

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: October 30, 2025

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center, 625 Broad Street.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck
Absent	McComas
Administrators	2
Staff	0
Visitors	10

25-10-153 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting October 13, 2025

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

Motion Carried,

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

25-10-154 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the October 30, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Employment

(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 meet all other pre-employment requirements of the Board.)

a) Administrative Two-Year Contracts

Daniel (Cole) Morgan

(eff. 10/22/25)

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b) Non-Teaching Employees

Danni Blake
Christopher Miller
Christina Ramey (eff. 10/27/25)

c) Certified Substitutes

Roberta Browning (eff. 10/02/25)
Karen Moore (eff. 10/27/25)
Emma Moser
Jennifer Muhl Long-Term Substitute (eff. 10/17/25)
Mark Postak

d) Classified Substitutes

Kelly Brammer
Ellen Hatfield
Ashlee Hamrick (eff. 10/22/25)
Kirk Kresowaty
Deborah Nelson
Mark Postak (eff. 10/24/25)

e) Supplemental Contracts

Chad Dean	WMS Boys Basketball Asst. Coach (Vol.)
Sarah Keating	Varsity Softball Coach
Steve Uhl	WMS Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach (Vol.)
Samantha Wiggins	WMS Winter Cheerleading Asst. Coach (Vol.)

f) Event Workers

Patty Allen	Cheryl Miller
Cindy Beeman	Bonnie Montoni
Dave Cutting	Don Moore
Aaron Gnap	Sherri Moore
Kelly Gnap	Kris Palecek
Kristen Highland	Charlie Ries
Phil Horrisberger	Chris Roberts
Alicia Innocenti	Lena Sciddurlo
Tom Jackson	Phil Seenes
April Jira	Gail Sheffield
Jacklyn Knorr	Paul Vukovic
Kirk Kresowaty	Tina Vukovic
Mike Kyner	Kandi Wallet
Jan Lauer	Mike Weyand
Mary Linn	Mindy Workman

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g) Volunteers

Brittney Ambrose
Tara Arnold
Sara Behrens
Rachel Cavanaugh
Sara Clark
Amanda Cramer
Matt Crowley
Cori Ehrich
Scott Gabor
Sage Gowdy
Sam Haas
Krista Lyons

Steven Morgan
Mark Postak
Brandon Reinhardt
Alesia Riffle
Curtis Roberts
Joanna Simmons
Justin Stine
Amy Sutton
Christa Taylor
Bennett Utter
Stephanie Warner

2. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Christa Goddard-Halicki from the end of her allowable sick leave through May 29, 2026.
3. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Catherine Hilton from the end of her allowable sick leave through February 26, 2026.
4. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Abbey Hoxworth from the end of her allowable sick leave through May 29, 2026.
5. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Victoria Lenz from the end of her allowable sick leave through the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Morgan Morando from the end of her allowable sick leave through May 6, 2026.
7. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Allison Romano from the end of her sick leave through May 25, 2026.
8. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Joanna Snitil from the end of her allowable sick leave through May 29, 2026.
9. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Nikki Weisen from the end of her allowable sick leave through February 26, 2026.

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

Motion Carried,

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B. ACTION CONSENT ITEM

1. Recommendation to approve the Expedited Development Agreement between TimeClock Plus, LLC and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)

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

Motion Carried,

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

25-10-156 The motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt the Board Member Item Ratification of Resignations from the October 30, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS

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|----|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. | DeWayne Heggie | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 11/07/25) |
| 2. | Tamara Lowe-Gearhart | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 10/14/25) |
| 3. | William Nelson | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 11/06/25) |
| 4. | Christine Putz | Non-Teaching Employee | (eff. 10/17/25) |
| | | (originally Board-approved at 10/13/25 meeting) | |

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

Motion Carried,

DISCUSSION WITH PTO PRESIDENTS

1. Welcome and Introductions

Board President Amanda Gordon welcomed the representatives from all eight of the Wadsworth Schools PTO's. Representatives from each school provided updates on current initiatives, activities, and areas of focus.

2. School Reports

Wadsworth Intermediate School (WIS)

- The new WIS building has been well-received; bathroom facilities are no longer an issue.
- The rollout of **ParentSquare** has been less successful than anticipated.

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Wadsworth High School (WHS)

- The main goal for the year is to increase student and parent involvement in school activities beyond football games.
- A **student council liaison** to the PTO has been established to help communicate information from students to parents.
- The **ParentSquare calendar** has been well received. The calendar information is sourced from the **district website calendar**.

Franklin Elementary

- The school's current focus is achieving **STEM accreditation**.
- Tours will be held in the near future.
- The school is utilizing **Zeffy**, an online payment and ticketing platform for nonprofits, which charges no fees.

Lincoln Elementary

- Focus continues to be on **parent engagement and involvement**.
- A parent has already expressed interest in serving as PTO President for next year.
- Lincoln PTO will facilitate a **Home Depot grant** to support the **outdoor classroom project**, which is a major initiative.

Valley View Elementary

- Recently held a successful **Fall Fest**, partnering with the high school to provide **senior volunteer hours**. Older students mentored younger ones and assisted with activity stations.
- The **Scholastic Book Fair** was a success, raising enough funds to provide every student with a **\$5 book voucher**.
- The PTO and principal are emphasizing **positive behavior incentives**.
- This spring, **Valley View and Isham** will collaborate on a **Color Run** event.

Isham Elementary

- All new PTO board members, except the Vice President, are new to their roles, resulting in a learning year.
- Isham is also using **Zeffy** for online fundraising, including the upcoming Color Run.
- Recently completed a **media center renovation**.
- PTO meetings are now **streamed live on Facebook** to increase accessibility.
- The **Magic Gives Back** fundraiser will be a joint event with **Valley View and WIS** in the spring.
- **2025–2026 goals**: PBIS initiatives, establishment of a **Kindness Club**, and a **Sign Language Club**.

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Overlook Elementary

- Recent events included the **Book Fair** and **Special Persons Fair**, offering a wide variety of books, including higher-quality titles.
- Upcoming events include:
 - **Costume Parade:** October 31, 2025
 - **4th Grade Turkey Trot**
- Concerns were raised regarding **parking limitations**. A question was asked about temporary parking in the grass area until permanent parking is installed.
- The PTO discussed balancing **fundraising events with family engagement events**.

Wadsworth Middle School (WMS)

- The Middle School maintains a low-key PTO presence, focusing on **concessions, school dances, and restaurant nights**.
- The PTO does **not charge a membership fee**.
- The PTO is sponsoring a **Cleveland Cavaliers game on January 10 at 1:00 PM**.

3. PTO Membership Discussion

- PTOs discussed variations in **membership fees**.
 - Some schools offer **multiple membership levels** (e.g., "PTO Plus").
 - Some have **waived fees entirely**, while others added new levels or benefits.
 - Elementary schools tend to prioritize membership fees more than the intermediate and middle schools, which focus on other fundraising methods.

4. Room Parent Discussion

- A question was raised about how other schools utilize **room parents**.
- Most schools reported that they **do not currently have room parents**.
- Consensus: **Teachers should lead classroom volunteer coordination**, with PTOs offering support as needed.
- It was suggested to **survey teaching staff** to gather input on preferences regarding room parents and volunteer management.

5. Board of Education Support

- **Julie Batey** asked PTO members if there is anything the **Board of Education** can do to further support the PTOs across schools.

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Board Goals:

Whole Child:

- Continue to monitor federal and State Assembly activity and take timely action to address potential legislation that may negatively impact the goals and outcomes of the Whole Child initiative.
- The Wadsworth City School District Board of Education will gather information from district stakeholders regarding the economic, social, and emotional needs of students within the district.
- The purpose of this effort is to gain a comprehensive understanding of the factors affecting student well-being and learning, analyze the collected information, and review findings during a follow-up presentation at a future Board of Education meeting.

Finance:

- The Wadsworth City School District Board of Education will develop a written plan, as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW), to address the projected deficit cash balance in Fiscal Year 2028 identified in the third year of the district's financial forecast.
- This plan will outline strategies and actions to ensure the district's long-term financial stability and compliance with state requirements.
- Continue to monitor federal and State Assembly activity and advocate against potential legislation that could negatively impact District finances.

Continue to create a climate of support and appreciation for District staff:

- Continue to highlight and celebrate our school buildings throughout the school year by:
 - Participating in Board tours of all school buildings throughout the year.
 - Taking part in/attending programs throughout the year at all buildings.
 - Continuing to provide an employee assistance plan to all employees of the Wadsworth City Schools.
 - Highlighting school-building activities and successes during Board Member items.
 - Focus on and promote the Wadsworth City Schools each month on the *Striving to be the Best* show on WCTV.

The Board will gather community input from strategic partners and community groups and communicate with the greater Wadsworth community:

- Meet annually with PTO Presidents.
- Meet annually with Building Principals and District Administrators.

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ADJOURNMENT

25-10-157 The motion was made by **Beck**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **8:34** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Amanda Gordon, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer