

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 9 A.M., ATLAS Room, 165 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, OH 44017, and shown remotely on YouTube at the following address:
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A. Opening Meeting

Members present: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Time in: 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call A-1
[Minute 0:14](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pledge of
Allegiance A-2
[Minute 0:19](#)

B. Public Participation

None

Pub. Part.
B-1

C. Superintendent Recommendations

Mr. Draves sat in for Mrs. Wheeler. He recognized retirements, resignations, and new teachers. Dr. Stropko and Ms. Ondak provided the Wellness Committee update and shared the updated staff website. Concerns of "Spiritual" wellness were addressed. Upcoming initiatives include a focus on heart health and diabetes, a Summer wellness challenge, Staff Reset Rooms, and the September Wellfest event.
Mrs. Bandza proposed the adoption of a new A.P. Biology textbook, Campbell's Biology in Focus (2025 edition).

Supt. Update
C-1
[Minute 0:51](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve items C3-C19 as part of the consent Agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda C-2
25-0630-2364
[Minute 36:07](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the following certified personnel be paid \$35.00 for Kindergarten Readiness Assessment screenings as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman - Abstain Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Cert. Personnel
Appt. C-20
25-0630-2365
[Minute 38:39](#)

Zirke moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve the Memo of Understanding for Field Experience and Internships for preservice teachers between Ashland University and the Berea City School District as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Ashland Univ.
MOU C-21
25-0630-2366
[Minute 39:20](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the Memo of Understanding for the Hosting of clinical/student teachers between The College of Wooster and the Berea City School District as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Coll. of Wooster
MOU C-22
25-0630-2367
[Minute 40:01](#)

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the Non-Public Transportation Payment-In-Lieu for the 2025-2026 school year as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Non-Pub Trans.
PIL C-23
25-0630-2368
[Minute 40:27](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the quote from 360 Painting for removing old Paint and debris, and painting the Bus Garage as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Bus Garage
Paint C-24
25-0630-2369
[Minute 41:29](#)

Zirke moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 district calendar as shown on Agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

2026-2027
Calendar C-25
25-0630-2370
[Minute 42:09](#)

Discussion of new policy, po0141.1 Student Body Representatives by board members.

po0141.1
Discuss. C-26
[Minute 43:35](#)

D. Treasurer Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe stated that it is year-end; the district ended with approximately \$29 million in cash balance. She went Over some of the Budget Bill highlights: a flat income tax of 2.75% was proposed, the fair school funding plan structure was maintained, state funding share will decrease to 35% in 2026 and 32% in 2027. The following legislative changes were made: Cash balance cap reduced to 40%, which doesn't affect our district, changes to Emergency and substitute levies, budget commission authority expanded, Five-year forecast changed to four-year, Forecast submission deadlines moved to February and August, and a 15% administrative cap is maintained. Personnel impacts include the prohibition of paying the STRS pickup for superintendents, treasurers, and principals, and Some uncertainty remains with other positions. Financial clean-up items noted: the extended care account deficit was resolved, various fee accounts related to Free and reduced lunch programs were cleaned up, and advances were made for grants with delayed reimbursements.

Treasurer's
Update D-1
[Minute 56:02](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve items D3-D7 as part of the consent Agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Consent
Agenda D-2
25-0630-2371
[Minute 1:04:18](#)

E. Regular Business

Chapman moved and Michal seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025, District Calendar Hearing, and the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting, as shown on the agenda.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒
Nayes: None

Minutes
Approval E-1
25-0630-2372
[Minute 1:04:53](#)

Mrs. Chapman reported that there haven't been any new developments since the last board meeting.

Legislative
Update E-2
[Minute 1:05:36](#)

Mr. Mack inquired about data collection regarding the 90/10 mastery and reassessments. Board Members will Be walking in the Berea July 4th Parade.

Committee
Reports &
Brd. Comments
E-3
[Minute 1:06:04](#)

F. Executive Session

Zirke moved and Chapman seconded to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, Employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee or official.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Exec. Session
F-1
25-0630-2373
[Minute 1:06:04](#)

G. Adjournment

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒

Nayes: None

Adjournment
G-1
25-0630-2374

Time adjourned: 11:06 a.m.

Date of Approval: 07/14/2025 Approved: Corene A. Jarvis Attest: Jul A. Lowe