RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting Date: September 4, 2025

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at **5:00** P.M. at Wadsworth High School Media Center, 625 Broad Street.

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck
Absent	McComas
Administrators	3
Staff	0
Visitors	1

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

25-09-126 **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

The motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Special Meeting August 21, 2025

VOTE: Yea - Gordon, Stevens, Beck, Batey
Nay - None Motion Carried,

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

25-09-127 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Beck**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Personnel Items from the September 4, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

1. Employments

(Recommendations are contingent upon each individual receiving his/her license from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, with a license effective date of July 1, 2025, if he/she does not already have the said license and successfully meeting all other pre-employment requirements of the Board.)

a) Non-Teaching Employees

Melissa Ewolski	(eff. 08/27/25)
Sladjana Marinkovic	(eff. 08/26/25)
Pam Noel	(eff. 08/25/25)
Lauren Ratajczyk	

b) Classified Substitutes

Cory Moehring	(eff. 09/02/25)
Christine Race	(eff. 08/26/25)
Darlene Ware	(eff. 09/02/25)

c) Supplemental Contracts

Beth Beal	Prevention Specialist

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Beck, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None Motion Carried,

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

25-09-128 The motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Board Member Items Ratification of Resignations from the September 4, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. **RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS**

1.	Andrea Palidar	Playground Aide position only	(eff. 08/21/25)
2.	Jessica Widmer	Transportation Supervisor	(eff. 09/27/25)

VOTE: Yea – Beck, Batey, Gordon, Stevens
Nay – None Motion Carried,

DISCUSSION: STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030

Staffing: The strategic plan will continue to focus on attracting and retaining quality faculty and staff. The Board discussed the challenges of filing short-hour support staff positions. The Board further discussed elementary class size and how it relates to intra-district open enrollment. The Board also discussed the possibility of returning all students to their home base and the impact it would have on class size across all our elementary buildings. The Board will further the intra-district open enrollment process in the spring as it relates to future years.

Finance: The Board discussed the fiscal items in the current strategic plan. In addition, property tax reform, the new October Five-Year Forecast, the sales tax, and the OFCC maintenance fund five-year forecasts. The Board will adopt an updated forecast in October that will guide discussions related to the strategic plan.

Community Relations: Discussions focused on the new public relations supplemental contract and the positive progress that is being made through the 1 Wadsworth initiative that Mr. Berg has implemented on social media. In addition, the Board discussed expanding our social media platform to additional social media outlets. Mr. Berg and the Technology Department are working on this. The Board also discussed the interaction with District support organizations (i.e., PTO's), as part of our communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member addressed the Board with questions and concerns about Wadsworth City Schools and Lifewise Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

25-09-129 The motion was made by **Beck**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **6:49** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck
Nay – None Motion Carried,

(Signed)_____
Amanda Gordon, President

(Attested)_____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer