

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6 P.M., Auditorium, 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 - Absent Zirke ☒
Time in: 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call A-1
[Minute 1:15](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of
Allegiance A-2
[Minute 1:29](#)

B. Special Recognition

Students, staff, and community members from all buildings were recognized for encompassing the behavior
And beliefs for what it means to "Be a Titan."

Be A Titan
B-1
[Minute 2:20](#)

C. Public Participation

None

Pub. Part.

D. Reports

Mr. Doug Schwind provided the Polaris Update. Polaris will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. Cosmetology Students recently participated in A Night to Shine, an event for individuals with special needs. Certain program Students participated in a Skills USA Competition, and the following Berea-Midpark students participated: Joseph DeLuise placed third in electrical construction wiring, Dominic Nofel placed second in First Aid & CPR, And Sydney Horwath placed ninth in medical terminology. Camp Discovery will be held June 9th through 12th. Fall 2025, Polaris will participate in the College and Career Fair. Polaris hosted Build Her Own on March 1st with Great success, received great feedback, and will most likely become an annual event. Regency Construction and Henkle Corp were corporate sponsors.

Polaris Update
D-1
[Minute 31:28](#)

E. Superintendent Recommendations

Mrs. Wheeler held the Titan Voices Advisory Board meeting on March 5. Different events happening in the district And issues surrounding public education at the federal and state levels were discussed. The next meeting will be Held on May 21, 2025, a good portion of that meeting will focus on proposed state legislative updates.
Mrs. Wheeler will attend the State Legislative Conference on March 18, where lobbyists present, legislators will Join, including the chair of the Senate of Education Committee, Andrew Brener. Two key points of concern are Funding and transportation. She will also meet with Mike Dovilla on March 31 to make him aware of concerns Surrounding the budget and public school funding.

Supt. Update
E-1
[Minute 36:07](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the Summer School 2025 Proposal as
On the agenda.

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

Summer School
Proposal
E-2
25-0317-2293
[Minute 40:35](#)

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve items E4 - E17 as part of the consent agenda
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda E-3
25-0317-2294
[Minute 41:25](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve items E19-E20 as part of the consent agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda E-18
25-0317-2295
[Minute 42:26](#)

Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the renewal agreement for the next 24-month term with ENGIE Resources LLC as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Master Energy
Resolution E-21
25-0317-2296
[Minute 43:17](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the quote from Collins Equipment Corp, in the Amount of \$314,295.35 for the purchase of an above ground fuel tank, installation, and removal of the previous Fuel tank at the Bus Garage as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Fuel Tank
Quote
E-22
25-0317-2297
[Minute 44:08](#)

Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the tuition-free, 12th-grade student for The remainder of the 2024-2025 school year as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Tuition-Free
Senior E-23
25-0317-2298
[Minute 45:19](#)

Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the motion to BE IT RESOLVED, the Berea Board of Education authorizes And directs the Berea City School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding and directs the Treasurer to pay the coalition dues as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Voucher Join.
Resolution
E-24
25-0317-2299
[Minute 45:44](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the motion to BE IT RESOLVED, the Bereas City School District Board of Education supports the Fair School Funding Plan as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Fair School
Fund. Resol.
E-25
25-0317-2300
[Minute 46:57](#)

F. Treasurer Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe shared the February monthly report and a portion of March's tax funding. February's tax revenue was significantly lower than normal due to tax bills being sent out late by the county. Concerns about state Budget processes were expressed.

Treasurer's
Update F-1
[Minute 48:29](#)

Chapman moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve items F3-F6 as part of the consent Agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda F-2
25-0317-2301
[Minute 51:38](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve items F8-F17 as part of the consent Agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda F-7
25-0317-2302
[Minute 52:07](#)

G. Regular Business

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, IDEA Hearing and the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting as shown on the agenda.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Minutes
Approval G-1
25-0317-2303
[Minute 53:53](#)

Mrs. Chapman provided the legislative update. The following Senate Bills are under discussion: SB 34, Requires school boards to display selected historical documents by July 2026; SB 113, would prohibit diversity, Equity, and inclusion programs in schools; SB 109/HB 97, a bipartisan bill to provide free breakfast and lunch to Students; SB 68, would create an unregulated voucher program for private education; SB 19, mandates Intervention for students testing below proficient in English and math; SB 1, a controversial higher education bill that Would ban DEI efforts, prevent faculty strikes, set rules around classroom discussions, and put diversity scholarship at Risk, and requires American history courses with prescribed readings.
The following House Bills are under discussion: HB 155, companion to SB 133 on prohibiting DEI programs, HB 142, Would require agencies to collect data on citizenship/immigration status; HB 96, a budget bill that reduces public school Funding by \$3 million while increasing private school vouchers by nearly \$500 million.

Legislative
Update G-2
[Minute 54:25](#)

Mrs. Zirke reported the Education Foundation is still calculating numbers from the auction. Mrs. Chapman Reported the Wellness Committee is presenting at next month's board meeting and a date is set for next September for the Wellness Fair. Mrs. Farris commented on the Titan Voices Meeting, and was impressed with The turnout and engagement. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting, and was again impressed with the Community involvement and representation from all three cities. Mr. Mack attended both the recent Band Concert and Orchestra Festival. Mrs. Chapman recognized the winter athletes who made it to States. Mrs. Wheeler recognized Mr. Dorian King, Transportation Supervisor.

Committee
Reports &
Brd. Comments
G-3
[Minute 1:00:27](#)

H. Adjournment

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal - Absent Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Adjournment
H-1
25-0317-2304
[Minute 1:23:10](#)

Time adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

Date of Approval: 04/14/2025 Approved: Corinne A. Farris Attest: Bill A. Rowe