

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Berne Union Local School District

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Board of Education

Held

Regular Meeting

20

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

High School Media Center

6:00 p.m.

President Hintz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present.

The meeting was opened by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**25-064: Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Oxley to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent and Treasurer. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**OSBA Presentation**

Mr. Aaron Hinchliffe, OSBA Central Region Manager, was present to recognize Board Members Dean Miller and Todd Hintz for twenty and ten years of service respectively.

**25-065: Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Garber to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-abstain, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**25-066: Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Mr. Garber and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the motions contained in the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- a. Approval of the Financial Report
- b. Approval of bills for payment

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Jon Parker, Superintendent, discussed the following topics:

1. Launch Party was well attended and community was very supportive
2. Centegix badges and staff training
4. Update on construction close-out items and ballfields lighting project
5. Outdoor basketball court is finished except permanent fence needs installed
6. Agenda items

Mrs. Melissa Drury, Elementary School Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. Launch Party added excitement for the start of the school year
2. New students still enrolling for the 2025-26 school year
3. Very pleased with the elementary performance index on spring state testing

Mr. Craig Heath, High School Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. After the first two staff in-service days and the Launch Party, the staff morale is extremely positive
2. Working out details with Hocking College for CCP Classes
3. High School Teacher Emily Hecock had over an 80% pass rate in her AP Classes

Mr. Jim Snoke, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor, discussed the following topics:

1. The grounds are looking good and ready for school to start
2. Bus drivers are very supportive of meeting the students who will ride their bus at the Launch Party

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#### **25-067: Superintendent's Recommendations**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Oxley to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as presented.

- a. Approval of Board Policy 6.05 (Inter-District Open Enrollment), Board Policy 6.08 (Student Absences and Excuses), Board Policy 6.18 (Student Discipline), Board Policy 6.19 (Code of Student Conduct), Board Policy 6.52 (Electronic Communication Devices), Board Policy 7.04 (Promotion, Placement, and Retention), Board Policy 7.05 (Remediation/Intervention Program for Reading Skills), Board Policy 7.12 (Home Education), Board Policy 7.17 (Extracurricular Activities), Board Policy 7.37 (Released Time for Religious Instruction), Board Policy 7.38 (Career-Technical Education Credit Transfer Courses), Board Policy 8.00 (Budget Planning and Appropriations Measures), Board Policy 8.07 (Purchases), Board Policy 8.19 (Inventory and Disposition of Equipment and Unused Supplies Obtained with Federal Awards) and Board Policy 9.22 (HIV/Aids).
- b. Approve to rescind Board Policy 6.09 (Habitual Truancy Intervention Strategies) effective September 28, 2025.
- c. Approve to participate in Provision 2 of the NSLP (National School Lunch Program) and SBP (School Breakfast Program) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- d. Approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser from the Village of Sugar Grove for the price of \$15,000.00

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

#### **25-068: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented.

- a. Approve the following supplemental contracts for 2025-2026 school year:
  - Tony Hurps – Head Varsity Football Coach
  - Cody Eyerman – Varsity Assistant Football Coach
  - Jake Parker – Varsity Assistant Football Coach
  - Michael Sexton – Varsity Assistant Football Coach(1/2)
  - Clayton Lawrence – Varsity Assistant Football Coach(1/2)
  - Jon Anderson – Head Jr. High Football Coach
  - Nate Speelman – Jr High Football Assistant Coach
  - Chaz Dickerson – Volunteer Jr High Football Coach
  - Nick Speelman – Volunteer Jr High Football Coach
  - Casey Valentine – Volunteer Jr High Football Coach
  - Megan Holter – Assistant Volleyball Coach
  - Madison Staten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
  - Elizabeth Martens – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach
  - Melissa Anderson – Fall Cheerleading and Winter Cheerleading
  - Addie Browning – Fall Jr High Cheerleading and Winter Jr High Cheerleading
  - Marilyn Snively – Game Manager I
  - Julie Buckalew – Fall Game Manager II
  - Sonya Downour – Head Boys Cross Country Coach
  - Sonya Downour – Head Girls Cross Country Coach
  - Sonya Downour – Jr High Cross Country Coach
  - Robert Downour – Volunteer Cross Country Coach
- b. Approve a 1 year contract for Elizabeth Evans as a Long Term High School Substitute Teacher/Educational Aide for the 2025-26 school year.
- c. Approve Addie Browning as a substitute aide.
- d. Reclassify the job title of Dean Freda from bus driver to maintenance/bus driver, which will be a 260-day position.

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

Anna Bonavita, Elementary Teacher, thanked the Board for their continued support of professional development reimbursement.

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**25-069: Executive Session**

Moved by Mrs. Oxley and seconded by Mr. Miller to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel with possible action to follow. (Time: 6:34 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**25-070: Open Session**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hintz to return to open session. (Time: 6:59 p. m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.


**25-071: Contract Amendment**

Motion by Mrs. Oxley and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the motion to amend the employment contract of the Maintenance/Transportation Secretary and Assistant Supervisor, Mrs. Angie Barnes, as required by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.22 to reflect the agreed upon changes effective August 1, 2025. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton. Motion carried.

**25-072: Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Oxley to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:00 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

I certify these minutes to be correct.

  
PRESIDENT

  
TREASURER