

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: December 18, 2025

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Special Session on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at **4:00 P.M.** at Wadsworth High School Media Center, 625 Broad Street.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck, McComas
Absent	
Administrators	3
Staff	0
Visitors	2

25-12-172 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Regular Meeting December 8, 2025

VOTE: Yea - Gordon, Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey
 Nay - None

Motion Carried,

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

25-12-173 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items from the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Employment

(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 do not already have the said license and successfully meet all other pre-employment requirements of the Board.)

a) Non-Teaching Employees

Karen Alkyer
Amy Sullivan

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b) Classified Substitutes

James Chafield
Wendy Laney

(eff. 12/14/25)

c) Supplemental Contracts

Pete Alexander
Aliza Gill

Year 1 Resident Educator Mentor (eff. 08/18/25)
PDC Member (prorated for 94 days)

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

B. ACTION ITEMS

25-12-174 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt Action Item 1 from the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

1. Recommendation to approve the Expedited Development Agreement Urgent Necessity Resolution for a replacement chiller at Franklin Elementary School. (ATTACHED)

VOTE: Yea – Beck, McComas, Batey, Gordon, Stevens
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

25-12-175 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Batey**, to adopt Action Item 2 from the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

2. Recommendation to approve the fiscal precaution plan and to authorize submission of the said plan to the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce, per [Ohio Revised Code 5705.39](#). (ATTACHED)

DISCUSSION:

TIM

BECK:

Stated we need to be proactive, but not yet panic. We also need to continue assessing and responding to how we arrived at this point.

The fact is, state funding has been stagnant over time, and the **Fair School Funding Act** is no longer fair:

- The State funding formula is still using 2022 cost levels, despite rising costs since then.

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- Inflation has also affected supplies, services, and operations.

Thinks it is right and necessary for our BOE, our Administration, and our community to continually advocate for our students. Our collective voices matter.

Believes that if all we do is point fingers, then we will be eternally playing catch-up. Stated that we present a **fiscal precautionary plan** so that we do not find ourselves unprepared for whatever may come. This past year has been marked by numerous “what-ifs” as we anticipated changes in the state’s biannual budget. Consequently, we have already made responsible financial decisions and will continue to do so.

Thus far, the Board and Administration have:

- Reduced staffing through attrition as enrollment has declined.
- Delayed major decisions while waiting for the final state budget outcomes.
- Continued efforts to stretch existing resources before asking voters for new funding.

GARY

McCOMAS: Expressed that we should be prepared but not overreact. Our plan addresses what it could be if things do not change. Confident our leadership will get us through this.

JULIE

BATEY: Stated that this is a multifaceted situation. The process we went through to develop the plan was helpful in determining the next steps. We need to continue engaging our community and being collaborative and transparent.

JILL

STEVENS: Reminded the community that this plan was a required process by ODEW. In addition, it was not unexpected as Mr. Beeman continues to provide the Board with the financial outlook for FY 2028, which has been known for some time.

AMANDA

GORDON: Thanked Dr. Hill and Mr. Beeman for their time putting the plan together. Further stated that we are all in this together, and we have continued to stretch our dollars. However, when we are funded by the State at FY 2022 levels, this creates issues as expenses continue to increase and exceed revenues.

VOTE: Yea – McComas, Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

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25-12-176 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt Action Item 3 from the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

3. Recommendation to approve the revised Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-STRS/SERS Covered Services between Star Therapy & Sales Corp. and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2026. (ATTACHED)

VOTE: Yea – Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck, McComas
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

25-12-177 The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Beck**, to adopt the Board Member Item Ratification of Resignations from the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting, as presented:

A. RATIFICATION OF RESIGNATIONS

1. Rebecca Dills Certified Teacher (retire 06/01/26)
2. Zach Ockunzzi PDC Member (served 90 days) (eff. 01/12/26)

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TIM

BECK: As of December 9, 2025, there are four bills on the Governor's desk that he has not signed.

ADJOURNMENT

25-12-178 The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **4:22** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Stevens, Beck, McComas, Batey, Gordon
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Amanda Gordon, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer