

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Jerrod Hawk.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Jerrod Hawk, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

A. None.

5. Treasurer's Report

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the March 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for March 2025 (Attachment B).

Roll Call: Ayes – Saxton, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment

B. Principal, Curriculum, Special Education and Athletic Reports

- Jordan Streicher – High School Principal
 - HS has made progress on One Plan Goals
 1. Shared Leadership- surveys of instructors showed that teaching staff feel closer now than they have in the past
 2. Instruction using the MTSS framework has led to piloting phonics for reading, panther time development for next year, and changed pride cards in the high school.
 3. Educator Equity goals have led to a focus on the STAR Results, and this school year the Tier 1 (highest tier) STAR percentage for high quality instruction improved by 14%, while Tier 3 (lowest tier) decreased by nearly half from December to February.
 - Vocabulary has been a focus in the high school. Vocabulary instruction has been improved to include discussion of word meaning, use in a variety of contexts, and teaching students to learn words on their own. A six-step routine have been implemented with a renewed focus towards improving literacy and improve vocabulary over time.
 - A goal for Mr. Streicher this year was to build relationships. Relationships are important to the HS Principal role, and there's been a lot of progress made in building relationships. With students, the focus has been on behavior and working on the PBIS system and incentives. With staff, the focus has been on becoming a better instructional leader.

7. JVS Report

8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. Graduates for the Class of 2025

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the attached list of graduates for the Class of 2025. The students are recommended for graduation, pending completion of final requirements (Attachment C).

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays – None

10. Early Graduates

Julie Arend moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve the following students as graduates of the Class of 2025. All requirements for graduation have been met.

Jonah Cohan	Wade Huelsmeyer	Kaden Shomsky
Carson Eitniet	Emma McCray	Camron Wolford

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Saxton, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

11. Addition to the 2025-2026 School Calendar

Karen Saxton moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve the revised Paulding Exempted Village 2025-2026 Calendar to reflect the Panther Professional Learning (PPL) two-hour delays on Wednesdays during the 2025-2026 school year. These delays will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 and conclude on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes – Saxton, Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz
Nays – None

12. Student Handbooks

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve the Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary, Junior High, and High School Handbooks and Athletic Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Stoller, Hawk, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

13. Band Trip

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve an overnight trip for the PHS Senior Band members (approximately 13 students) and 2 staff members, to Camp Miakonda and the Toledo Philharmonic Orchestra. Departure will be on June 17, 2025 and they will return on June 18, 2025. (Attachment D).

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

14. ODEW 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

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, the District has reviewed the 2024 Model Policies and determined that certain statements within the 2024 Model Policies conflict with existing State and federal laws and/or applicable caselaw;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of education hereby 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 require 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 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 May 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 conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Saxton, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

15. Resolution to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-26 school year, except as noted, pending records:

A. Approval of the following contracts effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year:

(1) Certified personnel recommended for a one-year limited contract:

Alex Arellano	Oliva Mengerink	Mary Cate Panico
Corey Davis	Pam Moore	Stephanie Smith
Jennifer Huber	Cole Mortemore	Megan Wellman

(2) Certified personnel recommended for a two-year limited contract:

Asia Arellano	Katelyn Estle	Katelyn LaFountain
Colton Bennett	Robyn Hahn	Kortni Martin
Cindy Durliat	Alli Hefner	Andrea Mead

(3) Certified personnel recommended for a three-year limited contract:

Brandon Amstutz	Jody Dunham	Briana Pack
Dalton Bradford	Abbey Edwards	Ann Richey
Sasha Britton	Madison Etter	Laura Sizemore
Libby Burkhardt	Aaron Horstman	

(4) Certified personnel recommended for a continuing contract:

Jennifer Bradford	Jillian Keller	Kylee Limber
Shawn Hurd	Chelsea Koester	Emily Taylor

(5) Classified personnel recommended for a one-year limited contract:

Christina Hundley (parapro)

(6) Classified personnel recommended for a two-year limited contract:

Ashly Athy (parapro)	Kesia Combs (café)	Riley Risler (parapro)
Abigail Baldwin (parapro)	S. Spencer Hatcher (custodian)	Candance Smith (parapro)
Marty Beck (custodian)	Lori Lassiter (café)	

(7) Classified personnel recommended for a three-year limited contract:

Adriana Bartley (café)	Britney King (parapro)	Morgan Mobley (parapro)
Brittany Grinnell (café)	Natalie Lasley (parapro)	Brittany Turner (café)
Brittany Grinnell (bus)		

(8) Classified personnel recommended for a continuing contract:

Natalie Griffiths (parapro)	Mary McClure (parapro)
Angie Johnson (secretary)	Cliffon Rosalez (custodian)

(9) Confidential personnel recommended for a two-year contract:

Vicki Gerschultz

(10) Confidential personnel recommended for a three-year contact:

Doug Bashore

B. Approval of the follow summer IT help as needed, at the current minimum wage rate:

Delaney Dachenhaus	Aiden Miller	Aniya Sajuan
Elizabeth Dotterer	Vivian Myers	Xander Schwab
Joseph Estle	Alexis Ryan	Darcy Yant
Alexisa Hankinson		

C. Approval of the resignation of Jerrolyn Parrett, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the contract year, due to retirement. She has served the district for 40 years.

D. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Peggy Dietz, Paulding Elementary Intervention Specialist – Cross Categorical Unit, effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Placement M+30, 10 years.

E. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Noah Elliott, Paulding Jr. High/High School Choir Director, effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Placement B and 0 years.

F. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Alexis Hoeffel, Oakwood Elementary Intervention Specialist-Cross Categorical Unit, effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Placement B and 1 year.

G. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Baylee March, Paulding JH/HS Ag Education Teacher, effective with the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Placement B and 0 year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

16. Personnel Recommendation Separated for Voting Purposes

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a two-year limited contract for Sydney Price, Paulding Elementary Preschool Teacher, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Arend, Hawk, Stoller
Nays – None
Abstain – Saxton

17. Personnel Recommendation Separated for Voting Purposes

Julie Arend moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Jessica Manz, Paulding Elementary Secretary, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays – None
Abstain – Manz

18. Executive Session

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – Saxton, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

Time In: 6:22 p.m.

Time Out: 7:08 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller
Nays - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

President

Treasurer/CFO