

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – May 13, 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members: Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure, Wylie Sirk, Darlene Hebble Juengel, and Joel Miller were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

ABSENT: Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson

AGENDA

A. Call to Order: *The meeting was called to order by Dave Hill at 5:59 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. North Star Awards
 - a. IREAD-3 / Perfect Test Scores: Ryk'r Handshoe, Chayton Martinez, Jed Curtis

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

*Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve the Consensus Items as presented.
Motion approved 5-0.*

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of
 - a. April 08, 2025/Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel
 - a. Assignments
 1. Faith Morris to be assigned the position of Mathematics Teacher at Bellmont High School effective August 5, 2025.
 2. Benjamin Burman to be assigned the position of Part-Time English Teacher at Bellmont High School effective August 5, 2025.
 3. Kevin Jefferson to be assigned the position of Physical Education and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective August 5, 2025.
 4. Zayne Roop to be assigned the position of Part-Time Summer Custodian/Grounds at North Adams Community Schools effective May 23, 2025.
 5. Melissa Turner to be assigned the position of Part-Time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 27, 2025.

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6. Danielle McPherson to be assigned the position of Part-Time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 27, 2025.
7. Samantha Sorg to be assigned the position of Part-Time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 27, 2025.

8. **Summer Custodial Staff**

Grounds:

Maddux Miller
Beau Baker
Zayne Roop

Custodial:

Everett Colclasure
Melissa Turner
Danielle McPherson
Samantha Sorg

b. **Resignations**

1. Jeremy Miller to resign the position of Physical Education and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective May 23, 2025.
2. Jeremy Miller to resign the position of 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Bellmont Middle School effective April 16, 2025.
3. Gabrielle Filler to resign the position of Special Education Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective May 23, 2025.
4. Amanda Burman to resign the position of Part-Time English Teacher at Bellmont High School effective May 23, 2025.
5. Gina Raymond to resign the position of English Teacher at Bellmont High School effective May 23, 2025.
6. Kaitlyn Sheets to resign the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Bellmont Middle School effective May 23, 2025.
7. Grant Gutierrez to resign the position of Assistant Football Coach at Bellmont High School effective April 15, 2025.

c. **Leaves**

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d. Retirements

1. Kelly Shinaberry to retire from the position of Preschool Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective June 30, 2025. (29 years)
2. Rhonda Johnson to retire from the position of 7th Grade Science Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective June 1, 2025. (25 years)

e. Change of Position(s)

1. Lissa Roop to move from Bellmont High School Mathematics Teacher to Bellmont High School 5/7 Computer Science Teacher & 2/7 Mathematics Teacher effective August 5, 2025.
2. Samantha Sorg to move from the position of Bellmont Middle School Part-Time Special Education Paraprofessional to Bellmont Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional effective April 14, 2025

f. LEA Business

1. Mandy Lengerich to resign the position of School Social Worker at North Adams Community Schools/Adams Well Special Services Co-op effective June 30, 2025.
2. Sarah Liter to be assigned the position of Blind Low Vision Teacher at North Adams Community Schools/Adams Well Special Services Co-op effective August 5, 2025. (Added 5/13/25)

g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

1. St. Joseph School/Shrine of the Holy Relics/Maria Stein, OH/May 9, 2025

D. Program Update Erin Stewart – NACS Food Service Update

E. Old Business

1. Approval of Policy Updates (Second Reading)

Motion by Jill Closure, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the Policy Updates with changes as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

- a. Bylaws: 0142-Election of Board Members; 0142.1-Term; 0142.2-Oath; 0142.3 Vacancies; 0144.1 Compensation; 0144.2 Ethics

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Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve the Policy Updates with amendments to 165 as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

b. Bylaws 0164- Notice of Meetings (NEW); 0165-Board Meetings; 0167.3-Public Participation

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

c. Recension of Bylaws 0164.1-Regular Meetings; 0164.2-Special Meetings; 0164.3-Emergency Meetings; 0164.4-Definition of Meeting of Board

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve the Policy Updates with amendments as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

d. Policy 1422.01-Drug Free Workplace (NEW)

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

e. Policy 1520—Employment of Administrators not Superintendent

Motion by Darlene Hebble Juengel, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

f. 1520.08-Employment of Administrators for ECA Positions; 3120.08-Employment of Professional Staff for ECA Positions; 4120.08-Employment of Staff for ECA 5340.01-Student Concussions and Cardiac Arrest

g. Policy 4362.01-Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members; 1662.01-Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members; 3362.01-Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members

Motion by Darlene Hebble Juengel, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

h. Policy 5350-Student Suicide Awareness and Prevention; ~~5517.01—Bullying~~ (removed 5/6/25)

F. New Business

Regular board meeting suspended, and Public Hearing began at 6:52 p.m.

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1. Hearing on Lease Bond

Public Hearing closed at 6:55 p.m. with no public comment and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

- a. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose of Hearing-
- b. Public Comment Regarding Lease and Additional Appropriate Public Hearing

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve Resolution authorizing Execution of Lease as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

- c. Approval of Resolution authorizing Execution of Lease

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

- d. Approval of Additional Appropriation Resolution

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve Resolution Assigning Contracts and Bids as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

- e. Approval of Resolution Assigning Contracts and Bids

Motion by Darlene Hebble Juengel, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve Resolution authorizing Fifth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

- f. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Fifth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds
- g. Adjournment of Lease and Additional Appropriation Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m. with no public comment and the Regular Board Meeting resumed.

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to grant Permission to Hire Summer School Staff as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Permission to Hire Summer School Staff

BES Teachers: Erica Grote, Chelsea Poindexter, Kaylin Voors, April Busse, Jacqueline Morris, Amanda Goodknight, Ann Burkhalter, Rebecca Thompson

Paraprofessionals: Teresa Gephart, Kari Meyer, Elizabeth Lengerich, Samantha Hakes

BHS Teachers: Michelle Blackburn, Shelby Billington

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3. Review of Board Policies (No Action—First Reading)

- Bylaws: 0166.1 Consent Agenda; 0167.2 Executive Session
- po 5517.01 Bullying (another change from latest NEOLA update)
- Rescinded Policies—2131 V1 Educational Outcomes for Students; 2700 Annual Performance Report
- po 2131 Educational Outcomes for Students; po 2623; po Promotion, Placement, and Retention; po Graduation Requirements; po 2221 Mandatory Curriculum
- po 1220 Employment of the Superintendent; po 3120.02 Adjunct Teachers
- po 5111 Determination of Legal Settlement/Proof of Indiana Residency; po 5350 Student Suicide Awareness and Prevention *(added 5/13/25)*; po 5410 Promotion, Placement, and Retention *(added 5/13/25)*; po 5460 Graduation Requirements *(added 5/13/25)*; po 9270 Equivalent Instruction for Compulsory Attendance Compliance Purposes and Non-Accredited Schools

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve Belmont Next Academy Pilot Program as presented. Motion approved 5-0. 7th to 12th grades with a blend of online and in-person learning options with the ACCESS teacher supporting the online school. Pilot Program to be approved for 3 years with not more than 30 students. Accredited, approved curriculum will be utilized with no added staff.

4. Approval of Belmont ~~Pathways~~ Next Academy Pilot Program

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that annual updates to be given to the Board. She commented that there will be a hybrid option for students and that Belmont Next Academy students will be able to participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve 2025-2026 Flexibility Waiver Days as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

5. Approval of 2025-2026 Flexibility Waiver Dates

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve Summer Feeding Program as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

6. Approval of Summer Feeding Program

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve Food2School purchasing Contract Renewal Awards for the 2025-2026 school years presented. Motion approved 5-0.

7. Approval of Food2School purchasing Contract Renewal Awards for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve 2025-2026 Preschool Rates as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

8. Approval of 2025-26 Preschool Rates

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Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve BHS Dual Credit Courses as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

9. Approval of BHS Dual Credit Courses

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve Donation as presented. Motion approved 5-0.

10. Approval of Donation

- a. Michael Lanucilli/BHS Baseball/\$1,300/Clay, storage building

G. Superintendent Report *(added 5/13/25)*

-Mrs. Hiatt reported that staging for the upcoming plumbing work has begun with initial work to begin prior to the last student day.

-Mrs. Hiatt shared information regarding Measles and the expected break out anticipated in the fall near the start of the new school year.

-Mrs. Hiatt invited the public to Commencement which will be held Friday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

H. Board Members and/or Public Comment

-Wylie Sirk gave an ISBA legislative update to the Board. Mr. Sirk stated that the TAG grant, if accepted, will not be required to be added to the base salary after 2 years as initially proposed.

I. Adjournment: 8:27 p.m.