

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
 Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
 January 13, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Karen Saxton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Nicole DenHerder, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. January is School Board Recognition Month. The Administration would like to thank our current and past Board members for all that they have done to serve the students and community of Paulding.
5. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

None.

6. Public Hearing

A public hearing on the school calendar, required by ORC 3313.48(B), including presentation by Chris Etzler, Superintendent, on the total number of hours in the school year, length of the school day, and start and end of instruction in the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year with approval at the February 2026 regular meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the December 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the January 8, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for December 2025 (Attachment B).
- (3) Approval of the Paulding Symphonic Chorale Student Activity Budget for the 2025-2026 school year (Attachment C).

Roll Call: Ayes –Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
 Nays – None

8. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- (1) Enrollment
- (2) Academic Hall of Fame – application deadline February 1
- (3) PCOC Update
- (4) HVAC/Light Project Update

9. JVS Report

10. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

11. Ohio School Boards Association Membership Renewal

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to renew membership in the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) for the 2026 calendar year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

12. Income Tax Levy

Julie Arend introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on January 8, 2026 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of \$2,003,375 for the purpose of permanent improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 0.75% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Paulding Exempted Village School District, Paulding and Putnam Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03, it is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an income tax on the school district income of individuals (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of 0.75% per annum, shall be for the purpose of permanent improvements, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2027, and shall be levied for five years.

Section 2. The school district income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.01(E)(1).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 5, 2026. All of the territory of the School District is located in Paulding and Putnam Counties, Ohio.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:
Shall an annual income tax of 0.75% on the school district income of individuals be imposed by the Paulding Exempted Village School District, for five years, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of permanent improvements?

FOR THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, not later than February 4, 2026.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Joe Manz seconded the motion, and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

13. Chromebook Purchase

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the purchase of Chromebooks for the 2026-2027 school year at the cost of \$112,737.50. (Attachment D)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

14. JH Springfield/Chicago Trip

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve sending 48 students and seven chaperones to Chicago, IL from May 13, 2026 to May 16, 2026. The cost per student is \$815. (Attachment E)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton,
Nays – None

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

15. Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Beau Hahn, Head Boys Track and Field Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement 14.5, 4 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

16. Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Aaron Horstman, Head Girls Track and Field Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement 14.5, 3 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

17. Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Ben Barton, Head Baseball Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement 15.0, 6 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

18. Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Mallory Clark, Head Softball Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year. Placement 15.0, 6 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

19. Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-2026 school year, except as noted, pending records:

- A. Rescind the Music & Choreography Advisor contract for Jon Rhodes (50%) and Anna Wilhelm (50%), dated May 20, 2025.
- B. Accept the resignation of Nancy Wilcox, Paulding Bus Driver, effective March 20, 2026 for the purpose of retirement. She would have served the district for 26 years in this capacity.
- C. Approval of the following one-year extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jon Rhodes	Music & Choreography (33.4%)	5.0 0 years
Anna Wilhelm	Music & Choreography (33.3%)	5.0 0 years
Noah Elliott	Music & Choreography (33.3%)	5.0 0 years
Andi Mead	HS Assistant Boys Track	9.0 1 year
Mary Cate Panico	HS Assistant Girls Track	9.0 1 year
Hunter Kesler	HS Assistant Track	Volunteer
Colton Bennett	JH Head Boys Track	7.0 1 year
Cole Mortemore	JH Head Girls Track	7.0 1 year
Miah Coil	JH Assistant Boys Track	6.0 0 years
Jacee Reineck	JH Assistant Girls Track	6.0 0 years
Corbin Edwards	JV Head Baseball	9.5 3 years
Thor Etter	Assistant Varsity Baseball (50%)	10.0 6 years
Matt Arellano	Assistant Varsity Baseball (50%)	10.0 6 years
Cole Seslar	Assistant Varsity Baseball	Volunteer
Evan Edwards	Assistant JV Baseball	10.0 6 years
Nate Trausch	JV Head Softball	9.5 4 years
Mel White	HS Track Assistant	Volunteer

- D. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Carrie Dysinger, 3-hour Bus Paraprofessional, effective January 14, 2026. Step 0
- E. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Carrie Dysinger, 5-hour JH 2nd Shift Custodian, effective January 14, 2026. Step 0

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton
Nays – None

20. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider

the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

Time In: 6:34 p.m.

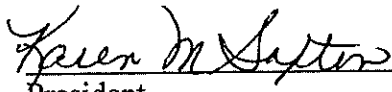
Time Out: 7:49 p.m.

21. Adjournment

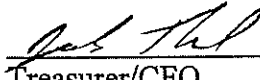
Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.



President



Treasurer/CFO

