The Delphos Board of Education met in regular session March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office

The following members were present:

Mrs. Lynn Bockey	Mrs. Tina Brinkman	Mr. Jason Grogg
Mrs. Karen Grothouse	Mrs. Rebecca Suever	

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Bockey.

Approval of Agenda

The Delphos City Schools Board of Education is being asked to consider a number of items together in one motion (following a consent agenda format). These items are presented under the "Treasurer's Report" and under the "Superintendent's Report" sections of this agenda. Board members should review these items and request any item(s) he or she would like to have considered separately removed from the consent recommendation and included for a separate Board decision.

Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Laura Peters went over the agenda items with the board. She informed the board that the FY24 audit has been released and is available for public viewing. Mrs. Peters also noted that she has completed several required surveys this spring and that the property tax settlements were being received and were up for the year compared to last year.

Treasurer: Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve February 24, 2025, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment A)

B. Approve financial statements for the period February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025

- Payment of invoices for reporting period. (Attachment B)
- Fund balance statement (Attachment C)
- Cash Reconciliation worksheet (Attachment D)
- Investment report (Attachment E)
- Appropriation account summary and revenue account information reports (per email)

C. Approve the additional pays for February. (Listed below)

Class Coverage $30: Elizabeth Beaubien, Ryan Fisher, Ashley Shroyer, Jessica Spencer
Class Coverage $60: Damon Ulm
Stephanie Braun Board Policy $137.30
Cindy Redmon Tutoring $103.50

Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jeff Hobbs introduced Franklin Principal Bob Hohlbein who then welcomed Melanie Koenig to the district as a newly hired 1st grade teacher.

Athletic Director Kent Smelser gave the board an update on the athletic department. He went over the numerous projects that were made possible by donations. Mr. Smelser then gave an update on the number of athletes participating in the spring sports season.

Mr. Chad Brinkman gave a report on high school discipline and then introduced high school counselor Mrs. Kellie Sterling and student Audrey Violet. Mrs. Sterling spoke about the 8th grade tours of the high school to help make those students comfortable about moving to the high school next year as freshman. Audrey then talked about how attending CCP classes was a huge benefit to her. Mrs. Sterling also talked about the various elective classes that have been brought back over the past couple of years allowing students to have more choices in their schedules.

Middle School Principal Tony Langhals talked about how it has helped students by having a full-time counselor available to them. He also spoke about upcoming testing and how 5th graders are participating in a life skills class with Deputy Tibbs from the Allen County Seriff's Department. Mr. Langhals also talked about the busy time of the year with wrapping up the school year as well as getting ready for the next years start of school.

Mr. Hobbs went over the agenda items and updated the number of students who attend Delphos City Schools. He also thanked the Fraternal Oder of Eagles for their generous donation to the school. He also noted that the school received a safety grant in the amount of $40,000.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

25-03-01R

A. Employment

1. Certified

- Accept the resignation of Maureen Rentz as Delphos Special Education Officer effective May 22, 2025.
- Approve Melanie Koenig, 1st Grade Teacher, Step 1 (pending proper certification and licensure)

2. Non-Certified

a. Classified Staff

- Terry Trentman incremental increase for achieving Pesticide Certification

- Ron Culp, HS Custodian, resignation effective 3-7-25
- Mary Looser, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective 2-20-25

a. Classified Supplemental Employment

- Correction: Brad Rostorfer, Head Baseball Coach, Step 2+

B. Accept the Following Donations:

- $5000.00 from the Jefferson Athletic Boosters for weight/locker room improvements.
- $1059.75 from Jefferson Athletic Boosters for Baseball Safety Nets
- $1743.17 from VW County Foundation for Melvin Hoover Scholarship
- $75,000.00 from Delphos Eagles for Jefferson Athletic Department
- $75,000.00 from Delphos Eagles for Delphos City Schools for Special Projects and Student Initiatives
- $200.00 Grant from the NASSP awarded to Zada Grogg to build a clothing donation box.
- $3884.21 Ohio Attorney General Formula-Based Safety Grant-Authorize the treasurer to use fund 499 with a special cost center of 9025 to administer the grant.
- $40,000.00 Ohio Attorney General FY25 Program Based School Safety Grant-Authorize the Treasurer to use fund 499 with a special cost center of 9225.
- $20,000.00 from Daniel Rode for the Daniel and Helene Rode Scholarship.

C. Approve the OSBA new/revised policies: (Attachment F)

25-03-02R

1) Approve the following Resolution pertaining to Special Education Model Policies and Procedures

WHEREAS, RC 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

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

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Board approved to adopt and implement DEW's 2024 Model Policies; and

WHEREAS, the District subsequently learned that the 2024 Model Policies contain certain statements that conflict with existing state and federal laws and/or applicable case law:

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 laws and/or case law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds the previously adopted DEW's 2024 Model Policies 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 is either modified as specified, or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the district complies with applicable state and federal laws and/or case law:

- **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 record 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.

- **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 modified Model Policies as set forth above. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board's adoption of the modified Model Policies through DEW's monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution; 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 regulations implementing IDEA, the 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 case law, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted Model Policies.

2) Suspend the requirement for a first and second reading of the following policies, which require Board approval by April 9, 2025
Approve the OSBA new/revised policies.

- JEFB: Released Time for Religious Instruction
- IGBA: Programs for Students with Disabilities

3) First Reading of the OSBA Policy

Adding new policies:

- IGBLA: Promoting Parental Involvement

Updates to the following:

- GBH (also JM): Staff-Student Relations
- IGAH/IGAI: Family Life Education/Sex Education
- IJ: Guidance Program
- JHC: Student Health Services and Requirements
- JHCA: Physical Examination of Students
- JHF: Student Safety
- KBA: Public's Right to Know
- EDE: Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
- BCE: Board Committees
- BD: School Board Meetings
- JGE: Student Expulsion
- JHCD: Administering Medicines to Students
- JHCD-R-1: Administering Prescription Drugs to Students (General Regulation)
- IGCH-R (Also LEC-R): College Credit Plus
- JECBB: Interdistrict Open Enrollment
- JHG: Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training
- DECA: Administration of Federal Grant Funds
- DID: Inventories (Fixed Assets)
- DJF: Purchasing
- DJF-R: Purchasing

D. Approve the project with Farnham Equipment to install handrails and step widening on the bleachers in the Jefferson Middle Schools.

E. Approve the Class of 2025 graduation list-The 150th Graduating Class of Delphos Jefferson. (Please see attachment G-names for graduating class of 2025)

F. Approve the project with Vorst Paving Inc. for the Parking Lot on the property formerly of the Sarah Jane Building.

G. Approve the proposal with PublicSchoolWorks for safety, regulatory compliance and risk management solution for schools' software.

Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Motion by Mrs. Grothouse
Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

Roll call vote: Mrs. Grothouse, Mrs. Brinkman, Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs had no report.
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning no report
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni reported that the alumni dinner is June 14th.
4. Personnel, Policy, and Governance reported that the policy committee met to review policy updates.
5. Vantage Career Center Mrs. Suever reported that Vantage has a record number of applications for the FY25-26 school year with several programs being full.

WILDCAT "PAWS-ITIVIES" were given by Mr. Brinkman to Zada Grogg for receiving a grant to make a donation box to run a clothing drive to help needy students. Mrs. Laura Peters thanked the staff for all of the help for making the financial audit a success by following the proper policy and procedures. Mrs. Stephanie Braun commended the preschool staff, parents and volunteers for making the preschool family night a success.

ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board move to adjourn the March 24, 2025, regular meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 5:48 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be April 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

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President, Lynn Bockey

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Treasurer, Laura A. Peters