

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025

Roll Call: Present --- Board Members Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tipple, Christi Dodds, Kenneth Hoffman, Claire Grandstaff and family, Brody Boy and family, and the Press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 25-022 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Board Meeting and the March 3, 2025, Board Meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 25-023 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Stewart to approve the agenda as presented.

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

HIGHLIGHTING BELLEFONTAINE CITY SCHOOLS

Seniors of the Month, Claire Grandstaff and Brody Boy were recognized.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 25-024 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to go into the Committee of the Whole.

A. Board Policy Update – Brad Hall

The following Board of Education policies have been updated and are listed below for Board review.

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
0131.1	Copy of TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
0171	Rescind REVIEW OF POLICY
1422.01	New DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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A. Board Policy Update – Brad Hall (con't)

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2260.02	Revised SINGLE GENDER CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES
2265	PROTECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEFS, AFFILIATIONS, IDEALS, OR PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND IDEOLOGY
2271	Copy of COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM
2340	Copy of FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS
2431	INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
2460	Revised SPECIAL EDUCATION
5113	Revised INTER-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT
5120	Rescind ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT
5131	Rescind STUDENT TRANSFERS
5136.01	Copy of ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
5223	Revised RELEASED TIME FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
5330	USE OF MEDICATIONS
5350	Revised STUDENT HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
5460	Copy of GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
5610	Revised REMOVAL, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, AND PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS
5751	Revised PARENTAL STATUS OF STUDENTS
5780.01	New PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS
6151	Vol. 43, No. 2 – January 2025 Revised INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS
6460	Revised VENDOR RELATIONS
7421	New RESTROOMS, LOCKER ROOMS, SHOWER ROOMS AND CHANGING ROOMS
7440.01	Copy of VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND ELECTRONIC MONITORING
8142	Copy of CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR CONTRACTED SCHOOL SERVICES
8452	Revised AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS ("AED") AND CARDIOPULMINARY RESUSCITATION
8500	Replacement FOOD SERVICES

B. 2026 Marching Band Trip to Nashville, Tennessee – Kenneth Hoffman

C. 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Calendar Review – Brad Hall

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

25-025 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to come out of the Committee of the Whole.

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

25-026 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Fissel to approve items A-D.

- A. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
- B. 3rd Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

The attached is the second amended official certificate of estimated resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as revised by the Budget Commission of Logan County, which shall govern the total of appropriations made at any time during the fiscal year.

- C. 3rd Supplemental Appropriation Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Bellefontaine City School District, Logan County Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Board of Education, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sums in the attached resolution be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during the fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is directed to certify a copy of the 3rd Supplemental Appropriations Resolution to the Logan County Auditor.

- D. Certificate Required Under Section 5705.412, Revised Code

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Treasurer, Superintendent and board president are authorized to sign the following certificate as required under Section 5705.412, Revised Code, certifying the availability of funds to cover the 3rd Supplemental Appropriation Resolution.

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Personnel

25-027 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve items 1-12.

1. Professional Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignation is hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brad Hall	Superintendent	7/31/25

2. Professional 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 member with the effective date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cheryl Poppel	Health/PE	3/14/25

3. Professional Personnel – Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed for service in the public schools of the City School District of Bellefontaine, pending licensure verification and satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for the 2025-2026 school year, at an annual salary in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Alexis Kendall	Speech Pathologist

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4. 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 at an hourly rate in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Miles Pickering

Patricia St. Clair

5. Professional Personnel – Home Instruction/Tutors

The Superintendent recommends that the following teacher 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.

Kim Brown

6. 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>
Joanna Arthur	Food Service Worker	6/1/25
Beth Barrett	Media Aide	5/30/25
Kimberly Bell	Food Service Worker	6/1/25
Lisa Legge	Food Service Worker	6/1/25
Patricia St. Clair	Secretary	2/10/25

7. 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>
Hellyn Parker	Educational Aide	2/21/25

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8. Service and Support Personnel – Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated, pending licensure verification and 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>
Beth Barrett	Secretary	8/11/25
Terry Headings	2 nd Shift Custodian	3/10/25
Chandler Martell	Educational Aide	2/25/25

9. Service and Support Personnel – Appointment of Communications Coordinator

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following person be employed for the administrative position listed below and placed on the administrative salary schedule with a one-year contract beginning on March 10, 2025.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Krista Adelsberger	Communications Coordinator – 60%

10. Service and Support Personnel – Tutors

The Superintendent recommends that the following classified persons 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.

Chandler Martell	Hannah Stidham
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11. Service and Support Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is 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>
Ava Huffman	Educational Aide	2/27/25

12. Approval of Volunteer Coaches

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed as volunteer coaches for the 2024-2025 school year, pending a satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. No compensation is due.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jim Ball	HS Tennis
Jacob Chrysler	HS Baseball

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

B. Finance

25-028 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Stewart to approve:

B. Finance

1. Resolution to Adopt Special Education Model Policies and Procedures

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") that the District will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

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1. Resolution to Adopt Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (con't)

WHEREAS, DEW developed a document entitled "Special Education Model Policies and Procedures" ("2024 Model Policies") that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the Board approved Resolution 25-005 to adopt DEW's 2024 Model Policies; and

WHEREAS, the District subsequently learned that the 2024 Model Policies contain certain statements that conflict with the existing State and Federal laws and/or applicable caselaw; and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in rescinding its earlier action and instead adopting a slightly modified version of DEW's 2024 Model Policies that is consistent with existing State and Federal law and/or applicable caselaw;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds Board Resolution 25-005 and adopts DEW's 2024 Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below shall be considered either modified as specified, or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the District complies with applicable State and Federal laws and/or caselaw;

- **P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records.**

- Original Language: "Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents."
- Action: Replace sentence with "Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the District is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the District based on State or Federal law or applicable retention schedules, the parent may request that the information be destroyed."

- **P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense.**

- Original Language: "An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above."
- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

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1. Resolution to Adopt Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (con't)

- **P. 33. Extended School Year.**

- Original Language: "The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets."
- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

- **P. 42. Services.**

- Original Language: "Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind."
- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein). The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board's adoption of the modified 2024 Model Policies through DEW's monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution by March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein), while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable caselaw, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

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

OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

A. Superintendent

25-029 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

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1. Adoption of Bellefontaine City Schools Student Electronic Devices Loan Agreement and Student Acceptable Use Policy for the 2025-2026 school year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine Board of Education approve the Bellefontaine City Schools Student Electronics Devices Loan Agreement and Student Acceptable Use Policy for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

2. Committee Reports

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

B. Board of Education

25-030 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to approve:

1. Professional Personnel – Hiring of Retired Staff Administrative Appointment

Subject to the approval of the Board and in accordance with Section 3309.345 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following member is hereby appointed for services in the public schools for the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Brad Hall	Superintendent

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Yoder, Wilson.
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2. Reports

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

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ADJOURNMENT

25-031 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to adjourn.

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



PRESIDENT – Colin Yoder

TREASURER – Joshua Wasson