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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
December 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, Matt Stoller
4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

A. Jerrod Hawk was recognized for his service to Paulding Exempted Village School District and presented with a parting gift. Jerrod served the district for 4 years.

B. Andrea Schlueter addressed the board regarding concerns she had with special education staff and the support they receive from the district. Mrs. Schlueter expressed support for additional staffing and resources, and asked for information regarding related policies.

5. Treasurer's Report

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the November 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for November 2025 (Attachment B).

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

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- (1) Enrollment
- (2) HVAC Update
- (3) PCOC Update
- (4) PPL
- (5) Senior Citizens' Breakfast
- (6) 2026-2027 School Calendar
- (7) Upcoming Christmas Programs

B. Principal, Curriculum, Special Education or Athletic Reports

- (1) Mary Born, Paulding Elementary Principal
 - 7 Mindset mentoring program has been positive for both HS and PES students. PES students look forward to meeting with mentors, and HS students are very engaged.
 - The new teachers this year are a great group. They have mentors and check-ins with veteran teachers.
 - Band has kicked off for 5th grade.
 - The 3rd graders just performed Flakes for the elementary school and parents. Shout-out to Dawn Sloan for all the hard work she puts into the programs.
 - Fall 3rd grade reading tests showed improvement over the beginning of the year. 18 students scored in the Accomplished or Advanced categories. Most students have scores in each writing section (in the past, many had 0).

- The Phonics for Reading (PFR) Intervention program has shown success. The number of students in the lowest performing group decreased by 15%, the middle group expanded by 6%, and the highest performing group doubled from 9% to 18%.

7. JVS Report

8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. January 2026 Organizational and Regular Board Meeting

It is necessary to set the date, time, and location for the January Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to set the annual organizational meeting for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in the PEVS Administration Building with the regular meeting to follow. Karen Saxton will serve as President Pro-Tem

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

10. Nutritional Guidelines

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the Nutritional Guidelines set by the USDA for the 2025-2026 school year. Reference Administrative Guidelines 8500A. (Attachment C)

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

11. Indoor Track and Field

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to permit HS student-athletes to participate in indoor track and field events with permission of parents. The school district will provide transportation and volunteer coaches that will be Board approved.

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

12. Girls Wrestling Trip

Karen Saxton moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve sending 7-8 students and two chaperones to Findlay, OH from December 19, 2025 to December 20, 2025. There is no cost for the students (\$789.52 total) paid from the Girls Wrestling Fund. (Attachment D)

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

13. Boys Wrestling Trip

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve sending 6-7 students and 3-4 chaperones to Reading, OH from January 9, 2026 to January 19, 2026. There is no cost for the students (\$875 total) paid from the Boys Wrestling Fund. (Attachment E)

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

14. Income Tax Levy – Tabled.

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

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

- A. Accept the resignation of Cindy Kauser, PEVS Superintendent Secretary/EMIS Coordinator, effective July 31, 2026. She will have served the District in this capacity for 16 years.
- B. Approval of a two-year contract for Cindy Kauser, PEVS EMIS Coordinator, effective August 1, 2026. (Attachment F)
- C. Approval of the following one-year extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Noah Elliott	Barbershop Quartet	2.0 0 years
Beau Hahn	Head Indoor Boys Track	Volunteer
Aaron Horstman	Head Indoor Girls Track	Volunteer
Jacee Reineck	Assistant Indoor Track	Volunteer
Mary Cate Panico	Assistant Indoor Track	Volunteer
Hunter Kesler	Assistant Indoor Track	Volunteer
Andi Mead	Assistant Indoor Track	Volunteer
Kenny Lewis	Assistant Wrestling	Volunteer
Ryan McCullum	JH Basketball Assistant	Volunteer

- D. Accept the resignation of Antonio Gonzales III, PJHS Custodian, effective 12/26/2025. He will have served the district for nine months.

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

16. Executive Session

Joe Manz 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 – Manz, Arend, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

Time In: 6:20 p.m.

Time Out: 7:05 p.m.

17. Karen Saxton moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Smith, PES Intervention Specialist, effective 1/2/2026. She will have served the district for 2.5 years.

18. Resolution Requesting Certification of Alternative Tax Rates for an Income Tax

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a Resolution Requesting Certification of Alternative Tax

Rates for an Income Tax:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02 authorizes school districts to impose voter-approved income taxes upon their residents; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity to raise additional School District revenue must be passed and certified to the Tax Commissioner for the State of Ohio (the "Tax Commissioner") in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of an income tax and to preserve the right to submit the question of levying such an income tax to the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 5, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Paulding Exempted Village School District, Paulding and Putnam Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.02, the Board determines that it is necessary to raise annually the additional amount of \$2,003,375 (the "Specified Revenue Amount") by proposing the question at the election held on May 5, 2026 of levying an income tax on the school district taxable income of individuals and estates in the School District for the purpose of permanent improvements for a continuing period of time (the "Income Tax").

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the school district taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(a) and 5748.01(E)(2).

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to promptly certify a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner, not later than January 23, 2026, together with a request that the Tax Commissioner determine and certify to the Board (i) the property tax rate that would have had to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the Specified Revenue Amount and (ii) the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an equivalent amount of money to the Specified Revenue Amount.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

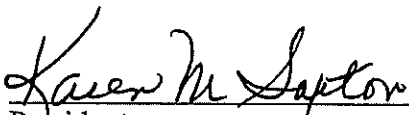
Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, Hawk, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

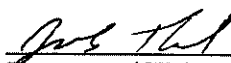
19. Adjournment

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.


President


Treasurer/CFO