

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
Westwood Elementary School - Dining Hall  
October 15, 2024  
6:03 P.M.

President Ratliff called the meeting to order by asking for a roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Babb, Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Mohrman, Ratliff

Absent: None

#24-241 APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Babb, Mohrman, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-242 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Mohrman to approve the minutes the Business Meeting conducted on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 and Work Session conducted on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Babb, Shellhouse, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

PRESENTATION

1. Science of Reading Presentation - Kimberley Milks and Janet Kubasak
2. Retirement Recognition - Brenda Bosley
3. Retirement Recognition - Edward Brennan

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - See Attached Reports

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - None

REPORTS

1. Athletic Council – J. Kazmierczak/J. Babb – The committee will hold their first meeting on October 28, 2024. Fall sports are finishing up and we will be transitioning to winter sports.
2. Finance – J. Kazmierczak/P. Mohrman – The committee will meet on October 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
3. Strategic Planning – P. Mohrman/J. Babb – No Meeting.
4. Policies and Communications – J. Kazmierczak/P. Shellhouse – The committee had a great meeting and Mrs. Shellhouse said she was impressed with what each group is accomplishing. The next meeting will be November 1, 2024.
5. Endowment – P. Mohrman – The Endowment met two weeks ago and approved five grants that are on the Board agenda for approval tonight. This ends the October grant request. The Endowment will meet again in December.
6. OSBA Liaison/Student Achievement Liaison – The Senate has 17 and the Ohio House has 99 up for re-election on November 5th. The Ohio Senate is scheduled to begin sessions on November 13, 2024. The committee hearings will begin on November 19, 2024. Mr. Ratliff asked that people study up on Issue 1 before voting. Mr. Ratliff also called and spoke to BlueBird on safety features of their school buses.
7. J.V.S. Board – A. Ratliff – The enrollment at the JVS for Wellington students are: 20 9th graders, 18 10th graders, 39 11th graders and 36 12th graders. The JVS's report card was released and they received a 4.5 star overall rating. The JVS Board will meet on October 30, 2024 at 4 p.m. at Kenworth Cleveland in Sheffield Village.

#24-243 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEM

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Shellhouse to approve the following financial item:

1. Financial Statements for September 2024.

Yes: Mohrman, Shellhouse, Babb, Kazmierczak, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

Operations Update (attachment handed out at meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD

#24-244 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Mohrman to approve the following items:

1. Retirement:
  - a. Edward Brennan - Retirement as Bus Driver effective September 27, 2024 after 12 years of service to the Wellington Exempted Village School District.
2. Resignations:
  - a. Melissa Carver - Resignation from Bus Driver effective October 11, 2024;
  - b. Richard Shivak - Resignation from Custodian effective October 22, 2024.
3. Leave of Absence:
  - a. Rachel Neenan - Intermittent Family Medical Leave beginning October 14, 2024. Sick leave to run concurrently with FMLA;
  - b. Patricia Kresila - Intermittent Family Medical Leave beginning October 16, 2024 through January 22, 2025. Sick leave to run concurrently with FMLA.
4. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
  - a. Tiffany Warner - Unpaid leave as Title I Teacher at McCormick Middle School starting November 11, 2024 - June 30, 2025.
5. Employment:
  - a. Approve the following bus driver substitutes on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$17.00 per hour effective August 28, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year:
    1. Adam Chellis - Pending bus driver certificate
    2. Ann Green
    3. Amy McCown
    4. Sharon Ohly
    5. Melissa Carver (effective October 14, 2024)
  - b. Joyce Scolaro - Hire as retired bus driver substitute on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$18.23 per hour effective August 28, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year;
  - c. Melissa Roberts - Approve six (6) hours due to JVS route, effective October 14, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year;
  - d. Leann Cromer - Hire as an as-needed classified substitute cafeteria helper for the

district at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective November 11, 2024 (correction to Board Agenda - November 11, 2023);

- e. Scott Skierski, student - Hire as substitute cleaner at Westwood Elementary School on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$13.00 per hour - not to exceed 28 hours per week, effective October 4, 2024 through May 30, 2025;
- f. Samantha Palacios - Hire as a long-term substitute to fill the unpaid leave of absence (Warner), effective October 16, 2024 through June 2, 2025 pending background check, education and license verification;
- g. Larry Pearson - Award a one (1) year certified contract at BA-EL5, to fill the McCormick Middle School Title I Math position starting on October 28, 2024 (correction to Board Agenda - October 28, 2025) (135 days), pending a background checks and verification of educational hours;
- h. Supplemental Contracts for the 2024/2025 school year:

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DIFFERENTIAL</b>
Junior High Head Football Coach (change in position/title)	Joe Saunders	EL8+
Junior High Assistant Football Coach (change in position/title)	Pete Keenan	EL8+
Cross Country Head Coach	Jeff Hook	EL6
Girls Basketball Head Coach	Nathan Morris	EL15 (old scale)
8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Joe Saunders	EL8+
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Morgan Lehmkuhl	EL0
Varsity Wrestling Head Coach	William Watters Jr.	EL15 (old scale)
Varsity Wrestling Head Coach (HS and Jr. High Girls)	Anthony Budka	EL8+
Junior High Head Coach	Dan McNeely	EL6
Junior High Assistant Coach	Trayton Bowman	EL0
Elementary Music (K-3)	Tyler Lehman	EL2
Community Dramatics - Winter Production	Dave Conklin	EL15 (old scale)
Community Asst. Dramatics - Winter Production	Emily Campofredano	EL8+

- i. Hire the following after school tutors at \$30.00 per hour on an as-needed basis: Jennifer Barlow, Jill Boyd, Cristy Hess, Patricia Kresila, Deborah Krugman, Cathy Kurtz and Allison Zitek effective for the 2024/2025 school year.

Yes: Shellhouse, Mohrman, Babb, Kazmierczak, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-245 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS, CONTRACTS, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FIELD TRIP

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Shellhouse to approve the following resolutions, settlement agreement and field trip:

1. Resolutions:

- a. Approve the language for the Locally-Defined Graduation Seals (see attachment);
- b. Approve the Retirement Recognition Resolution for Brenda Bosley;
- c. Approve the Retirement Recognition Resolution for Ed Brennan.

2. Contracts:

- a. Approve the agreement with Ripcho Studio, Inc. for exclusive privilege to photograph the students of Wellington Exempted Village School District for the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years at a commission of 10% after deducting sales tax without commission on retakes (see attachment);
- b. Approve the contract for behavior analyst services with Kara Shep Consulting to provide services, training and consultation to district students and staff at a rate of \$100.00 per hour as needed for the 2024/2025 school year (see attachment).

3. Settlement Agreement:

- a. The Board hereby authorizes the Settlement Agreement and Release concerning Lorain County Court of Common Pleas Case No.: 24CV212115, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated therein by reference.

4. Field Trip:

- a. Wellington Choral Boosters are planning a Spring 2025 (specific dates to be finalized) trip for the MMS Jr. High Choir and WHS Choir students to Chicago, IL to attend a Choir Clinic at Vandercook College of Music.

Yes: Mohrman, Shellhouse, Baab, Kazmierczak, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-246 APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Baab to approve the following sales projects/donations/grants to be approved and if necessary the establishment of fund, appropriations, budget and revenue accounts:

1. Grants:

- a. Martha Holdings Jennings Foundation Grant - Malynda Perchinske - \$15,000.00;
- b. Ohio STEM Learning Network Grant - Malynda Perchinske - \$5,000.00;
- c. Nordson Teacher Grants:
  1. Integrating Computer Science - Malynda Perchinske - \$1,000.00
  2. Modern Art in the Library - Tracy Strait - \$1,000.00
  3. Weekly PBIS Incentives - Ericka Cole - \$200.00
  4. McCormick Podcast - Megan Birchfield - \$1,000.00
- d. Wellington Schools Endowment Grants:
  1. Physics/AP Calculus/AP Probability & Statistics - Cedar Point Trip - George Rosekelly - \$2,000.00
  2. Special Education Family Picnic - Robert Williams - \$1,000.00
  3. 40 Book Challenge - Megan Birchfield - \$2,000.00
  4. CTE Performing Arts Classes - Dottie Cianciola - \$2,480.00
  5. Fostering Artistic Exploration: Tools for Fiber Art Expression - Kaitlin Krajcik - \$1,400.00

2. Donations:

- a. Mary Seliga donated \$300.00 toward student lunch debt;
- b. Dr. Janet Kubasak donated baskets for the Back to School Bash Giveaway valued at \$125.00;
- c. Jack Coates, Jr. D.C. donated \$25.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- d. Cynthia Reynolds donated \$100.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- e. Bret and Lindsay Bowman donated \$100.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- f. King Realty donated \$500.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- g. Gary and Tracey Feron donated \$100.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- h. Forest City Technologies donated \$675.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- i. Mark Bughman donated \$30.00 to Wellington K-Kids service club;
- j. Tom and Brandi Guyer of the Drew Guyer Memorial Foundation donated \$200.00 toward the Veterans Day Breakfast at McCormick Middle School.

Yes: Shellhouse, Babb, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

#24-247 APPROVAL OF DONATION

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Mohrman to approve the following donation:

1. Donation:

- a. Pati Shellhouse created and donated vinyl Duke decals for the Wellington Exempted Village School District golf cart valued at \$30.00.

Yes: Ratliff, Mohrman, Babb, Kazmierczak

Abstain: Shellhouse

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

Total Donations = \$2,185.00

Year-to-Date Total of Donations for 2024/2025 School Year = \$92,390.90

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - Mr. Ratliff believes the administrators should attend the Business Meetings each month because they are part of the team.

Mrs. Shellhouse would like someone to reach out to thank the teachers that received grants.

Mrs. Babb asked about the rental fee for the facilities. The Board had a discussion on the fees.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

- A. Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Work Session, 6:00 PM, Westwood Elementary School, Superintendent's Office;
- B. Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Wellington High School and via Zoom.

#24-248 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:02 p.m.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Babb, Mohrman, Ratliff

No: None

President Ratliff declared this motion passed.

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Board President

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Treasurer

Note: There is an audio recording of this meeting. The recording is available upon request to the Treasurer.