

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Deer Park Community City Board of Education, Cincinnati, Ohio met in organizational and regular session, pursuant to the rules, in the Professional Development Center, 8688 Donna Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present –Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis

Absent – Bosse

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- No. 20-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Huster, to approve the Meeting Agenda, of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No. 21-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the minutes of the Organizational/Regular meeting of January 6, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

- No. 22-26 Mrs. Huster moved, seconded by Mrs. Kellums, to approve the Treasurer's financial report for the month of December, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO INVEST

No. 23-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Huster, to authorize the Treasurer to invest as follows:

Star Ohio		
01/06/2026	Redemption	\$1,000,000.00*
01/15/2026	Purchase	\$252,900.00**

*To cover costs of Payroll, Accounts Payable and Outstanding Checks

**First Half Real Estate Tax Advance

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

During reports of the Superintendent, Mindy Robertson gave the Assistant Superintendent Report. Jake Snyder gave the Communications Report. Karen Kellums gave the Great Oaks Report. Congrats to Elaina Stevens for being named Great Oaks Student of the month!

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION

No. 24-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Huster, to accept the following donation:

Good Shepherd Church	\$613 to be used towards student lunch fees for the 2025-26 school year.
Deer Park PTO	\$950 to be used towards the Junior Class Prom for the 2025-26 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- No. 25-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Huster, recommend the following courses to be adopted into the Jr/Sr High School course of study:
CCP US History
CCP Calculus
CCP Political Science
CCP Composition 1
CCP European History
CCP Intro to Effective Speaking
CCP Human Geography
CCP Composition 2
CCP Statistics
CCP Writing about Literature
CCP Pre-Calculus
CCP ENG 104 Technical Communications

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS RESOLUTION

- No. 26-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, recommend approving resolution for the Employment of Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP RECOMMENDATION

- No. 27-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the recommendation of the Overnight Field Trip to Rivers Edge Camp in Marrow, OH for the DPHS marching band camp beginning Sunday, July 19, 2026 to Friday July 24, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP RECOMMENDATION

- No. 28-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the recommendation of the Overnight Field Trip - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC beginning Monday, November 16th, 2026 to Thursday, November 19th, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Kellums, Huster, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY INPUT

During the Community Input, Jillian Phillips addressed the Board of Education with her concern on the Bullying policies, procedures and enforcement and Toni Germann gave her concern about the 4:30pm start time of the Board Meetings.

BOARD DISCUSSION

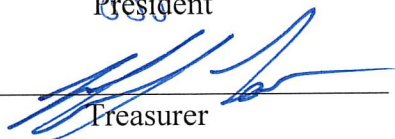
The Deer Park Community City School District Board of Education is honored to recognize **Cindy Homan** and **Karen Spreen** for their incredible dedication to Sandy's Closet and to the families of Deer Park. Through countless hours of behind-the-scenes work—washing, sorting, folding, and organizing donations—Cindy and Karen have ensured Sandy's Closet is always open, welcoming, and ready to support families in need. Because of their compassion and commitment, this space has become more than a clothing closet; it is a place of dignity, care, and kindness for our community. We are deeply grateful to Cindy and Karen for the hearts they pour into this work and for the meaningful difference they make every day for Deer Park families.

ADJOURNMENT

- No. 29-26 Mrs. Kellums moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Signed) Peggy Besse
President

(Attested) 
Treasurer

DEER PARK

School Board Member Recognition Month

2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Deer Park Community City School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board set the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

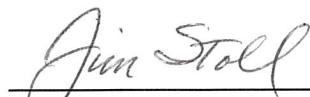
WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

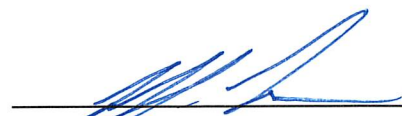
WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jay Phillips, Superintendent and Jeff Lewis, Treasurer, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as School Board Recognition Month in Deer Park Community City School District. We encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members from all districts serving their communities and for their dedicated service to our children.



Jim Stoll, Superintendent



Jeff Lewis, Treasurer