

The Delphos Board of Education met in regular session November 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office

The following members were present:

Mr. Jason Grogg	Mrs. Rebecca Suever	Mrs. Tina Brinkman
Mrs. Lynn Bockey	Mrs. Karen Grothouse	

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Bockey.

Approval of Agenda

The Delphos City Schools Board of Education is being asked to consider several item together in one motion (following a consent agenda format). These items are presented under the Treasurer's Report and under the "Superintendent's Report" sections of this agenda. Board members should review these items and request any item(s) he or she would like to have considered separately removed from the consent recommendation and included for a separate Board decision.

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded Mrs. Brinkman

Roll call vote: Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Laura Peters went over the agenda items with the board. She updated the board on the Delphos Public Library temporary appropriations as well as on some of the projects that have been done in recent months. Mrs. Peters noted that the GAAP report was being filed per requirements.

Treasurer: Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve October 27, 2025, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment A)
- B. Approve financial statements for the period October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025
 - Payment of invoices for reporting period. (Attachment B)
 - Fund balance statement (Attachment C)
 - Cash Reconciliation worksheet (Attachment D)
 - Investment report (Attachment E)
 - Appropriation account summary and revenue account information reports (per email)
 - Approve November 3, 2025, Special Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment F)
- C. Approve the additional pays for November. (Listed below)
 - Aiyanna Adams-Latch Key \$41.38
 - Elizabeth Beaubien-Class Cover \$60.00

• Kelsey Berelsman-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Sue Barclay-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Kevin Ardner-Extra Hours	\$110.50
• Kelsi Gillespie Anderson-Academic Support	\$36.26
• Jordan Jettinghoff-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Melanie Koenig-Home Instruction	\$208.50
• Stephanie Ohtola-Academic Support	\$54.39
• Jessica Spencer-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Zach Srnis-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Kalie Ulm-Class Coverage	\$30.00
• Cosette Ridenhour-Kindergarten Paperwork	\$220.23
• Chase Goss-NHS Interpretation	\$56.64
• Kristy Gallmeier-PTC Student Work	\$202.29
• Sue Jettinghoff-Saturday School	\$104.04
• Michelle Schuerman-Book Fair	\$207.68

D. Approve the 2026 Temporary Appropriations for the Delphos Public Library Board. (Attachment G)

Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

OSBA Businesses of the Year were recognized by the board that are an integral part of our community. These businesses play a crucial role in supporting our schools. They recognize that the economic health of our community, state and nation depends on a strong public school system. We recognize these companies by showing appreciation for the firm's ongoing support of this community's public schools. Their work has aided this community in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them.

- Bryan Weimerskirch State Farm
- Van Wert Cinemas- Michelle Sarver
- Lee Chicken Delphos – Wanda & Ryan Hoehn
- Bunge, Delphos

The school board recognized local journalists through the OSBA Media Honor Roll. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

OSBA Media Honor Roll

- Nancy Spencer
- Bob Ulm

Stephanie Braun, Preschool Principal/Special Education Coordinator gave an informative report on special education programs within the district. She reported that the ratings for special education

from FY25 had went up. She noted that staff is working hard to make sure all students are getting the attention that is needed to improve their skills. Mrs. Braun then spoke about the happenings in the preschool. She noted that parent-teacher conferences were well attended by parents and that the students enjoyed two full days of fall activities. Mrs. Braun was very happy with the return numbers of the completed parent surveys this year receiving back over 90%.

Franklin Principal Bob Hohlbein updated the board on items of interest at Franklin. He spoke about testing that has taken place within the building for various grades as well as how Franklin staff and students continue to connect with the community in different ways. He then spoke about academic successes that students are having such as: Students of the Month, Honor Roll, Homework awards and Spelling Bee participants.

Mrs. Nicole Tobe and Miss Aubrey Fruchey did a presentation on the new Little Cat STEM after school program. They also brought several Franklin students with them that just completed the program.

Superintendent Jeff Hobbs then went over the agenda items in detail with the board.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

A. Accept the Following Donations:

- \$1000.00 from the Columbus Foundation for the Brenneman Scholarship.
- \$500.00 from the Allen County Retired Teachers to Jefferson MS for ELA Project.
- \$500.00 from Trinity Methodist Church to Jefferson High School FCA

B. Accept the resignation of Hannah Kazee, part time school nurse effective December 19, 2025.

C. Approve Rob Fitzgerald and Lee Plescher as Volunteer Wrestling Coaches

D. Approve the OSBA new/revised policies.

New policies:

- EEACD-2-R: Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers

Updates to the following:

- GCB-2-R: Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
- DJC: Bidding Requirements
- IKA: Grading Systems
- IKF: Graduation Requirements
- IND/INDA: School Ceremonies and Observances/Patriotic Exercises
- JEFB: Released Time for Religious Instruction
- DBD: Budget Planning
- DE: Revenues from Tax Sources
- FD (Also KBE): Tax Issues

- DLC: Expense Reimbursements
- EBC: Emergency Management and Safety Plans
- JFCK: Use of Cellphone and Electronic Communications Devices by Students
- EEA: Student Transportation Services
- EEAC: School Bus Safety Program
- EEACC-R (Also JFCC-R): Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation
- EEACD: Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers and District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License
- EEAD: Non-Routine Use of School Buses and Motor Vans
- GBQ: Criminal Records Check
- EHC: Cybersecurity
- FEF: Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards
- IGAE: Health Education
- IGBEA: Reading Skills Assessment and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)
- IGBEA-R: Reading Skills Assessment and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)
- JEDA: Truancy
- JHG: Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training

E. Approve the following as sub bus drivers.

- Bob Hohlbein
- Paul Lindeman
- Rodney Brown

F. Approve the appointment of Denny Klausing as Library Board Trustee to a four-year term ending December 31, 2029.

G. Approve Drew Wertenberger as the OVI Instructor for the Delphos City Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

H. Approve Kristin Gable NPAS at Delphos St. John retroactive to the first day of school August 20, 2025.

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Motion by Mrs. Grothouse

Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

Roll call vote Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Items outside the agenda:

A. Approve Kim Elwer as the Library Board Trustee replacing Olga Rode for the remainder of the four-year term which ends December 31, 2026.

Motion by Mrs. Brinkman
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote Mr. Grogg, Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Abstain: Mrs. Suever Nay, None. Motion passed.

OUTSIDE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Reports

1. Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs – No Report
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning – Mrs. Grothouse reported that students colored posters to advertise to shop local. She also noted the upcoming Hometown Heros event with 7th and 8th graders was coming up in December.
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni – No Report
4. Personnel, Policy, and Governance – Final updates of policies are on the agenda.
5. Vantage Career Center – Mrs. Suever reported that Sophomore Day was held and that there were around 30 Jefferson students interested in attending one of the programs offered.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Mrs. Brinkman spoke about students going to Crown & Grob.
- B. December 10th, 7 p.m. choir concert
- C. It was reported that the wrestling and bowling teams are increasing in participation. 18 wrestlers and 8 bowling

WILDCAT “PAWS-ITIVIES” were given by Mrs. Bockey to Novas for their groundbreaking on the expansion to their facilities as well as to Braxton Suever and Parker Shade for making a video of the process. Mr. Hobbs congratulated the special education staff for the rise in the school rating. Mr. Hobbs and Mrs. Braun also recognized Melissa Mount for her work in organizing the Pre-school winter activity fun night for students and their families.

ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board move to adjourn the November 24, 2025, regular meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 5:44 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mrs. Brinkman

All in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting will be December 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

President, Lynn Bockey

Treasurer, Laura A. Peters