

**WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WADSWORTH, OHIO

REGULAR STATED MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

JAMES R. MCILVAINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 625 BROAD STREET

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Motion for Approval and Signing of Minutes

V. Student/Staff Recognition

A. December Students of the Month

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
Emily Kitzmiller	04	Franklin Elementary School
Clara Foote	04	Isham Elementary School
Landon Reid	04	Lincoln Elementary School
Claire Shaffer	04	Overlook Elementary School
Della Jones	04	Valley View Elementary School
Matthew Kalamets	05	Wadsworth Intermediate School
Mason Shriver	08	Wadsworth Middle School
Ty Racin	12	WHS Career-Technical
Robert Beatty	12	Wadsworth High School

VI. Administrative Discussion Items, Presentations, and Updates

A. Discussion: Draft Strategic Plan 2026-2030

B. Discussion: Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Designation of Wadsworth City School District in Fiscal Pre-Caution Status, per [Ohio Revised Code 5705.39](#)

VII. Public Participation

VIII. Administrative Items

A. Personnel Consent Items

1. Employments (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 meeting all other pre-employment requirements of the board.)

a) Administrators

- (1) Zachary Ockunzzi, eff. 1/12/2026

b) Non-teaching Employees

- (1) Mariagnes Joyce
- (2) Justina Kline

c) Certified Substitutes

- (1) Jillian Hendershot
- (2) Caylie Quarles

d) Classified Substitutes

- (1) Shelley Moore, eff. 11/20/2025
- (2) Rebecca Roe, eff. 12/1/2026

e) Supplemental Contracts

- (1) Kristy Doyle, Competitive Cheer Coach
- (2) Matthew Hulme, Asst. Wrestling Coach (Volunteer)
- (3) Jon Larabee, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Asst. Coach (Volunteer)
- (4) Luke Martin, WMS Boys Basketball Asst. Coach (Volunteer)
- (5) Molly Palecek, Asst. Girls Basketball Coach (Volunteer)
- (6) Bradley Squire, WMS Asst. Wrestling Coach (Volunteer)
- (7) Will Virgin, Boys Freshman Basketball Coach, eff. 12/6/2025

f) Home Instructors

- (1) Hope Zakany, eff. 11/19/2025

g) Volunteers

- (1) Kevin Crow
- (2) Patti Donofrio
- (3) Sandra Guarino
- (4) Adam Marino
- (5) Elizabeth Sandor

2. Recommendation to extend the unpaid leave for Bruce Acker to January 6, 2026 (originally Board-approved to return December 8, 2025)
3. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Lora Fox from the end of her allowable sick leave through February 13, 2026

B. Action Consent Items

1. Recommendation to approve a second reading and adoption of the following Wadsworth City School District Board of Education policies:
 - a) 4162, Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions and are Subject to DOT Testing (revised)
 - b) 4162.01, Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees Without CDL Licenses Who Transport Students in Alternative Vehicles (Non-DOT Testing) (new)
 - c) 8600, Transportation (revised)
 - d) 8600.04, Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification (revised)
 - e) 8640, Transportation for Non-Routine Trips (revised)
 - f) 8650, Transportation by Alternative Vehicles (revised)
2. Recommendation to accept the following donations:
 - a) \$500 from Adam Byers
 - b) \$500 from Anita Heyden-Waung
 - c) Buehler's gift cards, valued at \$4,000, from MinuteMen OhioComp
 - d) \$500 from the Blue Tip Festival, Inc.
 - e) (8) soccer goals from the Wadsworth Amateur Soccer Association, valued at \$1,800 each
 - f) \$3,000 from Mark Sandridge

3. Recommendation to approve an overnight trip to Marion, Ohio for Engineering Design and Technology students attending the National Robotics competition, departing April 16 and returning April 18, 2026
4. Recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Akron Area YMCA Code of Conduct for YMCA Members, Participants, Guests and Third Parties
5. Recommendation to approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement Counselor Education & Family Studies between Liberty University, Inc. and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education
6. Recommendation to approve the Parker Foundation Terms and Conditions
7. Recommendation to approve the MatBoss, LLC Terms and Conditions
8. Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Admission for Non-Handicapped Tuition Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, and 3317.08 O.R.C. between the Barberton City School Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year
9. Recommendation to approve the Contract for Non-Handicapped Open Enrollment Pupils/Agreement for Admission of Open Enrollment Pupils Non-Handicapped Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3301.48, 3313.97, and 3313.98 O.R.C. between the Barberton City School Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year
10. Recommendation to approve the Contract for Children with Disabilities Open Enrollment/Agreement for Excess Cost for Children with Disabilities Pursuant to Sections 3313.98 O.R.C., 3323.14 O.R.C., and Rule 3301-48-02(F) between the Barberton City School Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year

IX. Items of the Treasurer

A. Action Items

1. Recommendation for the Wadsworth Board of Education to renew its membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2026
2. Call for the 2025 organizational meeting of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education to be held January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wadsworth High School Performing Arts Center and to appoint Amanda Gordon as president pro tem to open the meeting

3. Recommendation to accept the November 2025 financial reports as presented and subject to audit

X. Legislative Update

XI. Board Member Items

A. Ratification of Resignations

1. Barbara Crookes, Certified Teacher, retirement eff. 6/1/2026
2. Anne Dougherty, Certified Teacher, retirement eff. 6/1/2026
3. Zachary Ockunzzi, WIS Social Studies Dept. Head (50% supplemental contract), eff. 1/12/2026 (served 90 days)
4. Molly Palecek, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
5. Laurie Ryder, Certified Teacher, retirement eff. 6/1/2026

XII. Executive Session

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
1. Appointment
 2. Employment ✓
 3. Dismissal
 4. Discipline
 5. Promotion
 6. Demotion
 7. Compensation
 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)
- B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action
- D. Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment
- E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes

- F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on **A2, D, and E** as listed above.

XIII. Adjournment

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Public participation is governed by Board Bylaw 0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this activity.

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Agenda Detail Sheet

VIII. Administrative Items

A. Personnel Consent Items

1. Employments

a) Administrators

(1) Zachary Ockunzzi: Mr. Ockunzzi is being recommended to fill the interim assistant principal position at Wadsworth Intermediate School for the period of January 12 through May 29, 2026. The position will be available due to the maternity leave of Ms. Christa Goddard-Halicki.

b) Non-teaching Employees

(1) Mariagnes Joyce: Ms. Joyce is being recommended to fill the cafeteria helper position at Wadsworth Intermediate School that was left open when Ms. Jamee Porchowsky moved to another position within the district.

(2) Justina Kline: Ms. Kline is being recommended to fill the RBT special education aide position at the Grizzly Academy that was left open when Ms. Lynne Erjavec resigned.

B. Action Consent Items

- 1. Board of Education Policies:** The second reading and adoption of the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education policies being recommended for approval is necessary to align our policies with recent changes in the Ohio Revised Code and other best practices.
- 4. Akron Area YMCA:** The recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Akron Area YMCA Code of Conduct for YMCA Members, Participants, Guests and Third Parties is necessary for new requirements of the Wadsworth YMCA, a member of the Akron Area YMCA. As the Wadsworth YMCA operates out of our shared Community Center, our school district needs to sign the Code of Conduct as a third party.

5. **Liberty University, Inc.:** The Clinical Affiliation Agreement Counselor Education & Family Studies between Liberty University, Inc. and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education being recommended for approval outlines the requirements of each entity as it relates to students from Liberty University, Inc. being placed in our school district for clinical and occupational experiences.
6. **Parker Foundation:** The Parker Foundation Terms and Conditions being recommended for approval will allow our school district to accept a donation of \$2,500.00 from the Parker Foundation for use as a scholarship for a graduating senior in the class of 2026.
7. **MatBoss, LLC:** The MatBoss, LLC Terms and Conditions being recommended for approval will allow our school district to purchase the MatBoss program for use by our wrestling team.