

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – January 14, 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members: Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure, Wylie Sirk, Darlene Juengel, and Joel Miller were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

ABSENT:

AGENDA

A. Call to Order *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 5:58 p.m.*

B. Oath of Office

C. Public Comment on Agenda Items

D. Organization of School Board for 2025

1. Elect Officers

Officers were voted on as a group with Michelle Stimpson making the Motion for Stacy Bussel as School Board President, Dave Hill as Board Secretary, and Jill Colclasure as Assistant Secretary. Dave Hill made the Motion for Jill Colclasure as Assistant Secretary. Motion passed 7-0.

- a. President – Stacy Bussel
- b. Vice President – Michelle Stimpson
- c. Secretary - Dave Hill
- d. Assistant ~~Vice~~ Secretary - Jill Colclasure (added 1/14/2025)

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Darlene Juengel, to appoint Beth Quinn as North Adams Treasurer and Lori Baumer as North Adams Deputy Treasurer. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer *Beth Quinn/Treasurer, Lori Baumer/Deputy Treasurer*

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Wylie Sirk to appoint Lori Baumer as Recorder for School Board Meetings. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Appointment of Recorder for School Board Meetings – Lori Baumer

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Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to appoint Wylie Sirk as Legislative Liaison. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Appointment of Legislative Liaison – Wylie Sirk

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to select Scott Ainsworth as North Adams Community Schools Attorney. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Select School Attorney -Scott Ainsworth

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to appoint Dave Hill to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Redevelopment Commission Appointment – Dave Hill

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to set the Regular School Board Meeting date and time as the second Tuesday of each month with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Establish the Meeting Day and Time for Regular Board Meetings

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Dave Hill, to maintain the Board Member's salary at \$2,000 per year. No per diem will be added. Motion approved 7-0.

8. Establish the salary for School Board Members

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Juengel, to appoint Kim Hiatt as the Administrator and Craig Lohr as the Teacher Representative of SEBT. Motion approved 7-0.

9. SEBT Trustee Appointments - Kim Hiatt/Administrator and Craig Lohr/Teacher Representative

Regular meeting suspended at 6:09 p.m. and Board of Finance Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Regular Board meeting resumed at 6:28 p.m.

E. Annual Board of Finance Meeting

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the Consensus Items as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

F. Consensus Items

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1. Minutes of

- a. December 10, 2024/Regular Board Meeting

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

a. Assignments

- 1. Dan Gerber to be assigned the position of Bus Driver at North Adams Community Schools effective January 6, 2025.
- 2. Kristen Krey to be assigned the position of Swimming & Diving Co-Head Coach at Bellmont Middle School effective January 13, 2025.
- 3. *Garrison Brege to be assigned the position of Co-Head Baseball Coach at Bellmont High School effective March 17, 2024. (Added 1/14/2025)*

b. Resignations

- 1. Lisa Frauhiger to resign the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Bellmont High School effective December 23, 2024.

c. Leaves

- 1. Christine Blythe requesting unpaid leave Jan 14-15, 2025.

d. Retirements

- 1. Dale Manis to retire from the position of Athletic Director at Bellmont High School effective January 3, 2025. (33 years)

e. Change of Position(s)

- 1. Aaron Baker to move from Bellmont High School Interim Athletic Director to Bellmont High School Athletic Director effective January 3, 2025.

f. LEA Business

g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

- 1. Bellmont High School Industrial Tech/University of Northwestern Ohio/Lima, OH/April 11, 2025
- 2. Bellmont High School Industrial Tech/Hobart Institute of Welding/Troy, OH/J&M Manufacturing/Fort Recovery, OH/April 15, 2025

-Mrs. Hiatt acknowledged the recent passing of Dale Manis, Bellmont High School's long-time Athletic Director, colleague, friend, student coach & mentor. She noted his official retirement this week and offered condolences to his family and many friends.

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G. **Program Update** Kati Todd / Bellmont High School Update

-Principal Todd discussed procedure changes at BHS including alignment of bell schedules with Bellmont Middle School and the addition of Home Room at the end of the day promoting relationship building.

-Ms. Todd stated that diploma requirements starting with current 8th grade students has changed which will allow more flexible scheduling opportunities.

H. **Old Business**

I. **New Business**

Regular meeting suspended and Preliminary Determination Hearing called to order at 7:03 p.m. Regular Board meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m.

1. Preliminary Determination Hearing

-Monty McCullough voiced concern for how the building project would affect local homeowner property tax rates.

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to grant permission to advertise from Barton Coe Vilamaa as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

2. Permission to advertise from BCV

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Joel Miller, to grant permission to North Adams Food Service to participate in Food2School Cooperative for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

3. Permission for North Adams Food Service to participate in Food2School Cooperative for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Juengel, to approve 2025 IRS Mileage Rate change as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Approval of 2025 IRS Mileage Rate

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve 2024-2025 Master Contract MOU as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

5. Approval of 2024-2025 Master Contract MOU

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Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve Resolution to move \$75,000 from Education Funds to Operations Funds on a monthly basis January 2025 to June 2025 as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

6. Approval of Resolution to move Education Funds to Operations Funds on a monthly basis January 2025 to June 2025

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve Early Literacy Achievement Grant Funds Expenditure as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

7. Approval of Early Literacy Achievement Grant Funds Expenditure

8. ~~Approval of MOU with ABA~~ (postponed to Feb)

9. First Read of Policy 7455

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve Personnel Assignment as presented. Motion approved 7-0.

10. Personnel

- a. Assignment

- i. Troy Fuhrmann to be assigned the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Bellmont High School effective January 13, 2025.

11. Superintendent's Report

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that her Winter Newsletter will be released soon. She noted that one area to be addressed in the newsletter will be how the decision is made to delay or cancel school

-In recognition of Board Appreciation month, Mrs. Hiatt thanked the Board for their public service and for setting an example for our student.

-Mrs. Hiatt's word of the year: FOCUS

12. Other Matters to come before the Board

J. Board Members and/or Public Comment

-Jill Colclasure commented that she and her son will miss Dale Manis greatly. She stated that Dale's office was her impaired son's safe haven when he was having a hard day at school and how appreciative she is for the time Dale invested in her son and the positive relationship they developed.

K. Adjournment: 7:29 p.m.