

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – September 9, 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure, Wylie Sirk, Darlene Hebble-Juengel, and Joel Miller were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

ABSENT:

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 5:59 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Dave Hill, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of

- a. August 12, 2025/Regular Board Meeting
- b. August 12, 2025/Executive Board Meeting

1. Financial Report

2. Personnel

a. Assignments

1. Jennifer Alberding to be assigned the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Bellmont High School effective August 25, 2025.
2. Academic Additional Assignments

Bellmont Elementary School

Academic Competition/Ashley Scheumann, Yearbook Advisor/Jenna Schmidt, *Team Leaders: Preschool/Jessica Braatz (Added 9/9/25), Kindergarten/Jacki Morris, 1st Grade/Christy Blythe, 2nd Grade/Jenni Mere, 3rd Grade/Dani Ulman, 4th Grade/ Ashley Scheumann, 5th Grade/Brooke Ainsworth, Special Education/Cara Gerber, RAS/Jackie Sanderson*

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Bellmont Middle School

Assistant Activities Director/Aaron Bergman, Instrumental Music/Rachel Kesar, Student Council/Becca Vanderkolk & Abbey Bowers, Yearbook Advisor/Tim Myers, *Team Leaders:* 6th Grade/Tonni North, 7th Grade/Mike Keller, 8th Grade/Stacy Krull, SPED/Lyne Weiland, RAS/Kenzie Wilson

Bellmont High School

Assistant Athletic Director/Tory Fuelling, Journalism/ Margaret (Chase) Bauer , Instrumental Music Director/Rachel Kesar, *Drama:* Spring Musical/Jaime Macklin - Fall Play/Jaime Macklin - Drama Assistant/Jenny Baczynski, Vocal Music/Jaime Macklin,-Vocal Music-Assistant/Megan Baczynski, Travel-Job Sites/Matt Converset and Robin Egly, Travel-Child Care Coordinator/Jennifer Faurote, Freshman Class Sponsor/Robin Egly & Jennifer Faurote, Sophomore Class Sponsor/ Matt-Monroe & Dane Fuelling, Junior Class Sponsor/Shelby Billington & Alicia Hakes, Senior Class Sponsor/Jenny Douglas & Jenny Baczynski, National Honor Society/ Linda Arnold, Spanish Club/Linda Huber & ~~Derek Trobeck~~ (removed 9/8/25), German Club/Dane Fuelling, Art Club/Jenny Baczynski, Student Council/Lissa Roop & Craig Lohr, Agriculture Club/Emma Brames, Technology Coordinator/Jennifer Douglas, Technology Student Association/Andrew Werling and Kaleb Woodworth,-Yearbook Advisor/ Margaret (Chase) Bauer, Sunshine Society/Shelby Billington, *Team Leaders:* Math/Sandy Busick – Science/Dana Busse – Social Studies/Mike Riehm – Language Arts/Andy Heim – CTE Electives/Robin Egly – CTE Non-Electives/Jaime Macklin, Special Education/Shelby Billington

b. Resignations

1. Kari Meyer to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 27, 2025.
2. Caden Staub to resign the position of Belmont High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective August 29, 2025.
3. Karson Everett to resign the position of Belmont Middle School Assistant Track Coach effective August 26, 2025.
4. David Myers to resign the part-time position of North Adams Community Schools Bus Maintenance/Grounds effective September 12, 2025.
5. *Michaela Roeder to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional effective September 8, 2025. (Added 9/9/2025)*

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c. Leaves

d. Retirements

e. Change of Position

f. LEA Business

1. Sonya Bertsch to be assigned the position of Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at North Adams/Adams Wells effective August 12, 2025.

g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

1. Bellmont High School Agriculture Class/Lake Erie/August 26, 2025.
2. Bellmont High School FFA/National FFA Convention/Indianapolis, IN/October 29-31, 2025.

A. Program Update

B. Old Business

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the following policy updates as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Policy Updates (2nd Read)
 - a. (Rescind) Po 0165.4 Notice of Requirements Established by Other Statutes
 - b. Related to Changes in Human Sexuality Instruction Legislation--po 2221 Mandatory Curriculum, po2414 Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Human Sexuality Instruction, po 2416 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information
 - c. Attendance-Related-- po 5200 Attendance, po 5223 Released Time for Religious Instruction, po 5600 Student Discipline, po 5605 Suspension and Expulsion of Students with Disabilities, po 5610 Suspension and Expulsion of Students
 - d. Parent-Rights Related-- po 2410 Audio, Video, and Digital Recording of Meetings, po 5771 Search and Seizure
 - e. Harassment-Related--po5517 Anti-Harassment, po 5517.01 Bullying
 - f. IREAD-Related-- po 2623 Student Assessment
 - g. Athletics-Related-- po 5111 Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Proof of Indiana Residency
 - h. Other—PO 1220 Employment of Superintendent, po 6320 Purchasing, po 3220.02 Supplemental Payments for Teachers

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve the following Athletic and Coaching Handbooks as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Bellmont Middle School Athletic Handbooks (2nd Read)
 - a. 2025-26 BMS Student Athlete/Parent Handbook
 - b. 2025-26 BMS Coaching Handbook

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C. New Business

Regular meeting suspended at 6:19 p.m. and Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget opened. Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget closed at 6:30 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting resumed.

1. Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget - Hiatt/Quinn

-Mrs. Hiatt informed the Board that the advertised tax rate for 2026 is lower than the 2025 rate and that the actual tax rate will likely be lower than the advertised rate. She noted that AV has increased and due to legislative changes, North Adams Community Schools will see a net revenue loss to tax caps estimated at \$1.2 million, up from \$550,000 the previous 4-year average loss. She stated that the percentage of tax cap loss is much higher than other area districts.

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Darlene Hebble Juengel, to approve Resolution to Designate Revenue for Collective Bargaining Purposes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of Resolution to Designate Revenue for Collective Bargaining Purposes

3. Bellmont NEXT Handbook (1st Read)

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that because Bellmont NEXT is a new format for the district, therefore the handbook will likely see many updates and changes.

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve Bellmont High School Course Addition/Changes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Approval of Bellmont High School Course Additions/Changes

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve addition of Bellmont Elementary School Extra Curricular Fund 0210 BES-DARE as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Approval of addition of Bellmont Elementary School Extra-Curricular Fund 0210 BES-DARE

6. Superintendent Report

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that Bellmont NEXT student enrollment is on target for 2025-26.

-Mrs. Hiatt praised teaching staff for the successful start on the school year and for their efforts implementing new curriculum.

-Mrs. Hiatt recognized the grounds crew for the continued campus improvements. She stated that wrought iron fencing will be extended along North Adams drive from football to baseball.

7. Other Matters to come before the Board

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D. Board Member and/or Public Comment

-Dave Hill informed the Board that Principal Kati Todd spoke at a recent Redevelopment Meeting. Mr. Hill complimented Ms. Todd's positive representation of Bellmont High School programs.

E. Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.