

Committee of the Whole Meeting**August 14, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Barry England, Carlee Ranalli, Jimmy Grager, Patty Kensinger, Benjamin Postles, and Joe Detwiler

Members absent: Adam Hileman, Louis Brenneman and Austin McMonagle,

Others present: Lisa Murgas, Christy Neri, Natalie Gorsuch and Connor Altoona Mirror

Items presented for discussion:**1. Policy Review**

The Board will be asked to approve the following the 30- day review period.

#425 - Dress and Grooming

#451 - Drug and Substance Abuse

#819 - Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

2. Professional Substitute Rates

As per Policy #405, Employment of Substitute Professionals, rates for substitutes are to be established each year by the Board. Rates will remain unchanged for the 2024-25 school year:

Day to Day - \$115

Nurse Day to Day - \$125

20 Days or More - \$125

One Semester or More - \$150

One Year Substitute - \$27,750

3. Child Advocates of Blair County Agreement

The Board will be asked approve the agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County Agreement, as presented.

4. Substitute School Nurse - C. Ebersole

The Board will be asked approve Christine Ebersole as a Substitute Nurse for the 2025-26 school year, at a rate of \$352.36 per day.

5. Leave without Pay - Cathy Mock

The Board will be asked to approve the leave without pay for September 18-19, 2025.

6. Teacher Substitutes

The Board will be asked to add the following individuals to the 2025-26 Teacher Substitute List.

Michelle Anderson

Josalyn Miller

Stephanie Onkst

7. Field Trip Requests

The Board will be asked to approve the following Field Trip requests:

C. Loose 9/18/2025 Take 39 juniors to the Altoona Fieldhouse for the annual post high school opportunity fair, at a cost of \$171.48 (trans & sub).

K. Over 9/16/25, Take student to the IU8 for the annual quiz bowl competition, at a
 9/23/25, cost of \$880 (trans & sub).
 10/7/25,
 10/14/25,
 10/22/2025

8. Appointment - Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach

The Board will be asked to approve Loc O's resignation as Volunteer Cross Country Assistant Coach, effective immediately.

9. School Transportation Driver List 2025-26

The Board will be asked to approve the driver list for 2025-26.

10. Permission to Appoint

The Board will be asked to authorize the Superintendent, Lisa Murgas, to appoint Part-Time Paraprofessional(s) prior to the September 2025 Board Meeting.

11. Resignation - Part-Time Aide - J. Burkholder

The Board will be asked to approve JoAnne Burkholder's resignation, effective immediately.

12. Resignation - Part-Time Aide - H. Allison

Board approve Heather Allison's resignation, effective immediately.

13. Use of Facilities

The Board will be asked to approve the following Use of Facilities requests:

- a) Joseph Detwiler is requesting the use of the High School Gym and Auditorium to host Cove League 3rd-6th Grade basketball games on 5 Saturdays beginning in mid-November.

Executive Session - 7:06 – 7:45pm during the Committee of the Whole on August 14, 2025 for safe school and personnel purposes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Board Secretary