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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Jerrod Hawk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Jerrod Hawk, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton

   Absent – Matt Stoller

4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

   A. Jack C. Smith, Sr. was presented with a Veteran's Diploma.

5. Treasurer's Report

Karen Saxton moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items
   (1) Approval of the August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
   (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for August 2025 (Attachment B).
   (3) Approval of the Five-Year Forecast (Attachment C).
   (4) Approval of the following Student Activity Budgets or the 2025-2026 school year (Attachment D):

JH Student Council	Drama	Quiz Bowl
Student Business	Blessings in a Bag	OMUN
FFA		

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

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report
   - Enrollment has held steady at 1,354
   - HVAC Update – Chiller controls are being explored with a couple vendors with the hopes of obtaining grant funding.
   - PCOC Update – currently have 19 students enrolled
   - School Safety Week – Sept 22-26
   - PPL – The work in PPL is showing on the report card. There has been some success, but there is still work to be done to get where we want to be.
   - Great start to the 2025-2026 school year

B. Principal, Curriculum, Special Education or Athletic Reports
   - Eric Deisler, Paulding Junior High Principal
     - Staff retention this school year was excellent- the Junior High only had two departures, and both were due to retirement. A video on kindness was shared with the full Junior High, and Mr. Arellano held a discussion with the students after the video to reinforce the point. Implementation of explicit instructional strategies has been progressing over the last three years; this year the focus is on lesson delivery.

Improvements on the state standardized tests showed improvement in 7 of the 8 areas tested; these improvements are attributed to the implementation of explicit instructional strategies. Mr. Arellano has also prepared presentations addressing suicide prevention, drug prevention, peer pressure, and anti-vaping. Mr. Arellano has also set up a Vantage tour for all 8th grade students on November 6.

- Jennifer Manz, Curriculum Coordinator
    - Provided the Board with copies of the updated report card and the last 3 years of ratings. Discussed the areas to target for future improvement and explained the areas that can be influenced the most in the short term, and those that will require more time due to the time periods that the underlying data is from. Many areas are showing growth, and the overall star rating for the district improved to 3.5 stars.

7. JVS Report

8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. Gifted Identification

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a revision to the Paulding Exempted Village Schools policy and plan for the identification and service of children who are gifted. This revision reflects our shift in whole-grade screening from grades 2 and 6 to grades 1, 2, 4, and 5. By expanding the grade levels that are screened, students will now have more opportunities to be identified for gifted services and receive the support they need. (Attachment E)

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

10. OMUN Trip

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve sending approximately 15-20 students and two chaperones to attend the OMUN Competition in Columbus, OH from December 7, 2025 to December 9, 2025. The cost is approximately $275 per student ($4,400 total) paid by fundraisers and students. (Attachment F)

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

11. Panthers for Careers Agreement

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the "Panters for Careers" Student Internship Partnership Agreement between Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Westwood Behavioral Health Center for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment G).

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

12. Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve Blake Dunn as a 2026 PHS graduate, effective 9/5/25. All requirements for graduation have been met.

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

13. Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to increase the daily rate for Substitute Teacher pay to $110/day, effective September 15, 2025.

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

14. Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 12-passenger van from Integrity Ford with an approximate cost of $56,167.

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

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

15. Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-2026 school year, except as noted, pending records:

A. Approval to accept the resignation of Melissa Harder, PHS Social Studies Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. She will have served the district for 32 years.

B. Approval of the following one-year extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Ben Barton	Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant (50%)	12.5 5 years
Alex Arellano	Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant (50%)	12.0 2 years
Jodi Griffith	Girls JV Basketball	12.5 4 years
Kortni Martin	Girls 8th Grade Basketball	7.5 1 year
Cole Mortemore	Girls 7th Grade Basketball	7.5 0 years
Payton Beckman	Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant	12.0 1 year
Brian Miller	Boys JV Basketball	13.0 6+ years
Cole Seslar	Boys Freshman Basketball	8.5 0 years
Cory Giesige	Boys Basketball Volunteer	Volunteer
Nick Pittman	Boys 7th Grade Basketball	8.0 3 years

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

16. Executive Session

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

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

Time In: 7:00 p.m. Time Out: 7:19 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

President

Treasurer/CFO