

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of a Regular session of the Bellefontaine Board of Education Meeting

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2025

Roll Call: Present --- Board Members Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tipple, and Christi Dodds.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 25-001 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 25-002 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lang to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

### HIGHLIGHTING BELLEFONTAINE CITY SCHOOLS

Board Appreciation

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- 25-003 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Lang to approve item A.

A. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Personnel

- 25-004 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve items 1-10.

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### 1. Professional Personnel – Extended Days

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed to 5 extended days for the 2024-2025 school year as indicated, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect according to the position salary schedule or hereafter adopted by the Board, effective on the date shown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Trevor Woods	Media Production	12/11/24

### 2. Professional Personnel – Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following teachers are hereby appointed to the professional staff substitute list of the Bellefontaine City School District for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, to be assigned as services are needed, at a salary in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Faith Denkwalter	Isaiah Irons
Keara Henry	Drew Jackson

### 3. Professional Personnel – Home Instruction/Tutors

The Superintendent recommends that the following teachers be appointed as home/school tutors for the 2024-2025 school year at an hourly rate in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Joni Siler	Bess Standley
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### 4. Service and Support Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignations are hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Stephen Buckingham	Educational Aide	12/20/24

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### 4. Service and Support Personnel – Resignations (con't)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Audrey Hess	Secretary	7/1/25
Ryan Holycross	Educational Aide	12/10/24
Amy Payne	Educational Aide	12/20/24

### 5. Service and Support Personnel – Leave of Absence

In accordance with the rules and regulations now in effect and subject to the approval of the Board, a leave of absence is hereby granted to the following staff members with the effective date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Heather Evans	Educational Aide	3/3/25
Bryan Patton	Custodian	12/19/24 *
Angel Sims	Food Service Worker	12/9/24

\* FMLA

### 6. Service and Support Personnel – Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect according to the position salary schedule or hereafter adopted by the Board, effective on the date shown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tonja Reed	Bus Driver	1/6/25

### 7. Service and Support Personnel – Tutors

The Superintendent recommends that the following classified person be appointed as home/school tutors for the 2024-2025 school year at an hourly rate in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Tamara Schneider

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### 8. Service and Support Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated for the 2024-2025 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brandy Bowers	Van Driver	1/6/25
Nicole Fulkerson	Educational Aide	12/13/24
Brenda Hall	Food Service	12/12/24
Tonja Reed	Bus Driver	10/21/24
Kylee Wrocklage	Custodian	12/20/24

### 9. Supplemental Contracts Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed for supplemental service in the public schools of the City School District of Bellefontaine pending satisfactory clearance from the bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for the 2024-2025 school year, and shall be compensated in accordance with the pay schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Ella Costin	HS Percussion
Sharon Lewis	HS Swimming (H)
Johnny Boling Maurice	HS Boys Wrestling (A)
Laura Mitchell	HS/MS/ES Orchestral Music

### 10. Approval of Athletic Workers

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed as athletic workers for the 2024-2025 school year at a pay rate of \$15 per hour, pending the satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Tayteum Vigansky

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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### B. Finance

25-005 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Lang to approve:

#### 1. Bellefontaine City School District Board of Education Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required – in accordance with Federal and State law (i.e., the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEA"), 34 C.F.R. 300.201, Ohio Revised Code 3323.08, and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-01) – to adopt and implement written policies and procedures approved by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW); and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, the DEW released updated Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that an educational agency can adopt to meet the preceding legal requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts DEW's Model Policies, and agrees to use the written policies and procedures in accordance with IDEA and the Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities (hereafter referred to as the "Operating Standards"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education agrees to use the required special education forms that are located on the DEW's website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the Model Policies, while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), and/or the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC"), and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws, regardless of whether their provisions are restated in the Model Policies; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

### OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

#### A. Superintendent

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25-006 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to approve:

1. Approval of Curriculum for the 2024-2025 School Year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine City School District Board of Education adopt the Ohio Learning Standards and Model Curriculum, as developed and adopted by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, as the curriculum to be taught in the district during the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-007 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Stewart to approve:

2. A Resolution of the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education to Administer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Paper-Pencil in 2025-2026

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 216 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, effective November 2, 2018, allows districts the option of paper or online test administration only for the third-grade state assessments, beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0711(G)(4), as amended by SB 216 provides:

- Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other public school, or chartered nonpublic school may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

WHEREAS, the Bellefontaine City School administration has recommended to the Board of Education that third-grade students are not academically ready to take the ELA assessment online.

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2. A Resolution of the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education to Administer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Paper-Pencil in 2025-2026 (con't)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education, being duly elected and acting as representatives of a legal and statutorily independent local board, will administer the 2025-26 third-grade English Language Arts Ohio State Test in paper-pencil format.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-008 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Fissel to approve:

3. Appointment of Bellefontaine Joint Recreation Board Representative

The Superintendent recommends that the following person be appointed to the Bellefontaine Joint Recreation Board effective January 1, 2025, with the term expiring on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Linda Holycross	12/31/27

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

Executive –Colin Yoder, Mark Fissel  
Finance – Mark Fissel, Karen Wilson  
Curriculum – Kristen Lang, Karen Wilson  
Buildings and Ground – Bryn Stewart, Kristen Lang  
Legislative – Colin Yoder, Bryn Stewart

### B. Board of Education

1. Reports

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center – Anne Reames  
Student Liaison – Karen Wilson

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### ADJOURNMENT

25-009 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.  
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

  
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PRESIDENT – Colin Yoder  
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TREASURER – Joshua Wasson