

**Delphos City Schools Board of Education met for the Organizational meeting on January 12, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.**

The following members were present:

Mrs. Lynn Bockey

Mr. Wes Ditto

Mrs. Karen Grothouse

Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Mrs. Grothouse.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mrs. Grothouse.

Treasurer Laura Peters administered the oath of office to Mr. Wes Ditto.

Mrs. Grothouse went over the interview process and introduced the two candidates to fill the two vacant seats.

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RESOLUTION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

(RC 3313.11)

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on the board of education by reason of failure of member to qualify; and

Whereas this board of education has the legal authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Mr. Matt Weitzel and Mrs. Rebecca Suever are hereby appointed to serve as members of the board of education of the Delphos City Schools- School District [for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending on Dec 31, 2027.

*NOTE: A vacancy may be caused by death, nonresidence, resignation, removal from office, failure of member to qualify, etc. (RC 3313.11).

Moved by Mrs. Bockey

Seconded by Mr. Ditto

Roll call vote: Mrs. Bockey, Mr. Ditto and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Peters administered the oath of office to Mrs. Suever and Mr. Weitzel.

Nominations for Board President

Mrs. Suever nominated Mrs. Lynn Bockey.

Motion by Mr. Ditto

Seconded by Mr. Weitzel

To close nominations.

Roll call vote: Mr. Ditto, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Suever, Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Bockey. Aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mr. Weitzel
To elect Mrs. Bockey as President.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mr. Weitzel, Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None.

Mrs. Bockey was declared the President for the calendar year 2026.

Nominations for Vice-President

Mrs. Suever nominated Mrs. Grothouse

Motion by Mr. Weitzel
Seconded by Mr. Ditto
To close nominations.

Roll call vote: Mr. Weitzel, Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Grothouse, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

Moved by Mrs. Suever
Seconded by Mr. Ditto
To elect Mrs. Grothouse as Vice President for Calendar Year 2026.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Weitzel and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

District Level Committees

A. There was a Discussion held regarding committees for the 2026 calendar year.

No action is needed for committee.

BOE Committees

1. Operations, Budget and Fiscal Affairs: Mrs. Bockey and Mr. Ditto
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning: Mrs. Grothouse
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni: Mr. Weitzel
4. Personnel, Policy, & Governance: Mrs. Suever
5. Vantage Career Center: Mrs. Grothouse

Approve that Mrs. Grothouse will serve as a member of the Vantage Career Center Board representing the Delphos City Schools.

Motion by Mr. Weitzel

Seconded by Mr. Ditto

Roll call vote: Mr. Weitzel, Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Grothouse, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, none.

Motion passed.

- B. The board sets the time and dates of their regular monthly meeting to be the fourth (4th) Monday of each month except for May and December meetings. May 18th and December 16th will be the dates for those meetings. All meetings will be held at 5:0 p.m. in the Administration Office.

Motion by Mrs. Grothouse

Seconded by Mr. Ditto

Roll call vote: Mrs. Grothouse, Mr. Ditto, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Suever and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

1. The Board appoints the Superintendent to serve as the Purchasing Agent of the district and sets the spending limit to \$25,000. As well, appoint Jeff Hobbs as the Chief Executive Officer, Purchasing Agent of the Delphos City Schools and review/approve student activity budgets.

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2. Board authorizes the treasurer to pay invoices in a timely manner, invest active, inactive and interim funds, re-appropriated funds, and request advance draws as needed.
3. Appoint Laura Peters as the Delphos City Schools Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
4. To authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of the BOE. as well, acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board. The employment will be deemed effective as of the date of the employee's acceptance to the Superintendent. (Employment is based on satisfactory criminal records/background check and proper certification if applicable)
5. Set Delphos City Schools BOE Service Fund at \$8,000.
6. Designate WDOH, The Delphos Herald and the Delphos City Schools website as the official news outlets for the Delphos City Schools Board of Education to inform the public of special sessions and announcements.
7. Designate Legal Counsel, employed of services rendered basis:

Scott Scriven, L.L.P.

Bricker and Graydon, L.L.P.

Andrew Knueve, Delphos Law Director

8. Designate positions as cashiers for the Delphos City Schools Board of Education and authorize individuals holding these positions to make bank deposits for the Delphos City Schools

Treasurer
 Assistant Treasurer
 Cafeteria Employees
 Food Services Director
 School Secretary
 Superintendent Secretary
 Athletic Director

9. Set petty cash funds as follows:

Franklin Secretary	\$50
Middle School Secretary	\$200
High School Secretary	\$200
Athletic Director	\$2000

10. Authorize the Superintendent to approve staff members attendance at professional meetings.
11. Authorize the Treasurer to approve travel and business-related expense vouchers, leave forms, etc. submitted by the Superintendent (with irregularities or concerns reported to the Superintendent and Board President.)
12. Authorize the Superintendent to approve travel and business-related expense vouchers, leave forms, etc. submitted by the Treasurer (with irregularities or concerns reported to the Treasurer and Board President.)
13. Designate the Delphos City Schools Board of Education to serve as Audit Committee for the finances of the school district.
14. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the BOE, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees when the Board is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board at a later date. Such resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
15. Appoint the Superintendent as the Delphos City Schools Allen County Schools Insurance Group Board Representative and to authorize the Treasurer to be the representative in the Superintendents absence.
16. Approve the Internal Revenue Service (current) mileage rate per mile for calendar year 2026.
17. Authorize the Treasurer and Superintendent to make certain expenditures on behalf of the Board of Education to promote staff morale, including staff dinners, refreshments, and funeral memorials. (Incompliance with Board approved policy 6233-Finances, Amenities for Participants at Meeting)
18. Appoint the Treasurer as the Records Control Officer and to serve as the Board's designee to attend required public records training pursuant to O.R.C. 109.43(B) and acknowledge that the public records policy was given to the Treasurer.
19. Whereas the Delphos City Schools Board of Education wishes to support the effects of other BOE to obtain favorable judicial decisions, and whereas the Ohio School board Association Legal Assistance

Fund has been established for this purpose. The Board of Education hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for the calendar year 2026 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.

Motioned by Mrs. Suever

Seconded by Mr. Weitzel

Roll call vote: Mrs. Suever, Mr Weitzel, Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Bockey, aye.

Nay, None.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned by Mr. Ditto

Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Move to adjourn the Jan 12, 2026, organizational meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 5:25 pm.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be held Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

President, Lynn Bockey

Treasurer, Laura A. Peters