

WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Westwood Elementary School - Superintendent's Office  
January 6, 2026  
6:02 P.M.

President Pro Tempore Mohrman called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE - Treasurer Bailey

Members Elected in the November 4, 2025 Election:

Treasurer, Pete Bailey, administered the Oath to the new Board Members:

Mr. David Brattoli, expiring 2027

Mrs. Jennifer Kazmierczak, expiring 2029

Mr. Phillip Mohrman, expiring 2029

Mr. Ayers Ratliff, expiring 2029

Mrs. Pati Shellhouse, expiring 2027

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Brattoli, Kazmierczak, Mohrman, Ratliff, Shellhouse

Absent: None

#26-001 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT - PHILLIP MOHRMAN

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to elect Phillip Mohrman as Board President for 2026.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Mohrman, Ratliff

No: None

Treasurer Bailey declared this motion passed.

Treasurer Bailey administered the Oath of Office of President - Phillip Mohrman

#26-002 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT - JENNIFER KAZMIERCZAK

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Shellhouse to elect Jennifer Kazmierczak as Vice President for 2026.

Yes: Ratliff, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

Treasurer Bailey administered the Oath of Office of Vice President - Jennifer Kazmierczak

#26-003 ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER PRO TEMPORE - AYERS RATLIFF

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Kazmierczak to elect Ayers Ratliff as Treasurer Pro Tempore for 2026.

Yes: Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Mohrman  
Abstain: Ratliff  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

Treasurer Bailey administered the Oath of Office of Treasurer Pro Tempore - Ayers Ratliff

#26-004 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WAIVING THE READING OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Ratliff to approve the following:

1. Be it resolved by the Wellington Board of Education of the Wellington Exempted Village School District that the authority be hereby given to waive the formal reading of the minutes of previous meeting(s) at a regular Board of Education meeting during the calendar year 2026.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Ratliff, Brattoli, Shellhouse, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-005 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to hold the Regular Sessions of the Board of Education on the dates shown on the attached proposed “2026 Meeting Dates”.

**Board of Education  
 Planning Calendar 2026**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Work Session - 1st Tuesday of the Month Unless Noted *</b>	<b>Business Session - 3rd Tuesday of the Month Unless Noted *</b>
January	January 6, 2026 Organizational Meeting Westwood Superintendent's Office	January 20, 2026 Wellington High School
February	February 3, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	February 17, 2026 Wellington High School
March	March 3, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	March 17, 2026 Wellington High School
April	* April 13, 2026 (Monday) Westwood Superintendent's Office	April 21, 2026 Wellington High School
May	May 5, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	May 19, 2026 Wellington High School
June	June 2, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	June 16, 2026 Wellington High School
July	No Work Session	July 21, 2026 Wellington High School
August	Board & Admin Retreat August 4, 2026 Wellington High School Library	August 18, 2026 Wellington High School
September	September 1, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	September 15, 2026 Wellington High School
October	* October 5, 2026 (Monday) Westwood Superintendent's Office	October 20, 2026 Wellington High School
November	November 3, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	November 17, 2026 Wellington High School

December	December 1, 2026 Westwood Superintendent's Office	December 15, 2026 Wellington High School
January 2027	January 5, 2027 Organizational Meeting Westwood Superintendent's Office	

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Ratliff, Mohrman  
 No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-006 APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH BOARD SERVICE FUND

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Brattoli to establish a Board Service Fund, which shall not exceed those limitations as defined in Section 3315.15 of the Revised Code.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Shellhouse, Mohrman  
 No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-007 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRMS

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Shellhouse to approve the following law firms to represent the Wellington Board of Education and its administration in matters deemed appropriate for legal services during the calendar year 2026:

1. Pepple & Waggoner, LTD

Yes: Ratliff, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
 No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-008 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WELLINGTON SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Brattoli to nominate Jennifer Kazmierczak as the Endowment Representative.

Yes: Shellhouse, Brattoli, Ratliff, Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-009 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OSBA TO SERVE AS OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND OSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Ratliff to nominate Jennifer Kazmierczak as the OSBA Legislative Liaison and OSBA Student Achievement Liaison.

Yes: Shellhouse, Ratliff, Brattoli, Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-010 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LORAIN COUNTY JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM 2026 THROUGH 2029

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to nominate David Brattoli as the Lorain County Joint Vocational School Board Member Representative for Wellington Exempted Village Schools.

Mr. Ratliff asked Mr. Brattoli if he was not re-elected to the Board in two years, would he still be willing to remain on the JVS Board and report back to them on the JVS meetings. Mr. Brattoli agreed.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Ratliff, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-011 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Kazmierczak to nominate Phillip Mohrman and Ayers Ratliff as the reporters of the Board Policy Committee.

Yes: Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Mohrman

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-012 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Mohrman to nominate Ayers Ratliff and David Brattoli as the reporters of the Communications Committee.

Yes: Shellhouse, Mohrman, Brattoli, Ratliff, Kazmierczak

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-013 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Brattoli and seconded by Ratliff to nominate Jennifer Kazmierczak and Pati Shellhouse as the reporters of the Finance & Audit Committee.

Yes: Brattoli, Ratliff, Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, Mohrman

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-014 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ATHLETIC & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Shellhouse to nominate David Brattoli as the reporter of the Athletic & Facilities Committee.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Ratliff, Mohrman

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-015 APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Kazmierczak to amend the agenda to add the following:

1. Approval to appointment of Board Representatives to the Facilities Committee.

Yes: Mohrman, Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Shellhouse

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-016 APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Brattoli to nominate Phillip Mohrman and Pati Shellhouse as the reporter of the Facilities Committee.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Shellhouse, Mohrman

No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-017 APPROVAL TO STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2026

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Ratliff to approve the following standing authorizations for 2026:

1. Authorize the Superintendent to approve professional leave for all employees;
2. Authorize the Board President and Vice President to attend the workshop for new board presidents;
3. Authorize the Treasurer to invest district funds to generate interest income (certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, banker's acceptance, etc.);
4. Authorize to require only the Treasurer's signature on payroll and budgetary checks;
5. Authorize the Treasurer to process check payments on purchase orders within appropriations prior to Board approval;
6. Authorize the Treasurer to request tax advances from the County Auditor's Office as funds become available;

7. Authorize the Treasurer to attend Public Records Training as the designee of the Board of Education and as approved by the Ohio Attorney General RC149.43E;
8. Authorize the Superintendent to act as purchasing agent;
9. Authorize the Superintendent to approve employee resignations between regular meetings;
10. Authorize the Superintendent to employ such personnel as needed for emergency situations, with such employment to be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting;
11. Authorize the Superintendent to approve all applications for federal, state, and local funds;
12. Utilize the following newspapers for advertising and announcements: *Lorain County Community Guide (formerly The Wellington Enterprise), The Lorain Morning Journal, The Chronicle Telegram, The Ashland-Times Gazette and The Rural Urban*;
13. Purchase property, fleet and liability insurance as in the past;
14. Renew the OSBA membership for 2026;
15. Notification of medical insurance availability to the Board at 100% their cost per ORC 3313.202;
16. Approve the standard mileage rate for calendar year 2026 established by the IRS;
17. Approve the Tax Budget for the 2026-2027 school year and forward to the Lorain County Budget Commission for their consideration before January 20, 2026 as presented.

Yes: Mohrman, Ratliff, Brattoli, Shellhouse, Kazmierczak  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-018 APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Ratliff and seconded by Brattoli to approve the minutes the Business Meeting conducted on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

Yes: Ratliff, Brattoli, Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Notification of the Board regarding Compliance Officer Updates with our Board Policies

#26-019 APPROVAL TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mohrman and seconded by Shellhouse to move to Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. per the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1); to discuss the investigation of complaints against an employee and matters required to be kept confidential by Federal Law or Rules or State Statutes.

Yes: Mohrman, Shellhouse, Brattoli, Ratliff, Kazmierczak  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-020 APPROVAL TO RETURN TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Motion was made by Kazmierczak and seconded by Brattoli to return to the Organizational Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Yes: Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Shellhouse, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

#26-021 ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Shellhouse and seconded by Kazmierczak to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Yes: Shellhouse, Kazmierczak, Brattoli, Ratliff, Mohrman  
No: None

President Mohrman declared this motion passed.

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Board President

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Treasurer

Note: There is no audio recording of this meeting available.