

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: October 14, 2024

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 P.M at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center, 625 Broad Street.

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Stevens, Beck, McComas
Absent	Gordon
Administrators	13
Staff	3
Visitors	55
Liaison	Connor Gaugler

24-10-115 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Special Meeting October 4, 2024

VOTE: Yea - Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey
 Nay - None

Motion Carried,

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION

A. October Students of the Month

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
Elyse Haas	4	Franklin Elementary
Joseph Sheppard	4	Isham Elementary
Ever Booth	4	Lincoln Elementary
Thalia Kuhn	4	Overlook Elementary
Emma Kallai	4	Valley View Elementary
Sydney Shoemaker	5	Central Intermediate
Elliana Shoemaker	8	Middle School
Lillian Genet	12	Career-Technical
Kai Close	12	High School

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

A. Presentation by Eric Jackson, Director of Instruction and Professional Development: State of Ohio Report Card.

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- B. Discussion: Review Board of Education Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices, Including Compliance With New Requirements Enacted Into Law Through Ohio House Bill 250.
- C. Discussion: Review of Turf Color Options for the Field at Art Wright Stadium.
 - The Board of Education recommends Option #2 with red end zones with white letters outlined in black.
- D. Discussion: Set Date for Special Board of Education Meeting with PTO Presidents.
 - Meeting set for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the CRP Administration Building.
- E. 2023-2024 Quality Profile
- F. Wadsworth City School District Board of Education's Middle and High School Athletic Complex Master Plan Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Donna Gerengher addressed the Board regarding the 9/24/24 threat at WMS and the sharing of information with parents. She believes this was a missed opportunity for the District to see something and say something. She believes transparency builds trust and a plan should be in place to communicate to parents and students. She offered her time and expertise to assist the District with developing a plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

24-10-116 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items. from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Employments

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

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a) Certified Substitutes

Lorie Craig	
Jordan Kirven	(eff. 08/23/2024)
Karen Moore	(eff. 08/19/2024)
Christian Raineri	(eff. 10/07/2024)
Brenna Walker	
Madison Woodward	

b) Supplemental Contracts

Donna Adams	RTI Member
Stephanie Hofener	Power of the Pen
Larry (Charlie) Ries	Fall Weight Room Supervisor
	(eff. 10/07/2024)
William M. Schmeltzer	Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach (Vol.)

c) Eliot Coddling Theater Technician

d) Concert Event Workers

Kalyn Davis
Alex Mangano
Jocelyn Thompson

e) Formal Dance Monitors

Peggy Bower
Danielle Gaugler
Carol Grey
Kristen Highland
Jackie Knorr
Debbie Lake
Matt Pavlak

f) Home Instructors

Abbey Martin
Zachary Ockunzzi
Hope Zakany

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g) Volunteers

Brittney Ambrose	Jessica Morgan
Jennifer Asente	Kylene Myers
Pepper Bates	Sarah Patterson
Laurie Beal	Courtney Phelps
Taryn Busson	Amanda Rossi
Charles Cline	Karen Sharkey
Sara Drollinger	Ashley Sheppard
Lindsay Frame	Lindsey Sikora
Sam Haas	Steven Sikora
Beth Keck	Susan Smerekanich
Helen Kiko	Toni Smith
Julie Linder	Maddie Sponsler
Lois Lumsden	Jennifer Sterpka
Leonard Maher III	Marcia Wetshtein
Christa Marcum	

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

Motion Carried,

24-10-117 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, 3317.08, and 3313.841 O.R.C. between the Brunswick Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (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) between the Cloverleaf Local Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
3. 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(D) between the Rittman Exempted Village School District Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)

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4. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, and 3317.08 O.R.C. between the Elyria City Schools Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
5. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, and 3317.08 O.R.C. between the Lake Local School District Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
6. Recommendation to determine the following students are impractical to transport for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a) Rhys Browning Medina Christian Academy
 - b) Aiden Dill St. Hilary
 - c) Helaynah Lambert Medina Christian Academy
 - d) Robbie Petit Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School
 - e) Isaiah Pivonka Medina Christian Academy
 - f) Islah Pivonka Medina Christian Academy
 - g) Zinnia Primm Medina Christian Academy
 - h) Henry Russell Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School
 - i) Jocelyn Russell Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School
7. Recommendation to accept the following donations:
 - a) Mark & Rhonda Sandridge \$3,000
 - b) Wright Tool 2004 Ford F150
 - c) Davis Door \$500
 - d) Aqua Ohio, Inc. \$1,000
8. Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wadsworth Education Association and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
9. Recommendation to approve the pay rate of \$150/day for a substitute teacher who will be in the same position for at least fifteen (15) days, until the substitute teacher is no longer needed in the position or the substitute teacher exceeds sixty (60) days in the said position and then qualifies for pay and other benefits as outlined in Board of Education Policy 3120.04, Employment of Substitutes, and Revised Code 3319.10, effective August 22, 2024.

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10. Recommendation to approve the Agreement between Bob Rogers Travel and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
11. Recommendation to approve the Boiler Maintenance Agreement between S.A. Comunale and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of October 15, 2024 through October 14, 2025. (ATTACHED)
12. Recommendation to approve the revised Service Agreement Amendment between the Educational Service Center of Medina County and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
13. Recommendation to approve the Medina County Community Foundation Grant Agreements (2). (ATTACHED)
14. Recommendation to approve the revised 2024-2025 school year calendar. (ATTACHED)
15. Recommendation to approve a student activity fee of \$15 at the middle school and \$25 at the high school for each season of Esports. (ATTACHED)
16. Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wadsworth Education Association and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)

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

Motion Carried,

24-10-118 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Beck**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Personnel Item1 from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

C. PERSONNEL ITEM 1

1. Recommendation to approve Julie Batey as a volunteer.

VOTE: Present Not Voting – Batey
Yea – McComas, Stevens, Beck
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

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24-10-119 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Personnel Item 2 from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

2. Recommendation to approve Jill Stevens as a volunteer.

VOTE: Present Not Voting – Stevens

Yea – Batey, Beck, McComas

Nay – None

Motion Carried,

24-10-120 Upon the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Moore (per Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Policy 3120, Employment of Professional Staff) the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Batey**, to approve the following supplemental contract:

D. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

1. Michael Schmeltzer Girls' Reserve Basketball Head Coach

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey

Nay – None

Motion Carried,

ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

24-10-121 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Action Items of the Treasurer from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to transfer \$34,975.03 to Speech and Debate (200-919H) from the General Fund (001).

2. Recommendation to accept the financial reports as presented and subject to audit.

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey

Nay – None

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No updates until after the November election.

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BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

24-10-122 The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **McComas**, to adopt the Board Member Items Ratification of Resignations from the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. Ratification of Resignations

1. Renee Hajek (retire 01/01/2025)
2. Mary Linn (retire 06/01/2025)
3. Michael Schmeltzer Girls' Basketball Coach (Vol.)

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

Motion Carried,

CONNOR GAUGLER: Thanked the Board for having him back this month to inform what has been and what will be happening at Wadsworth High.

Events

- From September 30 to October 4, Student Council held a homecoming spirit week. This included differently-themed spirit days, a Great Gatsby-themed scavenger hunt during the academic labs, and culminated in an energetic pep rally on the Friday before the dance.
- Next month, there are a wide variety of events and activities that will take place in the building.
- The PSAT will take place for sophomores and juniors on October 17.
- In support of living life drug-free, Mrs. Beal will be organizing Red Ribbon Week throughout the building from October 21 through 25.
- On November 11, the high school will host their Veterans Day assembly with performances from the band and choir, along with several student speakers.

School Changes

- Throughout the remainder of this month, the WHS will be home to various college representatives: The University of Akron, Xavier University, Seton Hall University, Wittenberg University, Marietta College, and Cleveland State University.
- On October 15, 23, and 25, Guidance will be directing college application workshops to help students with school links, the common application, and whatever other questions or issues they may have.
- All juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to apply to the National Honors Society, with the application deadline being October 28.
- The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive partnering with the Red Cross on October 22.

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Fine Arts

- Last Thursday the high school choir performed a completely sold-out show in their first concert of the year.
- Wadsworth Off Broad Street Players will present the play "A Wrinkle Time" in the PAC from November 14 through 16.
- The Speech and Debate team will be competing in their first tournament of the year at Hudson on October 26.

Sports

- Our football team has carried on their winning streak, currently 8-0, placing us 1st in our conference and 29th in the State.
- Most of our fall sports have now ended, but some standouts of the season were our Girls' Varsity Cross Country team and Volleyball team who both ended as Suburban League Champions for the 2024 season.
- Winter sports are quickly approaching, with Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Swimming, and Wrestling all beginning within the next few months.

GARY

MCCOMAS: Congratulations to the students of the month. Congratulations and good luck to our sports teams as they head into tournament play.

TIM

BECK: The choir concert last week was excellent. Looking forward to seeing the Band this Friday. Lion King Jr at WMS is coming up. Lincoln revealed its new book vending machine. My favorite thing about being on the Board so far has been the tours of the buildings and seeing the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

JULIE

BATEY: The Board visited Franklin, MS, HS and Overlook to tour the buildings and observe all the wonderful things occurring in the schools between the staff and students. Franklin is up for their STEM School redesignation. Work on the WMS mural in the west hall is being completed by students and Mrs. Wallen. At Overlook different teaching techniques were being used by the teachers. There is a new book vending machine at Lincoln. Commented on the mindful moment's initiative she read about in the Valley View newsletter. Grizzly Academy held its first family event this year, and it was a huge success.

JILL

STEVENS: Really enjoyed the building tours as well as attending the MS and HS pep rallies. Thank you to the building principals for sharing your newsletters. Big shout out to all of the staff that facilitate the lock down at the HS homecoming dance.

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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:

- 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, B and E as listed above.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

24-10-123 The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **McComas**, to enter Executive Session at **8:25** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **10:03** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

24-10-124 The motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **McComas**, to adjourn at **10:03** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Jill Stevens, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer