

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: January 8, 2026

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:07 P.M. at James R. McIlvaine Performing Arts Center at Wadsworth High School, 625 Broad Street.

ROLL CALL

Present	Batey, Gordon, Stevens, Beck, Fisher
Absent	
Administrators	13
Staff	4
Visitors	56
Student Liaison	Absent (Ava Canada)

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

STUDENT	GRADE	SCHOOL
Lola McShane	04	Franklin
Leslie Wagner	04	Isham
Hayden Crowley	04	Lincoln
Lennon Lake	04	Overlook
Brody Bocian	04	Valley View
Claire Blower	06	WIS
Michael Basinger	08	WMS
Korrine Braunlich	12	WHS Career-Technical
Hailey Otradovec	12	WHS

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS, AND UPDATES

- A. School Board Recognition Month
- B. Discussion: Potential Ballot Request for Operating Funds, per the Fiscal Precaution Plan Approved by the Board of Education on December 18, 2025, and Submitted to the Department of Education & Workforce.

Board member comments:

TOM

FISHER: Asked a question about primary election turnout vs. a general election. Encouraged the Board to engage staff and community to help us with this initiative.

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AMANDA

GORDON: Stated the income tax requirement has a 100-day deadline with the Ohio Department of Taxation. She encouraged the Board to set meeting dates to ensure compliance with this filing deadline.

JULIE

BATEY: Stated she supports the District putting a levy on the May 2026 ballot.

JILL

STEVENS: Stated she supports the District putting a levy on the May 2026 ballot.

TIM

BECK: Stated that we knew the District would have to make decisions, and it will involve a collaborative process.

Set meetings for:

January 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at WHS Media Center

January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at WHS Media Center

C. Technical Corrections to Board of Education Policies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

26-01-11 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Batey**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adopt the Personnel Consent Items A from the January 8, 2026, Regular 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 does not already have the said license and successfully meet all other pre-employment requirements of the Board.)

a) Non-Teaching Employee

Ron Hart

(eff. 01/06/26)

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b) Certified Substitutes

Emma Moser
Laura Walsh

c) Classified Substitute

Alicia Innocenti (eff. 01/06/26)

d) Supplemental Contracts

Kalyn Davis	Co-Director WHS Musical
Paul Grywalski	Assistant Softball Coach
Sarah Niemczura	WIS Social Studies Dept. Head (50%) (eff. 01/12/26)
Lindsay Patterson	Co-Director WHS Musical
Logan Shiarla	Asst. Wrestling Coach (Vol.) (eff. 01/07/26)

e) Volunteers

Kristin Elchico
Naomi Fox
Daniel Rogers
Jacob Jones

2. Recommendation to amend Abbey Pecnik's unpaid leave request to extend through the 2025-2026 school year (originally board-approved through January 4, 2026).
3. Recommendation to approve unpaid leave for Caitlin Sypherd on January 28, 29, 30, and February 2, 2026.
4. Recommendation to extend the unpaid leave for Bruce Acker through January 12, 2026 (Board-approved 11/17/2025 for unpaid leave until 12/08/2025 and Board-approved 12/08/2025 to extend unpaid leave until 01/06/2026).

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

Motion Carried,

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26-01-12 Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hill, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Gordon**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented:

B. ACTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation to approve the following overnight field trips:
 - a) Business Marketing Academy students to the DECA - Ohio Career Development Conference (state competition) in Columbus, Ohio, on February 24 and 25, 2026.
 - b) Business Marketing Academy students (based on results of state competition) to the DECA - International Career Development Conference (national competition) in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 25-28, 2026.
 - c) Advanced Manufacturing, Advancement to Nursing, Automotive Technologies, Diversified Medical Technologies, Fire Safety/EMT, Masonry/Building Trades students to the SkillsUSA Championship (state competition) in Columbus, Ohio, on May 5-6, 2026.
 - d) First-place winners of the SkillsUSA championships to the SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 24-28, 2026.
2. Recommendation to approve the Strategic Plan 2026-2030. (ATTACHED)
3. Recommendation to join the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
4. Recommendation to approve the Walmart Business Terms of Use, including the Changes to the Terms document. (ATTACHED)
5. Recommendation to approve the Geopfert Company Terms and Conditions. (ATTACHED)
6. Recommendation to approve the Commercial Monitoring and Alarm Services Agreement between Koorsen Fire & Security and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
7. Recommendation to approve the Wadsworth City School District Independent Contractor Agreement between Wadsworth Community Radio and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)

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8. Recommendation to approve the Proposed Scope of Work between the Shared Services Alliance and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of December 29, 2025, through January 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)
9. Recommendation to approve the Data Confidentiality and Use Agreement between the Shared Services Alliance and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
10. Recommendation to approve the Agreement between Bob Rogers Travel and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
11. Recommendation to approve the Medina County Interagency Agreement 2025-2027. (ATTACHED)
12. Recommendation to approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding School Year 2026-2027 between Kent State University and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. (ATTACHED)
13. Recommendation to approve the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-STRS/SERS Covered Services between Hope Meadows Foundation and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of December 18, 2025, through March 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)
14. Recommendation to approve the LED Transportation quote. (ATTACHED)
15. Recommendation to approve the Agreement to Borrow Equipment-Release of Liability between Adaptive Sports Ohio and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
16. Recommendation to accept an anonymous donation of \$20,000.
17. Recommendation to approve a first reading of the following Wadsworth City School District Board of Education policies:
 - a) 1422 Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (revised)
 - b) 1422.02 Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of Employee (rescind)
 - c) 1662 Anti-Harassment (rescind)
 - d) 3122 Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (revised)

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- e) 3122.02 Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of Employee (rescind)
 - f) 3362 Anti-Harassment (rescind)
 - g) 4122 Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (revised)
 - h) 4122.02 Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of Employee (rescind)
 - i) 4362 Anti-Harassment (rescind)
 - j) 5430 Class Rank (revised)
18. Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Admission of Non-Handicapped Open Enrollment Pupils Pursuant to Sections 3301.48, 3313.97, and 3313.989 O.R.C. between the Norton City School District Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. (ATTACHED)
19. Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Excess Costs Pursuant to Sections 3327.04, 3327.06, 3323.14, 3317.08, and 3313.841 O.R.C. between the Norton City School District Board of Education and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year. (ATTACHED)
20. Recommendation to approve the Pro-Active Maintenance Agreement between the Geopfert Company and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)
21. Recommendation to approve the Statement of Work Agreement between Andrew Campbell and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
22. Recommendation to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for SERS Covered Services between Partners for Success and Innovation and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education for the period of August 12, 2025, through July 31, 2026. (ATTACHED)
23. Recommendation to approve the Agreement between Bob Rogers Travel and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education. (ATTACHED)
24. Recommendation to set the pay rate for theatre technicians at minimum wage for Wadsworth City School District events, effective January 1, 2026.

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

Motion Carried,

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ITEMS OF THE TREASURER

26-01-13 Upon the recommendation of Treasurer Beeman, the motion was made by **Stevens**, seconded by **Fisher**, to adopt the Action Consent Items from the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting, as presented:

A. **ACTION CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Recommendation to approve the Estimated Revenue and Expenses for FY27 and submit them to the Medina County Budget Commission.

VOTE: Yea – Beck, Fisher, Batey, Gordon, Stevens

Nay – None

Motion Carried,

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

JULIE

BATEY: Welcomed Tom to the Board. Congratulated Tim on his election as president. Thanked the principals for sharing the newsletters, as she enjoys reading about all the items in the District.

AMANDA

GORDON: Highlighted all the accomplishments over break, including Girls' Basketball, Bowling, and Wheelchair Basketball. Recognized Coach Todd for being recognized as the Cleveland Browns Coach of the Year, as well as the football team as the #1 academic scholar team in the State.

JILL

STEVENS: Welcomed Tom. Congratulated Tim and Julie. Thanked Julie for leading the school Board lunches. Congratulated the football team for being recognized as the #1 academic scholar team in the State (football). Congratulated Andy Booth's 500th win. Shot out to Brandon Cobb and Flat Cobb, who were spotted around town over the winter break.

TOM

FISHER: Recognized that this year is the 40th anniversary of the Grizzly Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Thanked everyone for a warm welcome.

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TIM

BECK: Congratulated Tom and thanked Amanda for serving. Excited to serve as the BOE President this year. Stated his goal is for us to embrace this year with a collaborative spirit and passion. Excited to pull up to the school tonight and see a full parking lot because it means our school is being used, and the community is excited to be here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
 - 1. Appointment
 - 2. **Employment**
 - 3. Dismissal
 - 4. Discipline
 - 5. Promotion
 - 6. Demotion
 - 7. Compensation
 - 8. Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).
- B. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- D. ***Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.***
- E. ***Matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law, rules, or State statutes.***
- F. Regularized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadsworth City Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on A2, D, and E as listed above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-01-14 The motion was made by **Fisher**, seconded by **Gordon**, to enter Executive Session at **8:25** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

EXECUTIVE SESSION recessed at **10:40** p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

26-01-15 The motion was made by **Gordon**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **10:40** p.m.

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

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Tim Beck, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer