

A REGULAR

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Board met in Regular session at the ASC, 621 Mt. Vernon Rd., at 5:30 pm and the following responded to roll call: Mr. Bline, Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bline led the pledge of allegiance.

The Treasurer, Julio Valladares was presented with the State Audit Award.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR – AGENDA ITEMS

Lee Auer, Band Director spoke to the Board regarding band practice project update and gave an update on band events in FY25. He thanked administration for their support.

25-039 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF BOARD 039
OF EDUCATION

Mr. Christenberry moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to nominate Tom Bline for Vice-President of the Newark Board of Education. There being no other nominations for the Office of Vice-President, Ms. Neely closed the nominations and the roll call was called for the election of Vice President.

Ayes: Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Bline, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely
Nyes: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO
VICE-PRESIDENT

Julio Valladares, Treasurer of the Newark City Schools administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Vice-President, Tom Bline.

25-040 BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 040

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Mr. Bline moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve the following:

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The Board approves the Committee revisions, due to the death of Tim Carr and the appointment of Joe Quackenbush. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Ayes: Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

25-041 TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS 041

Mr. Christenberry moved, and Mr. Quackenbush seconded the motion to approve the following:

Approval of Board Minutes

The Board of Education approves the board meeting minutes listed below:
(Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

May 19, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Approval of May 2025 Financial Reports

The Board of Education approves the May 2025 Financial Statements, including investments, interest earned in the amount of \$167,245.00 and Payment to Vendors as presented to the Board.

Turf Replacement

The Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer to reserve \$50,000 of Permanent Improvement Fund to be used solely for the purpose of replacing the artificial turf on White Field at such time as it is deemed necessary to replace the existing turf.

Ayes: Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Quackenbush, Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Neely
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

25-042 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS 042

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Mr. Bline moved, and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve the following: (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

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PERSONNEL

Retirements/Resignations

The retirements and resignations listed below are accepted:

Certificated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elliott, Sarah	IS-Autism/McGuffey	08/01/25
	(resignation)	
Fitch, Chad		English Teacher
- NHS	06/30/25	
	(resignation)	
Hothem, Emily		Title I / RR -
Carson		06/30/25
	(resignation)	
McMahon, Lauren	Speech - John Clem	08/01/25
	(resignation)	
Morgan, Elizabeth	Psychologist Asst.	05/23/25
	(resignation)	

Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Garrison, Judith	Bus Aide	06/30/25
	(Retirement)	
Garrison, Judith	Lunch Cashier	06/30/25
	(Retirement)	
Loudermilk, Phoebe	Bus Aide	07/31/25
	(Resignation)	
McNabb, Vicki	Secretary-Gifted/Aux	06/30/25
	(Retirement)	
Tietz, Clayton		Ortho Aide HQ
06/01/25		
	(Resignation)	

Leaves of Absence

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The leaves of absences listed below are accepted. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

<u>Classified (Unpaid)</u>		
<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>
<u>Effective Date</u>		
Newlon, James	Bus Driver	05/15/25-05/30/25
Westbrook, Connie	Custodian I	05/20/25-07/07/25

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Appointments and Assignments

The appointments and assignments listed below are approved, pending the successful completion of pre-employment drug testing as per Board Policy and the results of a criminal records background check as required by ORC 3319.39, and receipt of appropriate teaching certificate from the Ohio Department of Education.

	Salary		Effective
<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Certificated:</u>			<u>Amount</u>
Kelton, K'Ree		MD IS- McGuffey MA/ 7yrs. exp. (Per Article 30 D of the Master Contract)	2025-2026 \$67,706.44

<u>Classified</u>		Effective	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Barrett, Theresa	Exempt Secretary Certificated Personnel	05/27/25	\$26.12
Loomis, Rhonda	Secretary	07/29/25	\$20.76

Supplemental Contracts

The supplemental contracts listed below are approved.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	Effective	Salary
<u>Group V</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Black, Madeline	Hd. M.S. Swim .50	24-25	\$1,492.00
Dusenberry, Amber	Hd. M.S. Swim .50	24-25	\$1,492.00

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Adams, Griffin	Alexander, Karen	Allen, Cathy
Anderson, Denise	Annarino, McKenzie	Baker, Megan
Barrett, Emily	Bissel, Pacie	Black, Madeline
Black, Sarah	Blevins, Noel	Brown, Stefanie
Buchholz, Melinda	Byers, Alex	Campbell, Krysta
Carter, Erin	Charpie, AliClark, Maria	
Compton, Grace	Coombs, Matt	Cooperrider, Tosha
DeHart, Melissa	Douglas, Lauren	Dowling, Joe
Dunham, Mat	Dutiel, Lauren	Ellerbrock, Ali
Ellis, Avery	Falkenberg, Susan	Farley, Meghan
Fawcett, Rachel	Fry, Elizabeth	Gorius, Kim

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Hardy, Matt	Hart, Bethany	Hays, Rob
Hock, Cary	Holland, Jessica	Hothem, Emily
Humble, Lenore	Hunt, Bridgette	Jackson, Erin
Jhordan, Reese	Johnson, Courtney	Keene, Jennifer
Kilhefner, Christina	Knight, Telisha	Kohl, Mora
Kovach, Alex	Kreager, Molly	Krumm, Joe
Kutscherenko, Meredith	Long, Stephanie	Lopez, Ashley
Lorenz, Kathy	Mason, Lynn	McAlpine, Nicole
Mccomb, Makenzie	Miller, Madeline	Monroe, Kali
Mooney, Deanna	Munkachy, Katie	Nilo, Caleb
Nixon, Meagan	Noyes, Cara	Owen, Bill
Perkins, Taylor	Phillips, Kelley	Pyle, Nikkee
Randolph, Sandra	Rauch, Julie Raugh, Jenn	
Rudd, Ashley	Scott, Kayleigh	Sharpe, Lisa
Shaw, Amy	Shay-Sutton, Katie	Sluss, Laura
Smith, Courtney	Snelling, Shellie	Stevens, Julia
Streicher, Nicholas	Stroud, Logan	Thompson, Rebecca
Vahalik, Shauna	Watson, Micah	Weisent, Kelsey
Williams, Dave	Yardley, Elizabeth	

Tutors

The Tutors listed below are approved for the 24/25 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Amount</u>
Davies, Shannon	2024-2025	\$48.54
Dusenberry, Amber	2024-2025	\$48.54
Prazer, Amy	2024-2025	\$48.54

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Substitutes

The substitutes listed below are approved.

Classified – 2024/202 School Year

Aides

Blankenship, Justice

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Classified – 20245/2026 School Year

Aides

Beard, Katherine
Blankenship, Justice
Stephens, Tina
Williams, Marlene

Custodian II

Roberts, Skylah

Loomis, Rhonda

Secretarial

Volunteers

The Board of Education approve the following volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Athey, Ciera

Brown, Daniel
Gilliand, Wilber
Lusk, Gracie
Benjamin
McGee, Paul
Cynthia

Bentley, Megan

Karstetter, David

Bishop, Courtney
Darrah, Matthew Foit, Emily
Lawrence, Melinda
Martin, Tristen Mason,

Rowland, Tammy Starkey,

Student Workers - \$15.00/hour

The student workers listed below are approved:

Alexander, Madelynn
Baker, Jo
Farber, Delaney
Ford, Westin
Robert
Haynes, Emmalyn

Andrews-Barreau, Odessa

Fenton, Gage

Hupp, Andrielle

Back, Mallory
Barcus, Benjamin Duffy, Alyssa
Ford, Kylie
Goetz, Lillian Hageman,

Jackson, Brayden

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James, Avah		Jurden, Kyra	Kasson, William
Koby, Wesley		Long, Allie	Lorenz, Ada
Martin, Xander	Meister, Makayla	Metzler, Dekin	
Miles, Emersen	Mitchell, Brayden	Moran, Sydelle	
Phillips, Noah		Pitts, Fallon	Reimer, Alexis
Reimer, Megan	Ricketts, Leyton	Roberts, Skylah	
Rodgers, Hayden	Roseberry, Alyvea	Roy, Analeigh	
Sandlin, Houston	Shaw, Allie(Void)	Shaw, Kylie(Vex)	
Shilts, Carissa		Siefker, Paige	Smitley, Taylor
Snow, Jacob		Snow, Jeremiah	Stukey, Cohen
Sutton, Shamus	Taylort, Addison	Turnbaugh, Layla	
Wamer, Alex		Whittaker, Mariah	Whittaker,
Esther			
Wierzbicki, Claire	Wilkins, Katie		Williams, Laine

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STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Special Education Contracts

Special Education Contracts (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Newark Students

The Board of Education approves agreements with the following school districts to provide special education services to Newark students during the 2024-2025 school year.

East Muskingum Local

Eagle Wings

The Board of Education approves the agreements with Eagle Wings to provide special education services to Newark City Schools students.

Oakstone Academy

The Board of Education approves the agreement with Oakstone Academy to Provide special education services to a Newark City Schools student.

Safely Home

The Board of Education approves the agreement with Safely Home to provide special

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education services to a Newark City Schools student.

Eudaimonia Services

The Board of Education approves the renewal agreement with Eudaimonia Services to provide school psychologist services.

Chancelight

The Board of Education approve the amended agreement with Chancelight.

OTHER

Approval of School Supply Lists

The Board of Education approves the Elementary and Middle School supply lists for the 2025-2026 school year. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

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Approval of the NHS Course Description Book

The Board of Education approves the Newark High School Course Description Book for the 2025-2026 school year. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Approval of the Athletic Drug Testing Services 2025-2026

The Board of Education approves the continuation of drug testing services through Sport Safe Testing Service for Student Athletes. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Online Day Plan for NCS in Case of Calamity

The Board of Education approves the Online Day Plan for NCS in Case of Calamity.

(Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

GIFTS

Gift From

Linen Services

Value

Buckeye Linen Service

\$416.00

(For NHS JROTC Banquet)

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Contracts

Service Level Agreement with LACA

The Board of Education approves the Service Level Agreement with LACA.

(Reference

File: Treasurer's Office)

Change Order – Schubert Tennis

The Board of Education approves the change order for the Tennis Court project.

(Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Approval of District, Liability, Fleet and Property Insurance

The Board of Education approves EPC for the District's Liability, Fleet and Property Insurance.

(Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Ayes: Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

043

PERSONNEL

Summer Supplementals – Summer School/Summer Camps - \$47.57/hr.

Mr. Christenberry moved, and Mr. Bline seconded the motion to approve the following supplemental:

Ray, Allyson

Ayes: Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Neely

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Quackenbush

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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INTENT TO ADOPT BOARD POLICIES

The Board of Education announces its intent to adopt the following policies and announcement be made that these policies will be available to the Board, staff, and public for inspection in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools from June 10, 2025 through June 30, 2025. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Executive Committee

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>
8500	Food Services	Revised

SALT Committee

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>
5120	Assignment Within District	Revised
5540	Interrogation of Students	Revised
5605	Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities	Revised
5725	Students as Precinct Election Officials	New

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25-044

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

044

Mr. Quackenbush moved, and Mr. Christenberry seconded the motion to approve the following:

The Board of Education adopts the polies listed below as announced at the May 19, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education. (Reference File: Treasurer's Office)

Executive Committee

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>New/Revised</u>
9700	Relations with Special Interest Groups	Revised

Neely Ayes: Mr. Quackenbush, Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Blin, Mr. Hunt, Ms.
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Motion Carried.

25-029

EXECUTIVE SESSION

029

Mr. Christenberry moved, and Mr. Bline seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

For consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes, or sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, unfit-for-use property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Ayes: Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Members returned from Executive Session and M. Neely called the meeting back to public session at 6:57 pm.

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25-046

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

046

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Quackenbush seconded the motion to approve adding an urgent necessity resolution for renovation of the Alternative Academy at the State Farm Building.

Ayes: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Quackenbush, Mr. Bline, Mr. Christenberry, Ms. Neely

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

25-047

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

047

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Christenberry seconded the motion to accept the resolution for the renovation of the Alternative Academy School at the State Farm Building.

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_____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION NO. _____
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
A FIRE SEPARATION WALL AT THE NEW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
BASED UPON AN URGENT NECESSITY**

The Superintendent requests authority to contract for the construction of a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School based upon the urgent necessity exception to competitive bidding.

Rationale:

1. The Board received a proposal from Robertson Construction for \$317,537.00.
2. Robertson Construction has vast knowledge of the existing building construction and systems and has previously done work within the building including under the former building owner, State Farm Insurance.
3. Robertson Construction completed or PK/NDA renovations in 2023; totally gutting approximately 75,000 sq. ft. of the building and creating new learning spaces.
4. Robertson Construction is currently constructing a new centralized Data Center in an adjacent space. That project is to be substantially completed in July. Robertson Construction has staff that will be available to work on the alternative area project.
5. Robertson Construction has the workforce available, the knowledge needed, and the previous experience in the building, to get this project completed within the required timeframe.

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6. After reviewing the proposal and qualifications/experience of Robertson Construction, the Treasurer recommends contracting with Robertson Construction for the construction of a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School as the most qualified vendor to perform the fire wall construction for the best price.
7. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3313.46 provides an exception to the statutory competitive bidding requirements when there is an urgent necessity.
8. The Superintendent recommends waiving competitive bidding for the construction of the fire separation wall at the new Alternative School because it is required by the building code for an educational space, to have the work performed during the summer months while school is not in session, and to have the work completed in time for the start of the school year. Bidding the work would take additional time, which would negatively impact being able to complete the work in time for the start of the new school year.

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9. The Superintendent requests authority to enter into a contract with Robertson Construction Services in the amount of \$317,537.00, based upon the proposal submitted, for the construction of a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School.

The Newark City School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and pursuant to the authority given in ORC 3313.46, the Board determines that the construction of a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School is an urgent necessity and waives competitive bidding for the work; the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to proceed with the construction of a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School as quickly as possible in order to have the work performed during the summer months while school is not in session, and to have the work completed in time for the start of the new school year.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager, working with the Treasurer, to contract with Robertson Construction Services, LLC. in the amount of \$317,537.00 to perform the necessary work to construct a fire separation wall at the new Alternative School.

M_. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

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Ayes: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Bline, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely
None: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

WORK SESSION

Members went into work session and Baron Smith and Board members discussed the Alternative Academy.

24-048

EXECUTIVE SESSION

048

Mr. Christenberry moved, and Mr. Bline seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:05 pm to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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Ayes: Mr. Christenberry, Mr. Bline, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Neely
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

Members returned from Executive Session and Ms. Neely called the meeting back to public session at 7:51 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt moved, and Mr. Quackenbush seconded the motion to adjourn. Ms. Neely closed the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Quackenbush, Mr. Bline, Mr. Christenberry, Ms. Neely
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

Cindy Neely, President

Julio Valladares, Treasurer

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