

The Delphos Board of Education met in regular session August 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office

The following members were present:

Mrs. Lynn Bockey
Mrs. Karen Grothouse

Mrs. Tina Brinkman
Mrs. Becca Suever

Mr. Jason Grogg

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Bockey.

Approval of Agenda

The Delphos City Schools Board of Education is being asked to consider several items together in one motion (following a consent agenda format). These items are presented under the “Treasurer’s Report” and under the “Superintendent’s Report” sections of this agenda. Board members should review these items and request any item(s) he or she would like to have considered separately removed from the consent recommendation and included for a separate Board decision.

Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Laura Peters went over the agenda items with the board. She then noted that the first payroll for the new school year was completed which is a big undertaking for each new school year. Training was completed for the set up on Scscan. She also noted that positive pay has now been implemented for the payroll account for security purposes with the bank. Mrs. Peters also noted that the Allen County tax settlements had been received as well as the July income tax collection.

Treasurer: Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve July 28, 2025, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment A)
- B. Approve financial statements for the period July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025
 - Payment of invoices for reporting period. (Attachment B)
 - Fund balance statement (Attachment C)
 - Cash Reconciliation worksheet (Attachment D)
 - Investment report (Attachment E)
 - Appropriation account summary and revenue account information reports (per email)
- C. Approve the additional pays for July. (Listed below)
 - Stephanie Braun-Special Education Director \$858.06
 - Joe Dellinger-Science of Reading \$400.00

- Melissa Mount-Preschool Hours \$102.64
- Cindy Redmon-Tutor \$146.63
- Myriah Rode-Evaluation/Report/PK \$467.53
- Heather Schnipke-Summer School Hourly Rate adjusted \$210.00.
- Kim Antalis-Extra Office Work \$891.00
- Michelle Burgei-Extra Office Work \$585.75
- Jenna Lucas-Preschool Hours \$132.56
- Stacey Ricker-Training Sub Nurses and Staff \$1,208.10
- Courtney Spieles-Extra Office Work \$350.93

Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Motion by Jason Grogg
Seconded by Mrs. Suever

Roll call vote: Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jeff Hobbs introduced Drew Wertenberger, Cassandra Nulls, Doreen Knippen, Kevin Ardner and Crystal Flanagan. The group then spoke about being bus drivers in the Delphos City Schools. They talked about how they became drivers and how much they loved transporting our students. Mrs. Grothouse thanked all of them for being dedicated and talked about how they are the first school person that the students see in the morning and the last one at the end of day.

Mr. Hobbs then went over the agenda items with the board.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

25-08-01R

A. Employment

- 1. a. Certified Resignations**
 - Becky Jackson-2nd Grade Teacher (Effective July 1, 2026)
- 2. a. Certified Staffing**
 - Crystal Howell-Part Time Social Worker
- 3. a. Classified Staffing**
 - Joy Hempfling-NAPS Clerk-3 hours DSJ
 - Dianna Mullen-Sub Cook
 - James Martin-Sub Custodian
 - Cassandra Null-Sub Custodian
 - Jeff Rostorfer-Sub Custodian
 - Crystal Howell-Part Time Social Worker
- 4. a. Sub Nurses**
 - Madison Moreno

- Andrea Kill
- Madyson Brubaker
- Kari Roy
- Kiersten Kemper

B. Accept the Following Donations:

- \$2,500 from the Delphos VFW Post 3035 to the DCS Cafeteria Student Assistance Fund.
- \$1000 from the Delphos Eagles Auxiliary 471 for Disability Playground Equipment
- \$600 from the Delphos Eagles Auxiliary 471 to the Delphos Jefferson FFA.
- \$500 from the Delphos Eagles Auxiliary 471 for the STEM Program.
- \$250 from the Delphos Eagles Auxiliary 471 for the DARE/SRO.

C. Approve the memorandum of understanding between the Delphos City Schools BOE and the Delphos Education Association regarding retirement incentives.

D. Approve tax exemptions for private improvements to real property to be authorized as part of an enterprise zone within the city of Delphos in Allen County and waiving certain notices in connection therewith for Lakeview Farms (Novus). Agree to waive the 45 days wait period to expedite the project.

E. Appoint Mrs. Bockey as the 2025 OSBA Delphos City Schools Capital Conference Delegate and Karen Grothouse as the Alternate Delphos City Schools Capital Conference Delegate to be held November 16-18, 2025.

F. Approve the memorandum of understanding between the Delphos City Schools and the Lima City Schools regarding Title I funds for students being educated in Lima who reside in Delphos. The Lima City Schools will be responsible for the Title I teacher, their evaluation and the Title I evaluation. The amount of funding will be determined from the DEW's CCIP per pupil amount based on economic eligibility reported by the non-public.

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Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

OUTSIDE OF CONSENT AGENDA

25-06-02R

1. Approve the Kent Smelser as Athletic Director for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Brinkman and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs: No report
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning: Next Community Heros is scheduled for Sept 18 with the Seniors.
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni: Alumni night at the Sept 6th football game.
4. Personnel, Policy, and Governance: Waiting on policy updates.
5. Vantage Career Center: Mrs. Suever reported on this year's enrollment

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

The Board then discussed the school's bus fleet. They discussed the need for an additional large bus due to the addition of expanding the intown routes and adding the stops for latch key providers.

WILDCAT "PAWS-ITIVIES": were given by Mr. Hobbs to Drew Wertenberger for his communication and leadership skills.

5:58 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION **25-08-03R**

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G), for the Superintendent hereby requests that the Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, employee evaluation.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Grogg and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

6:11 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board move to adjourn the August 25, 2025, regular meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 6:12 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

All in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:00p.m. in the District Office.

President, Lynn Bockey

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