



**Delaware City Schools Board of Education  
Minutes of January 13, 2025  
Work Session  
Willis Education Center  
5:00pm**

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**2024-MR 1.0 Opening**

**2024-MR 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Delaware City Board of Education met in a Special session on January 13, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Willis Education Center.

Members present on roll call were:

Ms. Harris (President)  
Mr. Backus (Vice President)  
Ms. McDaniel-Browning  
Mr. Wiener  
Mrs. Gasaway  
Ms. Walraven\*

**2024-MR-1.2 Salute the Flag**

**2024-MR-1.3 Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Backus, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to adopt this agenda as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea.

President Harris declared the motion carried.

**2024-MR-2.0 Work Session Topics**

1. Baker Tilly - Mr. Founds and Mr. Buskirk, municipal advisors from Baker Tilly, presented information for the consideration of Bond Refunding for the district.
2. Permanent Improvement Discussion - CFO Corwin commented the district needs to consider the following factors; PI cost assessment, dollars that can be moved from the general fund, improvement considerations at Willis/Winter St. building, and district needs. Mrs. Kegley commented the district has placed projects on hold, and at the time the prior PI levy passed there were only five buildings and we now have seven. The number of students, transportation

needs, and technology needs have all increased. Mr. Sherman commented items that have been put on hold include; asphalt, busses, flooring, ceiling replacement, HVAC upgrades, furniture updates, carpeting, technology, safety and security, and bus lot gravel parking lot. A lot of work would need done in the first 2-3 years, but then it would settle down and move to a rotation basis. Dr. Swanger commented that curriculum implementations are on a 5-6 year cycle, and funds are needed to catch up and continue on a cycle moving forward. Mr. Backus asked for a dollar amount for projects to be provided at the February work session. Current PI dollars will not go away, this discussion is for additional PI dollars. The consideration would need approval by the June board meeting, with a filing deadline in August, and the earliest time frame of November to be on the ballot.

**2024-MR-3.0 Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. McDaniel-Browning, seconded by Mr. Backus to adjourn this meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea.

President Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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*President*

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*Treasurer*

*\*Denotes student Board member*