

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of a Regular session of the Bellefontaine Board of Education Meeting

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2026

Roll Call: Present --- Board members Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tipple, Christi Dodds, and April King (Media).

### APPROVAL OF AMMENDMENT OF MINTUES

26-001 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Lang to approve the amendment of the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

26-002 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Fissel to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

26-003 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lang to go into the Committee of the Whole.

A. Scheduling of Special Board Meeting for Facility Planning

B. Levy Discussion

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

26-004 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Stewart to come out of the Committee of the Whole.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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26-005 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Stewart to approve item A.

A. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Personnel

26-006 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Fissel to approve items 1-6.

1. Professional Personnel – Leave of Absence

In accordance with the rules and regulations now in effect and subject to the approval of the Board, a leave of absence is hereby granted to the following staff member with the effective dates indicated.

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Assignment</u>             | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Diann Jordan | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English | 1/5/26-1/16/26        |

2. Professional Personnel – Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following teachers are hereby appointed to the professional staff substitute list of the Bellefontaine City School District for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, to be assigned as services are needed, at a salary in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Lauren Barhorst  
Claire Grandstaff  
Tyra-Lee Large

Madisyn Norris  
Jack Varner

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### 3. Service and Support Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignation is hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Assignment</u>   | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Lisa G. Stewart | Food Service Worker | 12/17/25              |

### 4. Service and Support Personnel – Leave of Absence

In accordance with the rules and regulations now in effect and subject to the approval of the Board, a leave of absence is hereby granted to the following staff member with the effective date indicated.

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Assignment</u>   | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Brandi Darst | Food Service Worker | 12/16/25              |

### 5. Service and Support Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated for the 2025-2026 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Lauren Henry | Educational Aide  | 12/16/25              |
| Teresa Vogel | Educational Aide  | 12/18/25              |

### 6. Approval of Athletic Workers

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed as athletic workers for the 2025-2026 school year at a pay rate of \$16 per hour, pending the satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

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### OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

#### A. Superintendent

26-008 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Fissel to approve:

1. Appointment of Bellefontaine Joint Recreation Board Representative

The Superintendent recommends that Kaileigh Vermillion be appointed to the Bellefontaine Joint Recreation Board to fill the remaining term of Linda Holycross, which expires on 12/31/27.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

26-009 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Lang to approve:

2. A Resolution of the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education to Administer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Paper-Pencil in 2026-2027

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 216 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, effective November 2, 2018, allows districts the option of paper or online test administration only for the third-grade state assessments, beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0711(G)(4), as amended by SB 216 provides:

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2. A Resolution of the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education to Administer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Assessment Paper-Pencil in 2026-2027 (con't)

- Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other public school, or chartered nonpublic school may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

WHEREAS, the Bellefontaine City School administration has recommended to the Board of Education that third-grade students are not academically ready to take the ELA assessment online.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education, being duly elected and acting as representatives of a legal and statutorily independent local board, will administer the 2025-26 third-grade English Language Arts Ohio State Test in paper-pencil format.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

3. Committee Reports

Executive –Colin Yoder, Mark Fissel  
Finance – Mark Fissel, Kristen Lang  
Curriculum – Bryn Stewart, Rick Reed  
Buildings and Ground – Bryn Stewart, Kristen Lang  
Legislative – Colin Yoder, Rick Reed

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### B. Board of Education

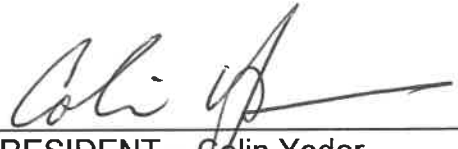
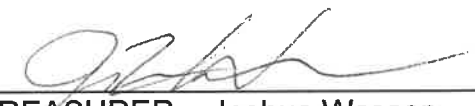
#### 1. Reports

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center – Krista Adelsberger  
Student Liaison – Rick Reed

### ADJOURNMENT

26-010 A motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Lang to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Reed, Stewart, Yoder.  
Noes --- None. Motion Carried.

  
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PRESIDENT – Colin Yoder  
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TREASURER – Joshua Wasson