



Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Berea City School District held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.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 ☒ Roll Call A-1  
 Time in: 6:00 p.m. [Minute 1:37](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Pledge of Allegiance A-2  
[Minute 1:46](#)

**B. Public Participation**

None Pub. Part. B-1

**C. Reports**

Mr. Doug Schwind presented the Polaris Report. The next Board Meeting will be held August 12. Polaris received Pol. Update A \$200,000 grant for the “Equity for Each” program, which helps students with disabilities transition to C-1 Employment by partnering with employers for part-time jobs in their senior year, with continued support after [Minute 2:24](#) Graduation. Diane Xander was selected to present at the ACTE All Ohio conference, along with Polaris staff and Community partners, to showcase Polaris’ impactful regional partnership work.

**D. Superintendent Recommendations**

Mrs. Wheeler provided the Superintendent Update. New state law requires school boards to adopt policies Supt. Update Prohibiting cell phone use during the instructional day by January 1, 2026. The district is researching options and D-1 Collecting data on current cell phone infractions at the middle and high school levels before making [Minute 4:36](#) Recommendations to the board. Final recommendations should be expected by the August or September meeting. The state budget bill changed requirements for religious release time programs. New policy will allow students to Bring materials back from programs. Policy must change from “one day per week” to “one period per week” minimum. Implementation of House Bill 8, Parent Bill of Rights, were outlined, including the following administrative guidelines: Parent notification procedures, documentation system, counseling services, annual healthcare notice, and staff training. The district has developed comprehensive procedures to ensure legal compliance while maintaining student Confidentiality and support systems.

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve items D3-D6 as part of the consent Consent Agenda. Agenda D-2  
 Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ **25-0714-2375**  
 Nays: None [Minute 35:22](#)

Mack moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve items D8-D16 as part of the consent Consent Agenda. Agenda D-7  
 Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒ **25-0714-2376**  
 Nays: None [Minute 36:15](#)

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Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks For Berea-Midpark High School, Berea-Midpark Middle School, and the Berea City School District Elementary Schools as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Student  
Handbook D-17  
**25-0714-2377**  
[Minute 37:02](#)

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Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the agreement with SFSpac Food Service Sanitation and Safety Program for the 2025-2026 school year shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

SFSPac  
D-18  
**25-0714-2378**  
[Minute 38:28](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the purchase of food safety items from ITD Food Safety in the amount of \$18,119.00 for district cafeteria use as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

ITD Food  
D-19  
**25-0714-2379**  
[Minute 39:01](#)

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Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the recommendation to approve the quote from North Royalton Power Equipment for the purchase of a new SCAG Cheetah 61” mover for the General Maintenance Department at Buildings and Grounds as shown on the agenda  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Mower Purch.  
D-20  
**25-0714-2380**  
[Minute 39:33](#)

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Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the proposed curriculum for the 2025-2026 School year as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

Curr. Adoption  
D-21  
**25-0714-2381**  
[Minute 40:01](#)

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Chapman moved and Mack seconded the recommendation to approve Policy 0141.1, Student Body Representatives as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

po0141.1  
D-22  
**25-0714-2382**  
[Minute 40:36](#)

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Zirke moved and Chapman seconded the approval to change the word “shall” to “may” in the second And fourth bullet point in Policy 0141.1 as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris ☒ Mack ☒ Chapman ☒ Michal ☒ Zirke ☒  
Nayes: None

po0141.1  
Change D-33  
**25-0714-2383**  
[Minute 42:15](#)

### E. Treasurer Recommendations

Mrs. Rowe shared key legislative updates and federal funding issues. The Ohio legislature passed a budget Containing several provisions that would have impacted school districts, but Governor DeWine vetoed those. The House will reconvene on July 21st to attempt to overturn some vetoes. House Bill 355 would eliminate inside millage for counties, cities, villages, and districts; this wasn't included in the budget bill, but remains a concern. The federal government is withholding positions of certain grant programs due to compliance with Presidential executive orders. Mrs. Rowe noted most changes won't significantly affect the district since it's Not on the 20-mil floor, has no emergency levies, and maintains a 35% carryover, below the 40% threshold.

Treasurer's  
Update E-1  
[Minute 44:37](#)

Mack moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve items E3-E9 as part of the consent Agenda.  
Ayes: Farris  Mack  Chapman  Michal  Zirke   
Nayes: None

Consent  
Agenda E-2  
**25-0714-2384**  
[Minute 50:40](#)

#### F. Regular Business

Chapman moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2025, Regular/Financial Meeting, as shown on the agenda.  
Ayes: Farris  Mack  Chapman  Michal  Zirke   
Nayes: None

Minutes  
Approval F-1  
**25-0714-2385**  
[Minute 51:12](#)

Mrs. Chapman provided the legislative update; 67 items were vetoed from the budget bill by Governor DeWine. Changes were made to STRS, including a major governance shift.

Legislative  
Update F-2  
[Minute 51:40](#)

Mr. Mack commented that the Berea and Brook Park parades were very nice.

Committee  
Reports &  
Brd. Comments  
F-3  
[Minute 53:12](#)

#### G. Executive Session

Zirke moved and Mack 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  
G-1  
**25-0714-2386**  
[Minute 53:38](#)

#### H. Adjournment

Michal moved and Zirke seconded the recommendation to adjourn the meeting.  
Ayes: Farris  Mack  Chapman  Michal  Zirke   
Nayes: None

Adjournment  
G-1  
**25-0714-2387**

Time adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Date of Approval: 08/11/2025 Approved: Corene A. Jarvis Attest: Jul A. Lowe