

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: September 8, 2025

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 P.M at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center, 625 Broad Street.

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck
Absent	McComas
Administrators	14
Staff	6
Visitors	56
Student Liaison	Ava Canada

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

25-09-130 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,

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

STUDENT	GRADE	SCHOOL
Reese Pickard	04	Franklin
Marshall Pramik	04	Isham
Merida Cramer	04	Lincoln
Callahan Tucker	04	Overlook
Ben Gruelle	04	Valley View
Tori LaGray	05	WIS
Zachary Bartko	08	WMS
Vincent Gambaccini	12	WHS Career-Technical
Aubrey Ross	12	WHS

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ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

- A. Discussion: [Board of Education Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices](#)

HB 96, the Biennial Budget, included language that goes into effect September 30, which requires Boards of Education to adopt a policy prohibiting the use of cellular telephones during the instructional day. The policy must be in place by January 31, 2026. The Board had a discussion related to the new law and how to proceed with the current policy adopted less than one year ago. The four board members in attendance were in favor of local control, and assuming our policy follows the law, no change is needed to the policy that was recently approved.

- B. Scheduled Board of Education Special Meeting for September 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cydney Wagner addressed the bathrooms in the academic wings at WIS and understands the open concept, but she has concerns about the mingling of genders. She appreciates the idea of keeping students safe, but she proposed having boys on the second floor and girls on the first floor.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 25-09-131** Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, as presented:

- A. **PERSONNEL CONSENT 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 School Employees

Haley Gladding
Malona Shorter
Beth VanHauter
Chris Yocum

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b) Classified Substitute

Ellis Blamble
Chris Yocum

c) Certified Substitutes

Mary Beth Baxley

d) Volunteers

Mindie Bailey
Brittany Balmat
Brittany Benjamin
Courtne Blatter
Christopher Brelo
Kristin Churney
Crystal Coffman
Alexis Coldiron
Michaela Constantine
Nick Cristino
Jonathan Crowley
Sarah Crowley
Ashley Danecki
Tiffany Eiseman
Jessica Ely
Bruce Farley
Robyn Foisy
Amanda Gasser
Jennifer Geiser
Michelle Ghaster
Tracy Glass
Elizabeth Guise
Jessica Hale
Karen Hamilton
Nicole Holbrook
Christine Hunter
Justin James
Rachel James
Jianna Jinks
Korey Johnson
Beth Keck
Sarah Kershaw
Roxanne Kipfer
Madeline Knott
Lauren Kozak
Jennifer Lau

Jessica Little
Megan Lucey
Stayce Lueders
Margaret Luth
Steven Magyar
Laina Malnight
Samantha Martin
Jennifer Meillat
Kathryn Mesick
Maddison Minica
Katherine Moore
Amanda Nelson
Jilian O'Brien
Jodi Osborne
Ihesha Packer
Sarah Patterson
Andrea Petkovic
Carrie Poetter
Holland Poole
Jacob Poole
Brittney Quinn
Patrick Quinn
Ashley Rediger
Andrew Reid
Debora Rians
Jennifer Robinson
Hillary Rodriguez
Glen Rutherford
Courtney Sadler
Ginger Schleifer
Jamie Schott
Allison Shell
Jamie Shellhorn
Derrick Shriver
Rebecca Shriver
Karen Shultz

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Nina Shultz
Carina Smith
Jessica Smith
Jordan Smith
Stephany Smith
Dawn Tonge
Pamela VanDyke
Matthew Vitarella
Megan Vitarella
Bethany Wagoner
Angela Watters

Shelby Wenger
Lisa White
Telah White
Amanda Williams
Laura Williams
Danielle Winwood
Ashley Yoder
Derek Yoder
Jeremy Young
Lauren Zebrowski

e) Supplemental Contracts

Chris Baughman	Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.)
Cindy Beeman	Varsity Asst. Swimming Coach
Mary Beth Baxley	Co-Director (WMS Play)
Rachel Bendel	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
Mallory Bergstresser	WIS RTI Member
Carlie Betts	WIS Student Council
Chad Bever	Boys' Reserve Basketball Coach
Stephanie Bever	WIS Science Dept. Head (50%)
Ashley Bonenfant	Extended Service (18 hrs.)
Alec Booth	Girls' Basketball Coach (Vol.)
Andrew Booth	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach
Tom Carnes	Girls' Basketball Coach (volunteer)
Amy Clark	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
Tricia Claypool	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Stephanie Colecchi	Freshman Cheerleading Coach (Winter)
Kate Conley	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
Johanna Corbin	WIS Special Ed. Dept. Head (50%) WIS RTI Member
Maria Daull	WIS Bus Ramp Duty
Kristy Doyle	Varsity/JV Cheerleading Coach (Winter)
Aliza Gill	WIS RTI Member
Louden Gordon	Varsity Wrestling Coach
John Gramuglia	8th Grade Wrestling Asst. Coach (Vol.)
Matt Hastings	WIS Bus Ramp Duty WIS Band
Dana Hire	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
Shannon Hoover	Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.)
John Hughes	Boys' Varsity Basketball Asst. Coach
Cara Johnson	WIS Eng./Lang. Arts Dept. Head (50%)

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Larry Kaufman	8th Grade Wrestling Asst. Coach
Sandy Kurt	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Kelly Laib	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Debbie Lake	Co-Director (WMS Play)
Brian Lenox	WIS Special Ed. Dept. Head (50%)
	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
	WIS RTI Member
Derek McCune	Wheelchair Basketball Coach
Heidi McCune	Wheelchair Asst. Basketball Coach
Katie Oliver	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Thora Metzger	Isham Elementary Crossing Guard Supervisor
Lindsey Miller	Franklin Elem. Student Council (50%)
Amy Muhl	WIS Choir
Rachel Murphy	WMS Cross Country Coach (Vol.)
Zach Ockunzzi	WIS Social Studies Dept. Head (50%)
	WIS RTI Chair
Lisa Owens	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Molly Palecek	Girls' 9th Grade Basketball Coach
Mark Postak	Girls' Varsity Basketball Asst. Coach
Matt Price	Boys' Basketball Asst. Coach (Vol.)
Mike Recupero	Year 2 Resident Educator Mentor
Autumn Reeves	Varsity Swimming Coach
Amanda Reid	Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor
Larry Ries	WHS Faculty Manager (Winter)
Christian Rodriguez	Varsity Asst. Swimming Coach
Lindsay Rohrbach	Extended Service (4 hrs.)
Mike Schmeltzer, Sr.	Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach (Vol.)
Shannon Schmitt	WIS Social Studies Dept. Head (50%)
	WIS RTI Member
Dennis Schrock	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
Justine Sheehan	WIS Bus Ramp Duty
Jeff Shenker	WIS Bus Ramp Duty
Matt Shiarla	Varsity Asst. Wrestling Coach
Kip Shipley	Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.)
Amanda Simmons	Franklin Elem. Student Council (50%)
Amanda Spaetzel	WIS Student Council
Chris Steele	Varsity Asst. Bowling Coach
George Steele	Varsity Asst. Bowling Coach (50%)
	Varsity Bowling Coach (50%)
Heidi Steele	Varsity Asst. Bowling Coach (50%)
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Brett Steiner	Reserve Wrestling Coach

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Greg Stoner	WIS Science Dept. Head (50%)
Sara Storm	WIS Math Dept. Head (50%)
	WIS Newspaper
Justin Todd	Weight Room Supervisor (Winter)
Sam Valenti	Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.)
Katie Veal	WIS RTI Member
Bryce Weber	WIS Math Dept. Head (50%)
	WIS Chess Club
Kevin Williams	8th Grade Wrestling Coach
Megan Wolf	WIS Eng./Lang. Arts Dept Head (50%)
Patti Back	LPDC Member
Dave Derrig	PDC Member
Rob Earle	LPDC Member
Kate Goodrich	PDC Chair
Jeff Marini	PDC Member
Zach Ockunzzi	PDC Member
Lisa Owens	PDC Member
Melissa Pride	WMS Fall Esports (Vol.)
Larry Ries	8th Grade Football Asst. Coach
Jason VanKirk	LPDC Chair

2. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Caroline Houston on October 9, 2025.

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

Motion Carried,

25-09-132 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the Everyday Speech, LLC Terms of Service and Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Student Data Privacy Agreement for Technology Providers. (ATTACHED)
2. Recommendation to the Auditor of State Summary of Services for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2025. (ATTACHED)
3. Recommendation to approve the Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass-Through Grant Agreement between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)

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4. Recommendation to readopt Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Policy 2261.01. (ATTACHED)
5. Recommendation to set adult breakfast and lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:
 - a) Breakfast: \$2.10
 - b) Lunch: \$4.55
6. Recommendation to determine that the following students are impractical to transport for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a) Leo Dougherty St. Francis DeSales
 - b) Everett Raw NEO Classical Academy
 - c) Scarlett Raw NEO Classical Academy
7. Recommendation to approve a first reading of the following Wadsworth City School District Board of Education policies:
 - a) 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (revised)
 - b) 2430.02 Participation of Community/STEM School/Home-Educated Students in Extracurricular Activities (rev.)
 - c) 3130 Assignment and Transfer (revised)
 - d) 5130 Withdrawal from School (revised)
 - e) 5200 Attendance (revised)
 - f) 5410 Promotion, Academic Acceleration, Placement, and Retention (revised)
 - g) 6109 Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card (new)
 - h) 6152 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges (revised)
 - i) 6830 Audit (revised)
 - j) 7540.02 Digital Content and Accessibility (revised)
 - k) 7541 Electronic Data Disaster Recovery Plan (rescind)
 - l) 8300 Continuity of Organizational Operations (revised)
 - m) 8305 Information Security (revised)
 - n) 8400 School Safety (revised)
 - o) 8460 Transportation for Non-Routine Trips (revised)
 - p) 8462 Student Abuse and Neglect (revised)
 - q) 9270 Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extracurricular Activities for Students Not Enrolled in the District (revised)
8. Recommendation to approve the Contract for Handicapped and Nonhandicapped Pupils (SF-14PD Reporting) Pursuant to ORC 3327.04 and 3313.64(C)(4) between the East Muskingum Local School District and the Wadsworth City School District for the 2025-2026 school year. (ATTACHED)

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9. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, 3317.08 and 3313.841 O.R.C. between the Brunswick Board of Education and the Wadsworth City Schools Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. (ATTACHED)
10. Recommendation to accept a \$3,464 donation from the Wadsworth Band Boosters.
11. Recommendation to approve the Service Agreement by and between PSI Associates, LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. (ATTACHED)
12. Recommendation to approve the Service Agreement between Family Connections and Associates and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)
13. Recommendation to approve the Business Agreement between Nightfall Entertainment, LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
14. Recommendation to approve the Room and Event Contract between Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
15. Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wadsworth Educational Support Personnel Association OEA/NEA and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)

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

Motion Carried,

25-09-133 Upon the recommendation of Asst. Superintendent Moore, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Personal Item C from the September 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, as presented:

C. **PERSONNEL ITEM**

Michael Schmeltzer Girls' Reserve Basketball Coach (Suppl.)

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

Motion Carried,

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ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

25-09-134 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Recommendation to approve Chris Sieber's reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees for a seven-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2032.
2. Recommendation to accept the financial reports as presented and subject to audit.

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

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TIM

BECK:

The Governor initiated a Property Tax Reform group to review property tax reform in the State of Ohio

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HB96: The Governor vetoed several items. One item to date has received the necessary veto override votes from the House and is awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Doug Beeman provided an update on the reappraisal and updated property value letters that were sent to Wadsworth residents this past week. Treasurer Beeman reminded the Board and community that as property values increase, the effective millage rate on voted levies is rolled back to equal the average increase in property values. Residents will see a slight increase in their property tax bills as a result of the reappraisal on the inside mills. However, they will not see an increase in any voted levy, and voted levies are the majority of the tax levies in effect. With a 25% increase in property values, residents can expect about a 7-8% increase in their tax bill related to the schools.

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BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

AVA

CANADA: Hello, I am Ava Canada. I am a Senior. I have lived in Wadsworth my whole life, I attended Northside Christian Academy from Kindergarten to 8th grade and transferred to Wadsworth High School to start Freshman year. I've been in the show choir for four years. I am also a part of Huddle, National Honor Society, Student Council, Be Kind Wadsworth, Peer Mentors, and Grizzly Leaders, and a member of the Governor's school safety advisory board. I have two local jobs, and I am very involved with community service.

It has been a busy start to the school year; the first official day of school was on August 21st, but we welcomed the freshmen on the 15th to our building so they could get used to the change before the first day. Our seniors recently completed Senior kick-off, where we spent our day learning about future life skills and helpful ways to prepare for college. The next morning, we had senior sunrise at the middle school track. We gathered to enjoy breakfast and watch the sunrise together. Some important upcoming events and dates are Picture Day on September 15th, and homecoming spirit week will be September 22nd-26th with a pep rally on the 26th, and the dance will be on the 27th, the PSAT on October 16th, and there will be an informational meeting for College Credit Plus on October 28th. College visits will start later in the week, and college advising appointments are officially available for students and parents.

Wadsworth Arts Department is currently preparing for their fall show, Lost Girl, and their Christmas comedy. The show choir is getting ready for its fall concert on October 10th, which will be broadcast on WCTV. And Band has a show this weekend and next.

Our football team is currently undefeated, 3-0. This week will be the first conference game of the season. September 19th is Salute the Troops night, and we invite all veterans and active-duty members to join us for a night of fun. Competition cheer has officially started practicing for another amazing season. Volleyball is also undefeated 6-0, and senior Rown Kelly has set a new school record for 1,820 career assists.

Arts:

- Fall drama auditions
- Preparing for the fall show
- Announced and started working on the fall show, Lost Girl, and Christmas Comedy
- Fall show Oct. 10th

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Academics:

- Class of 2026 Senior kick-off
- Senior sunrise
- PSAT: Oct. 16th
- College now advising appointments now available for students and parents
- College credit plus meeting will be held on October 28th
- College visits will start during lunch later this week
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Sports:

- Football commits?
- Other sports commits?
- Volleyball?
- Salute the troops football night, September 19th
- Cross-country will compete in their suburban league on October 11th
- Senior Rowan Kelly set a new school record of 1,820 career assists

JILL

STEVENS: Thanked the principals and teachers for the Students of the Month. Thanked the volunteers in our District. Congratulated the success of our fall sport teams.

TIM

BECK: Congratulated the Football team and the Band for their success this year. The Drama Dept. has three plays scheduled for this fall. Acknowledged the elementary PTO's and all the work they do.

JULIE

BATEY: Thanked the Isham PTO for the wonderful opening of the redesigned library at Isham. Thanked all of the Elementary PTOs for the fabulous work they do. Congratulated WIS on their school-wide first town hall meeting last week. Encouraged all students who are eligible to sign up for the weekend bags.

AMANDA

GORDON: Five former WHS band members will be performing at the Ohio University vs. The Ohio State University game this Saturday from both institutions. Announced that the Football team will hold its annual mattress sale on Sunday. Noted the spirit the WHS Band brings to Friday night games. Congratulated the WHS Football team for being the Cleveland Browns Game of the Week.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
 - 1. Appointment
 - 2. *Employment***
 - 3. Dismissal
 - 4. Discipline
 - 5. Promotion
 - 6. Demotion
 - 7. *Compensation***
 - 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- E. *Matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes.***
- F. Regularized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on A2, A7 and E as listed above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

25-09-135 The motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to enter Executive Session at **8:10** p.m.

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Nay – None

Motion Carried,

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EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **9:43** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

25-09-136 The motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **9:43** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Amanda Gordon, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer