

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Berne Union Local School District

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Board of Education

Held

Regular Meeting

20

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

High School Media Center

Following Organizational Meeting

President Oxley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. with all members present.

The meeting was opened by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Hartman, resident of BU Schools, was present to discuss the increase in his 2025 tax year real estate taxes.

Jon Parker, Superintendent, presented each Board Member a Certificate of Achievement for School Board Recognition Month.

26-015 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hintz to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent and Treasurer. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-016: Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-017: Treasurer's Report

Moved by Mr. Garber and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the motions contained in the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- a. Approval of the Financial Report
- b. Approval of bills for payment

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Jon Parker, Superintendent, discussed the following topics:

1. Ball field lighting project
2. Sonya and Bob Downour will be helping to outline the new Cross-Country Course
3. Baseball practice diamond in back of school
4. Website redesign
5. Ed Kistler will be donating a bench in memory of his son Joey
6. Elementary playground grant for \$40,000
7. 2nd grade playground project
8. Updating Emergency Operations Plan
9. Hosted all-county band the first week of January
10. Agenda items

Mrs. Melissa Drury, Elementary School Principal, discussed the fall 3rd grade ELA testing scores.

Mr. Craig Heath, High School Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. Valedictorian Wall is almost completed
2. HS diagnostic testing is underway
3. Possible changing on-line learning for the 2026-27- school year

26-018: Superintendent's Recommendation

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as presented.

- a. Approve a quote from Redcon, LLC to install fence and gates around bus garage at a cost of \$105,850.00.

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

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26-019: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Moved by Mr. Hintz and seconded by Mr. Garber to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented.

- a. Approve the Retirement of Laurie Patterson, elementary library aide, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- b. Approve to designate Kirk Grandy, Treasurer, as the board representative as it relates to the Ohio Public Records Act.
- c. Approve FMLA Leave for Emily Andrews beginning 1-7-26 and ending 5-29-26.

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-020: Executive Session

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel with possible action to follow. (Time: 6:52 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-021: Open Session

Moved by Mr. Hintz and seconded by Mrs. Oxley to return to open session. (Time: 7:35 p. m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-022: Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Garber to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:36 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

I certify these minutes to be correct.


PRESIDENT


TREASURER