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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
October 21, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Oakwood Elementary Cafeteria by President Jerrod Hawk.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Jerrod Hawk, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

A. None.

5. Treasurer's Report

Julie Arend moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the September 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and October 9, 2025 Special Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for September 2025 (Attachment B).

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Saxton, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment has held steady at 1,354
- HVAC Update – air handler motor has been replaced above HS media center; should be able to close exhaust fans soon
- PCOC Update – currently have 20 students enrolled
- School Safety Week – Sept 22-26
- PPL
- Lighting project has started and they are making fast progress.

B. Principal, Curriculum, Special Education or Athletic Reports

- Jana Hiltner, Oakwood Elementary Principal
 - Several field trips went successfully- 4th graders took a field trip to the canal, 6th graders from both elementaries went to camp.
 - Oakwood Youth for Ag is off to a strong start.
 - Band is off to a great start. New teachers are work hard and settling in very nicely.
 - Safety week went well. Safety drills were run successfully. Students have become experts and look out for each other while reporting to adults in charge. Fire safety week went off without a hitch. Oakwood VFD, Auglaize VFD and Oakwood EMS were all on site to give tours of all the trucks and educated students on safety equipment. This week there will be some bus safety education with several drivers and grade K-3 students for National School Bus Safety Week.
 - PPL has been productive and valuable to staff. Teachers are feeling more accomplished by PPL instead of overwhelmed.

- 3rd grade state reading tests started this week. So far, things are going smoothly. Grade cards will go home tomorrow. The Quarterly Newsletter will go home Friday via email.
- PTO is hosting their first Popcorn with a Purpose fundraiser this Friday. Each student gets popcorn, and free will donations are accepted. The money raised will go towards the Cameran Manz family. The next Popcorn with a Purpose will be in January with the proceeds going to support Korra Havert's family.
- Looking ahead, next week is Red Ribbon week, and we have a few fun activities planned. The following week will have Parent Teacher Conferences.
- On a final note, Oakwood Elementary was recognized on Money Inc.'s website as the #16 elementary school in the state. While this may not be official, it is quite a nod to be recognized on a national website for all the great things we do.

7. JVS Report

8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. Policy Approval

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the following updated policies:

6109 – Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card; Revised policies as noted: 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 2430.02 – Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extracurricular Activities, 3130 – Assignment and Transfer, 5136 – Personal Communication Devices, 5200 – Attendance, 5223 – Released Time for Religious Instruction During the School Day, 6830 – Audit, 7540.02 – Digital Content and Accessibility, 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan, 8305 – Information Security, 8400 – School Safety, 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect, 8640 – Transportation for Non-Routine Trips, 9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools and Participation in Extracurricular for Students Not Enrolled in the District; Rescind as noted: 7541 – Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

10. NHS Trip

Joe Manz moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve sending approximately 11 students and two to four chaperones to Columbus, OH from March 16, 2026 to March 18, 2026. The cost is approximately \$400 per student (\$5,600 total) paid by fundraisers and students. (Attachment C)

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays – None

11. Fund Cash Reserve Policy

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the Fund Cash Reserve Policy as proposed by the Treasurer. (Attachment D).

Roll Call: Ayes – Saxton, Arend, Hawk, Manz, Stoller
Nays – None

12. Capital Plan and Permanent Improvement Strategic Plan

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the Capital Plan and Permanent Improvement Strategic Plan proposed by the Treasurer.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays – None

13. ODEW Special Education Model Policies and Procedures

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve the ODEW Special Education Model Policies and Procedures as follows:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (“DEW”) that the District will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

WHEREAS, DEW developed a document entitled “Special Education Model Policies and Procedures” (“2024 Model Policies”) that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the 2024 Model Policies and determined that certain statements within the 2024 Model Policies conflict with existing State and federal laws and/or applicable caselaw;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of education hereby adopts DEW’s 2024 Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below shall be considered either modified as specified or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the District complies with applicable State and Federal laws and/or caselaw:

- P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records
 - Original Language: “Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents.”
 - Action: Replace sentence with “Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the District is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the District based on State or Federal law or applicable retention schedules, the parent may require that the information be destroyed.”
- P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense
 - Original Language: “An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above.”
 - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- P. 33. Extended School Year
 - Original Language: “The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets.”
 - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- P. 42. Services
 - Original Language: “Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make

progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind.”

- Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein). The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board’s adoption of the modified 2024 Model Policies through DEW’s monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution by May 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein), while comprehensive, do not involve every requirements set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable caselaw, in the event there is conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Stoller, Hawk, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

14. Band Trip

Joe Manz moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve sending 33 students and four chaperones to Orlando, FL by charter bus from November 22, 2025 to November 26, 2025. The cost is approximately \$1,200 per student (\$50,000 total) paid by the students and Band Boosters. (Attachment E).

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Stoller, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays – None

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

15. Matt Stoller moved and Karen Saxton seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-2026 school year:

- A. Approval to accept the resignation of Lindsay Ellerbrock, OES Preschool Paraprofessional effective September 26, 2025. She served the district for 1 month.
- B. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Chelsea Oswalt, PES Paraprofessional, effective October 6, 2025. Step 0.
- C. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Sarah Heller, PJH/PHS Cafeteria Worker, effective October 13, 2025. Step 0.
- D. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Lisa Collins, OES Preschool Paraprofessional, effective October 20, 2025. Step 0.
- E. Approval of the following one-year extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jon Snodgrass	JH Athletic Director	25 extended days
Logan Stoller	Boys 5 th /6 th Grade Basketball	2.0 2 years
Matt Arellano	Girls 5 th /6 th Grade Basketball	3.0 6 years

Mark Wolfle	8 th Grade Boys Basketball	7.5 0 years
Brian Daeger	HS Girls Basketball Assistant	Volunteer
Maddie Bragg	Varsity Cheer Assistant (Basketball)	5.0 1 year
Tatem Varner	JH Cheer Advisor (Basketball)	3.0 0 years
Alana Eddings	Cheer Assistant (Basketball)	Volunteer
Cole Mabis	Boys Varsity Wrestling Assistant	9.0 1 year
Tanya Rickenberg	Var Wrestling Assistant	Volunteer
Brody White	JH Head Wrestling	7.0 1 year
Easton Lewis	JH Wrestling Assistant	6.0 1 year
Megan Dearth	Drama Dept Assistant	Volunteer
Sue Rhodes	Drama Dept Assistant	Volunteer
Sue Rhodes	Quiz Bowl Assistant	Volunteer
Derrick Pease	JH Boys Basketball	Volunteer
George Clemens	Assistant HS Wrestling	Volunteer

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Saxton, Arend, Hawk, Manz
Nays – None

16. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

Time In: 6:19 p.m. Time Out: 6:59 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton
Nays - None

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

President

Treasurer/CFO

