

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Berea-Midpark High School, ATLAS Room, 165 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, OH 44017, and shown remotely on YouTube at the following address:

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### A. Opening Meeting

Members present: Chapman ☑ Mack ☑ Farris - Absent Michal ☑ Zirke ☑  
Time in: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call A-1  
[Minute 1:48](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of  
Allegiance A-2  
[Minute 1:57](#)

### B. Public Participation

The names and topics of participating community members are as listed: Bill Boone, BFT Shout-outs; Matt Petrus, BMMS Shout-outs; Nusrat Mehdi, Released Time for Religious Instruction; Deborah Thompson, Released Time for Religious Instruction; Leanne Gruss, LifeWise; Valerie Poirier, Released Time for Religious Instruction.

Pub. Part.  
B-1  
[Minute 2:22](#)

### C. Reports

None

### D. Superintendent Recommendations

Mrs. Wheeler reported that the Special Education Audit is moving forward. The first meeting of Titan Voices Advisory Board will be held this upcoming Wednesday; topics to be discussed include academic achievement, Meeting the needs of all students, and student mental health and wellness.

Supt. Update  
D-1  
[Minute 20:02](#)

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the letter of agreement between the Berea Board of Education and the Berea Federation of Teachers as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☑ Mack ☑ Farris - Absent Michal ☑ Zirke ☑  
Nays: None

BFT LOA  
D-2  
**24-1209-2236**  
[Minute 21:57](#)

Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve items D4 - D14 as part of the consent agenda

Ayes: Chapman ☑ Mack ☑ Farris - Absent Michal ☑ Zirke ☑  
Nays: None

Consent  
Agenda D-3  
**24-1209-2237**  
[Minute 23:16](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the Field Experience and Student Teaching Agreement between Kent State University College of Education, Health and Human Services, and the Berea School District for teacher candidate placements as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☑ Mack ☑ Farris - Absent Michal ☑ Zirke ☑  
Nays: None

KSU  
Agreement City  
D-15  
**24-1209-2238**  
[Minute 24:15](#)

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the Reading Improvement Plan as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☑ Mack ☑ Farris - Absent Michal ☑ Zirke ☑  
Nays: None

Reading Plan  
D-16  
**24-1209-2239**  
[Minute 24:57](#)

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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve the MOU with Cleveland State University For the addition of a new CCP course in the 2025-2026 school year as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

CSU CCP  
MOU D-17  
**24-1209-2240**  
[Minute 26:22](#)

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Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the Morton's Landscape Quote for soil Stabilization, mulch, and regrading at Berea-Midpark High School as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

BMHS Mulch &  
Regrading D-18  
**24-1209-2241**  
[Minute 29:42](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the purchase and installation of replacement Bleachers at Big Creek Elementary School as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Big Creek  
Bleachers D-19  
**24-1209-2242**  
[Minute 30:37](#)

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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve po0165, Board Meetings, as shown On the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

po0165  
D-20  
**24-1209-2243**  
[Minute 31:45](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve po5131, Student Transfers as shown on the Agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

po5131  
D-21  
**24-1209-2244**  
[Minute 32:46](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve po7540.09, Artificial Intelligence, as shown On the agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

po7540.09  
D-22  
**24-1209-2245**  
[Minute 33:21](#)

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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve Policy Revisions, Vol. 43, No. 1, as shown On the Agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Policy  
Revisions D-23  
**24-1209-2246**  
[Minute 33:59](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve Bylaw Revisions, Vol. 43, No. 1, as shown On the Agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Bylaw  
Revisions D-24  
**24-1209-2247**  
[Minute 39:30](#)

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Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to rescind Bylaws based on Revision Vol. 43, No. 1 As shown on the Agenda.

Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Bylaw  
Rescind D-25  
**24-1209-2248**  
[Minute 41:16](#)

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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve UGG EDGAR Policy Revisions Vol. 43, No. 1, as shown on the Agenda. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	Policy Revisions D-26 <b>24-1209-2249</b> <a href="#">Minute 41:57</a>
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First reading of po2265.	Po2265 D-27 <a href="#">Minute 43:08</a>
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#### E. Treasurer Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe reported the budget document was sent to the board today and was submitted for an award to OASBO. She is scheduling a Finance Committee Meeting in January.	Treasurer's Update E-1 <a href="#">Minute 44:24</a>
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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve items E3-E8 as part of the consent agenda. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	Consent Agenda E-2 <b>24-1209-2250</b> <a href="#">Minute 46:08</a>
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Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to authorize the treasurer to perform the following duty: Borrow or secure an advance draft of money, pending receipt of funds from the Cuyahoga County Treasurer or From the state treasurer. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	Treasurer Author. E-9 <b>24-1209-2251</b> <a href="#">Minute 47:12</a>
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#### F. Regular Business

Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting as shown on the agenda. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	Minutes Approval F-1 <b>24-1209-2252</b> <a href="#">Minute 48:15</a>
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Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve policy revisions to po5223, Released Time For Religious Instruction as shown on the agenda. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	Revisions Po5223 F-2 <b>24-1209-2253</b> <a href="#">Minute 48:31</a>
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Discussion of 2025 Board Meeting Dates.	Discussion F-3 <a href="#">Minute 57:13</a>
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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to hold the Tax Budget/Organizational Meeting/First Regular Meeting for the 2025 Fiscal Year on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. as shown on the agenda. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	January 2025 Meetings F-4 <b>24-1209-2254</b> <a href="#">Minute 59:04</a>
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Zirke moved and Mack seconded the resolution to appoint Cori Farris as the President Pro-Tempore for the Annual Organizational Meeting. Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ Nayes: None	President Pro-Temp. F-5 <b>24-1209-2255</b> <a href="#">Minute 59:44</a>
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Mrs. Chapman reported a lot is happening in the lame-duck session. If anyone would like details, they can reach out to Mrs. Chapman. She mentioned the education bills in the legislature: HB 164, HB 571, HB 590, HB 178, HB 525, HB 206, HB 563, HB 407, HB 445 and/or SB 293, HB 8, SB 295, HB 556, HB 622, HB 240, SB 336, HB 235, HB 267, SB 304, SB 311, SB 308, and HB 602.

Legislative  
Update F-6  
[Minute 1:00:05](#)

None Comm. Reports

None Board  
Comments

**H. Adjournment**  
Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes: Chapman ☒ Mack ☒ Farris - Absent Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Adjournment  
H-1  
**24-1209-2256**  
[Minute 1:0943](#)

Time adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

Date of Approval: 01/13/2025 Approved: Ana Chapman Attest: Julia Lowe