

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, January 13, 2025, immediately following the Organizational Meeting, 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: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Time in: 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call A-1  
[Minute 18:14](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of  
Allegiance A-2  
[Minute 18:27](#)

#### B. Public Participation

The names and topics of participating community members are as listed: Matt Petrus, BMMS Shout-outs; Bruna Galati, Inappropriate Book Update; Valerie Poirier, Released Time for Religious Instruction; Leanne Gruss, Released Time for Religious Instruction.

Pub. Part.  
B-1  
[Minute 18:48](#)

#### C. Reports

Mr. Doug Schwind presented the Polaris Update. The new course catalog was published at the end of December, and contains classes for many career training opportunities. On January 9, the Adult Education Career Open House was held. Polaris Board Member, Rocky Neale, will hold an information class on sports Officiating, called The Art of Sports Officiating on April 23. Diane Xander took control as Superintendent on January 1, 2025

Polaris Update  
C-1  
[Minute 27:56](#)

#### D. Superintendent Recommendations

Mrs. Wheeler shared information about the Titan Voices Advisory Board, including who it is comprised of. Conversations about the district, including overall academic performance. The next meeting will focus on Meeting the needs of all students and reflecting on the first meeting. Mrs. Wheeler has information on voucher Lawsuit, and it will be discussed further at the next meeting. She shares a document from Policy Matters Ohio, With the Board and directed attention to certain points to look into before the next meeting. Mrs. Wheeler recognized the Board in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

Supt. Update  
D-1  
[Minute 30:09](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve items D3 - D17 as part of the consent agenda

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Consent  
Agenda D-2  
**25-0113-2268**  
[Minute 40:25](#)

Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the purchase of three 72 passenger School bus chassis and bodies from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, as well as, the removal of the district assets The District Fleet to be used toward the purchase as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

School Bus  
Purchase &  
Trade D-18  
**25-0113-2269**  
[Minute 41:14](#)

Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the Competition Cheerleading Team's Overnight Field Trip to Walt Disney World, as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Overnight Field  
Trip D-19  
**25-0113-2270**  
[Minute 42:16](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve po2265, New Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles Of Political Movements and Technology as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

po2265  
D-20  
**25-0113-2271**  
[Minute 42:54](#)

#### E. Treasurer Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe has 10 to 15 individuals who have expressed interest to sit on the finance committee. The meetings Will be scheduled now that the Board of Education meetings have been voted on. Mrs. Rowe also Presented the December 2024 Monthly Report.

Treasurer's  
Update E-1  
[Minute 43:47](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve items E3-E7 as part of the consent agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Consent  
Agenda E-2  
**25-0113-2272**  
[Minute 44:52](#)

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Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025, as shown in the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Tax Budget  
Approval E-8  
**25-0113-2273**  
[Minute 45:21](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the Revised Five-Year Forecast as shown on The agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Revised Five  
Year Forecast  
E-9  
**25-0113-2274**  
[Minute 48:04](#)

#### F. Regular Business

Mack moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris - Abstain Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Minutes  
Approval F-1  
**25-0113-2275**  
[Minute 50:00](#)

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Board members discussed Released Time or Religious Instruction.

Discussion  
RTRI F-2  
[Minute 50:42](#)

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Chapman moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 5223, to add the the second option for background checks after the "or" listed in the attachment as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Mack ☒ Chapman ☒  
Nayes: Farris ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

po5223  
Revision F-3  
**25-0113-2276**  
[Minute 1:29:04](#)

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Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the revision to Policy 5223, to add the prohibiting of materials, snacks, clothing, trinkets or other items, as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: Farris ☒

po5223  
Revision F-4  
**25-0113-2277**  
[Minute 1:29:58](#)

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Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Wheeler discussed HB 8, which contains religious release time, and HB 206, regarding Expulsions. Mrs. Chapman also made mention of HB 556, HB 622, SB 295, HB 240, SB 305, SB 304, SB 311, SB 308 and HB 103.

Legislative  
Update F-5  
[Minute 1:51:16](#)

Mrs. Zirke reported the Educational Foundation will meet this upcoming Tuesday. Mrs. Chapman reported the Wellness Committee is meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. Farriss reported the Financial Audit Committee is slated To meet in February.	Comm. Reports F-6
None	Board Comments

<b>G. Adjournment</b>	
Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.	Adjournment
Ayes:   Farris <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mack <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zirke <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H-1
Nayes: None	<b>25-0113-2278</b> <a href="#">Minute 1:58:44</a>

Time adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Date of Approval: 02/18/2025 Approved: *Caroline A. Jarvis* Attest: *Jul A. Lowe*