

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a Regular session of the Bellefontaine Board of Education Meeting

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 14, 2025

Roll Call: Present --- Board Members Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mr. Tipple, April King, and Jordan Reser.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

25-070 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Regular Session Meeting and the June 10, 2025, Special Session Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

25-071 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

25-072 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stewart to go into the Committee of the Whole.

A. Chromebook Maintenance and Licensing Fee – Josh Wasson

B. Board of Education Special Meeting on July 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office for the purpose of discussing personnel

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-073 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Wilson to come out of the Committee of the Whole.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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TREASURER'S REPORT CONSENT AGENDA

25-074 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve items A-B.

- A. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Return of Advanced Funds

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Treasurer/CFO is authorized to make the following return of previously advanced funds.

<u>From</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
019-2125	MRESC BHS 21 st Century	001-0000	General Fund	\$65,000
019-6025	Sloan Foundation Grant	001-0000	General Fund	\$175,000
509-9025	BMS+ 21 st Century	001-0000	General Fund	\$20,000
516-9025	IDEA Part B	001-0000	General Fund	\$180,000
536-9025	Title I School Improvement	001-0000	General Fund	\$20,000
572-9025	Title I – A	001-0000	General Fund	\$85,000
584-9025	Title IV – A	001-0000	General Fund	\$40,000
590-9025	Title II – A	001-0000	General Fund	\$20,000

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Personnel

25-075 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Wilson to approve items 1-8.

- 1. Professional Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignations are hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Phillip Blake	HS Math	7/31/25
Morgan Calton	4 th Grade ELA	7/1/25
Katy Curnutte	World Language	6/11/25
April Easton	HS Science	7/10/25

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1. Professional Personnel – Resignations (con't)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Melinda Haberman	Intervention Specialist	6/9/25
Tracy Huffman	Kindergarten	6/30/25
Pat Martz	IS Principal	12/31/25
Riley Penhorwood	Intervention Specialist	7/8/25
Jordan Reser	STEM	6/30/25
Dawn Spangler	Guidance Counselor	6/12/25
Nichole Stafford	Intervention Specialist	7/9/25
Whitney Stolly	IS Associate Principal	6/30/25
Alyssa Ward	Kindergarten	6/27/25
Erica Warne	5 th Grade	7/09/25

2. Professional Personnel – Leave of Absence

In accordance with the rules and regulations now in effect and subject to the approval of the Board, a leave of absence is hereby granted to the following staff member with the effective date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Patricia Elson	HS ELA	8/27/25 *

*FMLA

3. Professional Personnel – Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed for service in the public schools of the City School District of Bellefontaine, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for the 2025-2026 school year, at an annual salary in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Cailyn Coronado	HS Spanish
Deena Fenske	ES Guidance Counselor
Grant Gariety	7 th Grade Social Studies
Brian Hanson	Intervention Specialist
Justin Hudgell	Intervention Specialist
Hanna Kean	HS Math
Drew Jackson	Intervention Specialist

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3. Professional Personnel – Appointments (con't)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Catherine Kern	Intervention Specialist
Sarah McDonald	5 th Grade
Amanda McGee	Kindergarten
April Pulfer	Intervention Specialist
Bryant Runyon	5 th Grade
Hannah Shoffner	2 nd Grade
Whitney Stollly	Literacy Coach
Brielle Ward	Preschool

4. Professional Personnel – Administrative Appointments – Three-Year Contracts

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed to the positions indicated effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027, and will be paid according to the current Salary Index Schedule.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jordan Reser	ES Associate Principal

5. Service and Support Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignations are hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Trinity Floyd	Educational Aide	7/1/25
Azalia Hawkey	Educational Aide	6/13/25

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6. Service and Support Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated for the 2024-2025 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Riley Penhorwood	Custodian	6/2/25

7. Supplemental Contract Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignation is hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Meredith Richters	Percussion Advisor	6/26/25

8. Supplemental Contract Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed for supplemental service in the public schools of the City School District of Bellefontaine pending satisfactory clearance from Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for the 2025-2026 school year, and shall be compensated in accordance with the pay schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Morgan Fultz	Winter/Spring Weight Room Coordinator
Michelle Hilliard	HS Volleyball (A)

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

B. Finance

25-076 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

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1. Acceptance of Food Service Agreement Between Bellefontaine City Schools and Madison-Champaign County ESC

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Agreement between Bellefontaine City Schools and the Madison-Champaign County ESC.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-077 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

2. Workbook Prices and Student Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that student fees be approved by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. It is further recommended that each student attending Bellefontaine City Schools be assessed a flat \$30.00 student. All academic costs above \$30.00 per student will be paid from the general fund.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-078 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

3. Chromebook Maintenance and Licensing Fee for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Superintendent recommends that the student chromebook maintenance and licensing fee be approved by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. It is further recommended that each student attending Bellefontaine City Schools be assessed a flat \$50.00 fee per student to cover the costs of accidental damage and premium software licenses.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-079 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Lang to approve:

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4. Comprehensive Agreement Between Bellefontaine Education Association and Bellefontaine Board of Education

Representatives of the Bellefontaine Education Association and Bellefontaine Board of Education have negotiated on a new master contract, and a final document has been agreed upon. Members of the BEA ratified the contract on June 14, 2022. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the Negotiated Agreement between the two parties effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028 on language, economic package, and insurance. The Board of Education authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to sign the agreement upon approval.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-080 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

5. Approve Compensation for Non-Represented Staff

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve extending salary schedule wage increases to all non-represented staff, including those on the Non-Represented Staff Salary Schedule, in equal amount to those agreed to by BEA and for the same contract years effective August 1, 2025.

As part of the discussion, Brad Hall expressed his desire to personally decline the increases for all three years.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Lang, Stewart, Wilson.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.
Abstain --- Fissel, Yoder.

OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

A. Superintendent

25-081 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Stewart to approve:

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1. Adoption of Athletic Spectator Code of Conduct Policy

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2025-2026 Athletic Spectator Code of Conduct Policy.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-082 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

2. Adoption of Elementary Student Handbook (K-5)

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Elementary handbook (K-5).

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-083 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

3. Adoption of Middle School Student Handbook

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Middle School handbook.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-084 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

4. Adoption of High School Student Handbook

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 High School handbook.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-085 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

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5. Adoption of District Student Handbook

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Bellefontaine Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 District student handbook.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

25-086 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Wilson to approve:

6. Adoption of Board Policies

In a continuing effort to update and make current all Board of Education policies, the Board and its administrators have reviewed the following listed policies and recommend them for adoption.

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
9160	Public Attendance at School Events
5512	Tobacco Use Prevention (Students)
4215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Classified Staff)
3215	Tobacco Use Prevention (Professional Staff)

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports

Executive – Colin Yoder, Mark Fissel
Finance – Mark Fissel, Karen Wilson
Curriculum – Kristen Lang, Karen Wilson
Buildings and Grounds – Bryn Stewart, Kristen Lang
Legislative – Colin Yoder, Bryn Stewart

B. Board of Education

1. Reports

Ohio Hi Point Career Center – Anne Reames
Student Liaison – Karen Wilson

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

25-087 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

A. Evaluation of Superintendent and Treasurer


Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

President Yoder declared the Board out of Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

25-088 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Wilson to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Stewart, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.



PRESIDENT – Colin Yoder



TREASURER – Joshua Wasson