



**Delaware City Schools Board of Education
Minutes of April 21, 2025
Special Meeting
Willis Education Center
6:00pm**

2024-MR 1.0 Opening

2024-MR 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call

The Delaware City Board of Education met in a Special session on April 21, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Willis Education Center.

Members present on roll call were:

Ms. Harris (President)
Mr. Backus (Vice President)
Ms. McDaniel-Browning
Mr. Wiener
Mrs. Gasaway

2024-MR-1.2 Salute the Flag

2024-MR-1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Mr. Backus to adopt this agenda as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea.

President Harris declared the motion carried.

2024-MR-2.0 Executive Session

I recommend the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing and the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding and preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

Moved by Ms. McDaniel-Browning, seconded by Mr. Wiener to enter into executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing and the

purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding and preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea.

President Harris declared the Board in executive session at 6:02 pm.

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Ms. McDaniel-Browning to exit out of executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing and the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding and preparing for conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea.

President Harris declared the Board out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

2024-MR-3.0 Work Session Topics

1. Permanent Improvement Discussion -

● Financial Overview

- CFO Corwin presented data outlining real property values, millage rates, and projected revenue.
- A millage range of 2.7 to 3 mills was recommended by legal counsel, with a refined proposal of 2.85 mills, which would generate approximately \$4.5 million in revenue.
- Cost to taxpayers at 2.85 mills:
 - \$99.75 per \$100,000 in property value
 - \$199.50 per \$200,000
 - \$299.25 per \$300,000

● Property Value Discussion:

- Mrs. Gasaway explained the difference between sale price and market value.
- She provided data on average home sale prices, DCS property values, and value distribution of homes.

● Identified Needs and Priorities:

- Mrs. Kegley outlined immediate funding needs:
 - New math curriculum
 - Additional bus purchase
 - Asphalt maintenance at multiple sites
 - Roofing work at Smith Elementary
- Emphasized the need for ongoing maintenance schedules for HVAC, technology, etc.

- Estimated cost: Approximately \$4 million
 - Future Needs:
 - Restroom upgrades
 - Furniture rotations across buildings
 - Athletic field maintenance
 - Technology updates and phone system replacement (targeted for 2029)
 - Discussion Points:
 - Mr. Backus inquired about future turf replacement (last installed in 2015; lifespan is 10 years).
 - Concerns were raised about potential tariff impacts on costs (e.g., HVAC, buses, construction).
 - Mr. Backus and Ms. Harris emphasized the need to keep the levy reasonable and voter-friendly.
 - Board Consensus:
 - General agreement on 2.85 mills as an appropriate and justifiable amount.
 - Mrs. Corwin to collaborate with legal counsel on a formal resolution for possible presentation at the next board meeting.
2. Facilities
- Mrs. Corwin, at the request of the board, provided board members with information related to the Willis Administration Building. Due to time constraints, Mr. Backus suggested that the discussion regarding the Willis building be added as an agenda item for the next board meeting.

2024-MR-4.0 Action Items

2024-MR-4.1 Approve authorization that a public auction be held

I recommended the Board authorize that a public auction be held related to real property owned by the Board and no longer needed for school purposes in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3313.41.

Moved by Mr. Backus, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to approve authorization to hold a public auction as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea.

President Harris declared the motion carried.

2024-MR-5.0 Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Mr. Wiener to adjourn this meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. McDaniel-Browning, yea.

President Harris declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

President

Treasurer