Molly McHone, Dylan Rooks, Ellie Groeting, Reagan Osborne, Cameron Gilreath, Gina Wilson, and Haley Gilreath—"Stay Golden" not only surpassed their fundraising goal but also achieved the third-largest fundraising amount among 99 participating teams, raising a total of \$10,203. Their collective effort and spirit of generosity exemplify Deer Park Schools' commitment to service and unity in the fight against cancer, serving as an inspiring example for the entire community.

The board would like to recognize the remarkable efforts of Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Hodge, and the Amity Youth Service Club for their successful Candy Grams sale, raising \$400 for the American Heart Association, as well as Mrs. Fowler for her leadership in the "Jump Rope for the Heart" initiative. Through these efforts, along with activities that included practicing 911 calls, learning about healthy lifestyle choices, and teaching hands-only CPR, our school community has truly become heart heroes. Surpassing our fundraising goal of \$6,500, our dedicated students collectively raised \$8,952.59 for the American Heart Association. Special congratulations to Ember Saunders, Vivie Jones, and Gehrig Sayer for their outstanding individual contributions. Your commitment to supporting this lifesaving cause proudly shows the best of our school's spirit and generosity.

The board would like to extend its heartfelt congratulations to Grady Kloesz, a distinguished 6th grader at Amity Elementary, for his remarkable achievement of securing a tie for 4th place among 25 participants at the WCPO 9 / Scripps Regional Spelling Bee Ohio Region 2 on Saturday. This historic accomplishment represents the highest finish ever by a student from Amity Elementary in the regional competition, highlighting Grady's exceptional spelling skills and marking a moment of pride for our school community. Grady's journey to success, supported by the dedicated guidance of fifth-grade teacher Amy Jones, showcases his unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence. Principal Josh Drouhard and the entire Deer Park Schools community are immensely proud of Grady's exemplary performance, which stands as a symbol of hard work and academic excellence within our schools.

ADJOURNMENT

No. 76-24 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Signed) Peggy Besse
President

(Attested) 
Treasurer