

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
June 17, 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. Tim Copsey, Director, Paulding County Economic Development

- (1) Tim Copsey updated the Board on the efforts of Paulding County Economic Development in connecting school districts with employers and closing aptitude and interest gaps.

5. Treasurer's Report

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the May 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for May 2025 (Attachment B).
- (3) Grant the Treasurer authority to amend FY 2025 Appropriations in accordance with budgetary compliance requirements for fiscal year end and report the results at the July Regular Meeting.
- (4) Authorize the Treasurer to enter into a contract with Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) for Liability, Fleet, and Property Insurance Coverage with a premium of \$103,228.
- (5) Approve the establishment of a Termination/Severance Benefits Fund (035) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13(B): school districts may establish a Termination Benefits Fund for the purpose of accumulating resources for the payment of accumulated sick leave, personal leave, and vacation leave upon the termination of employment or retirement of officers and employees of the district.
- (6) Approve the transfer of \$307,008 from the General Fund to the Termination/Severance Benefits Fund (035) for potential severance payments in FY 2026.
- (7) Approve the transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund (003) for the Board's share of the Advanced Energy Funding Grant activity cost.

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

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- Property Updates
- Transfer
 - Tiffany Bostelman from PES 4th Grade to PES 1st Grade

7. JVS Report
8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. Book Fees

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the student fees as presented below and included in the board packet for review (Attachment C).

Listed below is a comparison of student fees for the last five years for grades K-8.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
<i>K-2</i>	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
<i>3-6</i>	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
<i>Paulding 6-8</i>	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

Middle School- There will be a \$20 materials fee for students enrolled in Vo-Ag and Industrial Arts class.

High School- A list of High School fees for the 2025-2026 school year was included in the board packet for review. (Attachment C)

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

10. LED Lighting and Chiller Project Agreement

Joe Manz moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve an agreement with Ameresco, Inc. for the LED Lighting and Chiller Replacement Project (“the Project”) pursuant to R.C. 167081 for contracts procured through a regional council of governments.

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need for the Project.
2. R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a regional council of governments (a “COG”) without the need to engage in competitive bidding or other competitive selection methods. Specifically, R.C. 167.081 states that a COG may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a public entity that is a member of the COG or a competitive bidding procedure of a statewide or multistate consortium of which the COG is a member.
3. The Board is a member of the Equalis Group (“Equalis”). Equalis is a COG established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. As a result, the Board may participate in contracts procured by Equalis pursuant to R.C. 167.081, by virtue of the Board’s membership in Equalis.
4. Equalis has procured and entered into an agreement with Ameresco, under Equalis Contract COG-2114A, to perform the types of work needed for the Project in which agreement the Board may participate.

5. Ameresco is an experienced contractor and has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$1,158,884.00 (the “Contract Sum”), which is based on unit pricing set forth under its agreement with Equalis.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of Ameresco through the Equalis COG.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President, working with other administrators and legal counsel, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Ameresco, in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum, and to sign any related documents consistent with the intent of this resolution.

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

11. District Wellness Policy

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve the District Wellness Policy 8510 (Attachment D).

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

12. 2025-2026 Cafeteria Meal Prices

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the student and adult meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

	Free	Reduced	Paid
Elementary	\$0.00	TBD	\$2.65
Middle School	\$0.00	TBD	\$2.90
High School	\$0.00	TBD	\$3.10
Salad (hs/ms only)	\$0.00	TBD	\$3.40

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

13. Insurance Settlement Agreement

Matt Stoller moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve the Insurance Settlement Agreement with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 550. (Attachment E)

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

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

14. Karen Saxton moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Colton Bennett, Head Cross Country Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 9.0, 0 years

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

15. Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Logan Stoller, Head Boys Basketball Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 16.5, 2 years

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

16. Joe Manz moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Matt Arellano, Head Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 17.5, 6 years

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

17. Julie Arend moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Elias Jimenez, Head Boys Wrestling Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 14.5, 3 years

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

18. Joe Manz moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Jim Pumphrey, Head Girls Wrestling Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 14.0, 0 years

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

19. Julie Arend moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Alex Arellano, Head Girls Golf Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. 9.0, 0 years

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

20. Matt Stoller moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-2026 school year, except as noted, pending records:

- A. Approval to rescind the March 18, 2025 contract for Tamera Busch, PES Intervention Specialist.
- B. Approval to rescind the March 18, 2025 Head Cross Country Coach contract for Jeremy Thompson.
- C. Approval to rescind the May 20, 2025 Assistant Cross Country Contract for Colton Bennett.
- D. Approval to accept the resignation of Chelsea Koester, Paulding High School Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for 12 years.
- E. Approval to accept the resignation of Anthony Schaffer, Paulding Elementary Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the current contract year. He will have served the district for 13 years.
- F. Approval to accept the resignation of Cindy Durlat, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for two years.

- G. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Kristina Phipps, Paulding Elementary Intervention Specialist, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement pending records.
- H. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Payton Beckman, Paulding Elementary 4th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement pending records.
- I. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Melissa Miles, Paulding Elementary 4th Grade ELA Teacher, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement pending records.
- J. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Megan Byrne, Paulding Elementary Preschool Teacher, effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement pending records.
- K. Approval of the following one-year extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Sandy Arellano	Junior Class Advisor (fundraising)	4.0, 2 years
Carolyn Connelly	HS Yearbook Advisor	8.0, 0 years
Beth Carnahan	Resident Educator Coordinator	14.0, 0 years
Noah Elliott	Assistant Marching Band	8.0, 0 years

EXTENDED DAYS:

Brett Foster	HS Guidance Counselor	20 days
Alex Arellano	MS Guidance Counselor	10 days
Deedi Miller	Preschool Coordinator	20 days
John Kennedy	Industrial Tech	10 days

- L. Approval of the following one-year athletic extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jennifer Bradford	Head Cheerleading Advisor (Basketball)	6.5, 6+ years
Mary Cate Panico	Assistant Cross Country	4.0, 0 years

- M. Approval to accept the resignation of Kristin Bradford, Paulding Elementary Technology Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the current contract year.
- N. Approval to accept the resignation of Megan Byrne, Oakwood Elementary Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the current contract year.

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

21. Executive Session

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

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

Time In: 6:28 p.m.

Time Out: 6:47 p.m.

22. Adjournment

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

President

Treasurer/CFO