



**Delaware City Schools Board of Education  
Minutes of January 12, 2026  
Organizational Meeting  
Willis Education Center  
6:00pm**

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**2026-MR 1.0 Opening**

**2026-MR 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Delaware City Board of Education met in Regular session on January 12 ,2026 at 6:00pm at the Willis Education Center.

Members present on roll call were:

Ms. Harris  
Mr. Backus  
Mr. Wiener  
Mrs. Gasaway  
Mrs. Buckerfield  
Ms. Fitzharris\*

*\* Denotes Student Board Member*

**2026-MR-1.2 Salute the Flag**

**2026-MR-1.3 Oath of office for Newly Elected Board Members**

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members:

Melissa Harris  
Michael Wiener  
Abby Buckerfield

OATH OF OFFICE—Administered by the Treasurer

“Do you solemnly affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States of America the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Delaware City School District, Delaware, Ohio, to the best of your abilities and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office and until your successor is elected and qualified?”

The appropriate answer is “I do.”

#### **2026-MR-1.4 Adoption of the Agenda**

I recommend we adopt this agenda as presented.

Moved by Mr. Backus, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to adopt this agenda as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Harris declared the motion carried.

#### **2026-MR-1.5 Approve Minutes**

With your agenda you have received the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Board meeting.

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea, Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Harris declared the motion carried.

#### **2026-MR-1.6 Approve Financial Reports**

Moved by Mr. Backus, seconded by Mr. Wiener to approve the November Financial Reports as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

#### **2026-MR-1.7 Recognitions and Presentations**

- January is School Board Recognition Month - Mr. Pomeroy thanked the Board members for stepping into their roles as a vital link between the community and the education of our students. He expressed appreciation for their consistent dedication and ongoing support of our students.
- Teacher of the Year Award - Dr. Swanger recognized Becky Saunders for receiving the National Teacher of the Year award from the Council for Exceptional Children. Her dedication to her students is exceptional, as she ensures they are included, valued, and seen. The Council for Exceptional Children is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving outcomes for children with disabilities, making this a significant honor. Mrs. Saunders teaches her students essential life skills, embraces tasks both large and small, serves as their voice, and

holds them close to her heart. Becky Saunders thanked those who have supported her and who have consistently said yes to her ideas.

## **2026-MR-1.8 Board of Education Organization for 2026**

### Election of Officers

#### 1. President

Each person placed in nomination for President will be listed in the minutes. The Board members must vote by voice vote. The member receiving three (3) or more votes from among those nominated will be elected President. If only one member is nominated, then nominations are closed and the Board may elect a President by Acclamation.

a) Nominations to elect the 2026 Board of Education President:

Nominated: Ted Backus by Janelle Gasaway

b) Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to close nominations for President.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

c) Voting to elect the 2026 Board of Education President:

Election by Acclamation.

OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected President– Administered by the Treasurer

The Treasurer will read the following as the newly elected officer stands with his/her right hand raised:

“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as President of the Board of Education of the Delaware City School District, Delaware, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office?”

The appropriate answer is “I do.”

*With the new President duly elected, he/she will assume the chair and preside over the rest of the meeting.*

#### 2. Vice President

The same procedure should be followed in nominating and electing a Vice President as was set forth in the nomination and election of the President.

a) Nominations to elect the 2026 Board of Education Vice President

Nominated: Janelle Gasaway by Melissa Harris

b) Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wiener to close nominations for Vice President.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

c) Voting to elect the 2026 Board of Education Vice President:

Election by Acclamation.

OATH OF OFFICE for newly elected Vice President– Administered by the Treasurer The Treasurer will read the following as the newly elected officer stands with his/her right hand raised:

“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as Vice President of the Board of Education of the Delaware City School District, Delaware, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereinafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office?

” The appropriate answer is “I do.”

B. Establish Dates for Regular Meetings for 2026- Exhibit C

The Board of Education needs to set the meeting schedule for the regular meetings of the Delaware City School District Board of Education. Additional meetings shall be designated at a time and place properly announced (Ohio Revised Code section 3314.16).

The regular meetings of the Delaware City School District Board of Education will be set as follows and located at the Willis Education Center:

**Delaware City Schools  
2026 Board of Education Meeting Dates**

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>
January 12, 2026	6:00 pm	Organizational

February 9, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
March 9, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
April 13, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
May 4, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
May 18, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
June 15, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
July 13, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
August 3, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
August 17, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
September 14, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
October 5, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
November 2, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular
December 7, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Mr. Wiener to approve the 2026 Board of Education meeting dates as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

1. Appointments to Areas of Responsibility

- Negotiations (DCEA) - Mr. Wiener and Mrs. Gasaway
- Negotiations (OAPSE) - Ms. Harris and Mrs. Gasaway
- Negotiations (UE) - Mrs. Buckerfield and Mr. Wiener
- Facilities - Mr. Backus and Mrs. Buckerfield
- Federal/Ohio Legislative Co-Liaison - Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Buckerfield
- Finance (Records Retention, Audit) - Mr. Wiener and Ms. Harris
- OSBA Delegate and Alternate - Ms Harris (delegate) and Mr. Wiener (alternate)
- Planning Commission Liaison (City/Regional) - Mrs. Gasaway
- Community Outreach - Mrs. Harris
- Education Council - Mrs. Gasaway and Mrs. Buckerfield
- Student Achievement Liaison - Mrs. Harris
- Appointment to DACC Board - Mr. Backus

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the Appointments to Areas of Responsibility as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

## 2. Annual Memberships

Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce  
META Solutions  
Ohio Education Policy Institute  
Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)  
OSBA Legal Defense Fund

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the Annual Memberships as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

## 3. Standing Authorizations

Be It Resolved That: The Delaware City School District Board of Education approve the following authorizations:

- A. **Advance on Tax Settlements** – the Treasurer/CFO of Delaware City Schools is hereby authorized and directed to request the Delaware County Auditor to draw a warrant for an advance of tax monies collected on behalf of said district but not yet disbursed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34.
- B. **Investment of Interim Funds** – authorization for the Treasurer/CFO of Delaware City Schools to invest Interim Funds at the most productive interest rates whenever funds are available.
- C. **Payment of Bills** – authorization for the Treasurer/CFO of Delaware City Schools to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as the bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in satisfactory condition.
- D. **Waive Reading of the Minutes** – to waive oral reading of the minutes of the preceding Board of Education meeting(s) unless expressly voted by the Board of Education to be read.
- E. **Participation in State and Federal Programs** – authorization to participate in all state and federal programs beneficial to the Delaware City Schools and consistent with the goals established by the school district for 2026.

- F. **Appoint Purchasing Agents** – appointment of the Executive Director of Human Resources and/or Superintendent of Schools to serve as purchasing agents for the school district.

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the Standing Authorizations as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

## **2026-MR-2.0 Reports**

### 2.1. Unions

- A. DCEA - Ms. Wilder thanked Mr. Pomeroy for the Mission Delaware project, noting that members felt heard and student needs were prioritized. She expressed appreciation for the Board's transparency, time, and dedication, welcomed the addition of an educator voice to the Board, and looked forward to continued collaboration rooted in respect and shared purpose.
- B. UE - No report.
- C. OAPSE - No report.

### 2.2. Superintendent

#### A. Departmental Updates

##### 1. Online Course Design and Process:

- a. Dr. Shafer and Mr. Cook presented an overview of the online course design process and the potential development of a full online school to better serve students whose needs are not met by a traditional setting. The program would offer DCS-developed courses aligned to district standards, using an enhanced learning management system and allowing students to transition between learning modes. Courses would be primarily asynchronous with required in-person access for assessments and interventions.

A task force of teachers will design and review courses, beginning with priority courses targeted for the 2027–28 school year, followed by additional courses by 2029–30. Staff are reviewing online platforms to replace APEX, support the WILL program, and expand future middle school options. Board members expressed appreciation for the extensive planning, staff collaboration, and thoughtful pacing of the work. Mr. Pomeroy thanked Dr. Shafer and Mr. Cook for their leadership in moving the initiative forward.

##### 2. Proactive Planning and Enrollment Projections

- a. Mr. Pomeroy addressed challenges identified through Mission Delaware, noting that proactive planning for growth and facility needs is a top priority. Enrollment trends show a current decrease of 69 students, with projections of an additional 670 students over the

next 10 years due to housing growth, increased birth rates, and city population expansion. Ongoing residential development and planned housing units will continue to impact enrollment, with additional growth expected in future reports.

He outlined the facilities master planning process, including assessment, options, and decision phases. This includes evaluating building conditions, deferred maintenance, educational adequacy, and financial impacts, emphasizing that all options carry costs and that delaying maintenance increases long-term expenses. Potential approaches include repair, renovation, or rebuilding, all to be evaluated with community input and a focus on supporting educational needs while remaining fiscally responsible.

Next steps include issuing an RFQ to select a partner for facilities master planning and assessment, with expertise in Ohio school facilities, OFCC requirements, educational planning, and community engagement. The Facilities Committee will review submissions on January 28, narrow candidates to three for interviews, and aim to make a recommendation by the February Board meeting.

### 3. Land Donation

- a. Mr. Pomeroy presented an agreement in principle with Corridor Development and Ryan Homes regarding the donation of 52 acres of land to the District. Appreciation was expressed to Corridor Development, Ryan Homes, and the City for their collaboration. Mrs. Harris thanked the partners for their responsiveness, recommendations, and commitment to DCS. Mr. Pomeroy expressed enthusiasm about moving forward with the agreement in principle for the land acquisition.

### 4. Technology Updates

- a. Mrs. Fry provided an update on technology improvements completed in December, including firewall and switch upgrades to improve network stability, performance, and analytics. She also reported on phone system and flasher upgrades completed as part of security and safety enhancements. Phase one of the phone upgrade has been completed on the legacy system, with phase two transitioning to the Mitel business system. Mr. Pomeroy recognized Mrs. Fry and her team for the tremendous amount of effort they have put in along the way.

### 5. Facilities, Transportation

- a. A. Mr. Sherman reported that the Facilities Department has made significant progress on work orders and encouraged staff to submit requests to support tracking and planning. Budgets are being reviewed to best address current and future student needs, and the safety grant from the Attorney General's office is under review. He also shared a transportation update, noting two drivers in training, two returning from leave, a bus test-drive event held on Saturday, and the potential for three retirements this year. The hiring process is being evaluated.

### 6. Food Service

- a. Mr. Nadeau thanked Mr. Drennen for his work as Food Service Director. The District received a donation from an anonymous donor to pay off student lunch balances. The food service team is conducting its annual review of breakfast and lunch programs. While November sales were slightly lower, overall daily sales have increased compared to last year. Mr. Pomeroy expressed the District's gratitude for the donation.

7. Human Resources

- a. Mr. Nadeau reiterated that the goal of Human Resources is to provide support to all stakeholders, eliminate barriers, and foster an environment that supports both students and staff. He is energized for the district's focus on being student-centered and staff-focused. He presented the consent agenda items for consideration.

B. Student Board Member

- a. Hayes recently held House Games Day, which ran smoothly, was enjoyable, and saw high student participation. At Smith, Principal Mrs. Kirby initiated a mitten tree, allowing staff and the community to support families in need. She also acted as "Elf on the Shelf" for students arriving at school, which was greatly enjoyed by the students.

2.3. Treasurer/CFO

CFO Corwin reviewed the Tax Budget action item for approval, noting that updated rates and estimated revenues from the county have not yet been received. The draft tax budget is similar to last year, with adjustments for PI levy tax dollars, and will be monitored and updated as needed.

The Auditor of State released a report indicating a clean audit and a successful year, with one management recommendation regarding performing a physical inventory of federally purchased items every two years. The district plans to review federal assets independently and by building.

The District received the Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government Award, the GFOA Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, as well as the GFOA Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Reporting Award.

CFO Corwin also presented Discussion Item 4.0 and district donation for Board consideration. She reported expenditures are on pace, staff alignment and legislative changes will continue to be monitored.

2.4. Legislative Update

Mr. Pomeroy reported on recent legislative changes, including a new kindergarten start date set for the first day of school and an adjustment in the scoring of state-level biology tests.

2.6. Board Request

2.5. Public Comment

- Kyle Henry, 2260 Red Barn Street, Delaware - Resident
- Hannah Ely, 158 W Central Ave, Delaware - Parent

**2026-MR-3.0 Consent Agenda**

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to approve all of the consent items as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

**2026-MR-3.1 Pupils**

A. Approve High School Graduates

1. I recommend the Board approve the following students as Hayes High School graduates due to completion of all graduation requirements:

Alison Favour Akih  
Alex Donoghue

Nikolas Bivens

B. Approve Overnight Field Trips

1. Delaware Boys Wrestling Tournament

I recommend the Board approve the Delaware Boys Wrestling team for an overnight field trip from 1/23/2026 to 1/24/2026 to the State Wrestling Tournament at Clyde High School in Sandusky, Ohio as presented.

2. Delaware Swim Team Athletic Competition

I recommend the Board approve the Delaware Swim Team for an overnight field trip from 1/16/2026 to 1/17/2026 to the Delaware Swim Team Athletic Competition at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio as presented.

**2026-MR-3.2 Personnel**

**2026-MR-3.2 A Approve Resignations**

1. Certified Staff

Approve and accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Anne Brandyberry*	Music Teacher Dempsey	Last Day of 5/28/2026
Jennifer Fry*	Director of Technology/ CTO Willis	Last Day of work 7/31/2026

***\*For Retirement Purposes***

2. Classified Staff

Approve and accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Alyssa Droll	Educational Assistant Pre-K Woodward	Last Day of Work 1/12/2026
Lisa Lawrence*	Educational Assistant Dempsey	Last Day of work 5/27/2026
Tabitha Van Sickle	Cook/Cashier Dempsey	Last Day of work 1/22/2026

***\*For Retirement Purposes***

**2026-MR-3.2B Approve Employment**

1. Certified Staff

Approve certified employment for the 2025-2026 school year specifically conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, licensure, and receipt of other necessary documentation.

Current assignments are as follows:

Erika Kolenz*	Kindergarten teacher Conger	MA, Step 0 \$51,695.88 Effective 1/13/2026
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***\*Prorated amount is \$24,736.20 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year***

Alyssa Droll\*

Intervention Specialist  
Pre-K Woodward

BA, Step 0  
\$46,996.25  
Effective 1/13/2026

***\*Prorated amount is \$22,487.45 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year***

1. Classified Staff

Approve classified employment for the 2026-2026 school year specifically conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, receipt of all other necessary documentation and licensure (if applicable).

Current assignments are as follows:

Madeline Garland                      Educational Assistant                      \$20.43 per hour, Step 6  
Class II    Effective 12/16/2025  
Woodward

Tracy Pittello                      Administrative Assistant                      \$22.73 per hour, Step 7  
Willis    Effective 12/22/2025

2. Classified Substitute for the 2026-2026 School Year

Employ, according to Board approved policy and wage schedules, the following individuals as a classified substitute for the 2026-2026 school year: Administrative Assistant \$14.50/hr., Bus Driver \$17.80/hr., Cook/Cashier \$12.80/hr., Custodian \$15.85/hr., Educational Assistant \$14.50/hr., Library Media Specialist Assistant \$14.50/hr., Nurse \$150.00 a day, Technology Specialist \$14.50/hr.

Approve employment for the 2026-2026 school year conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, receipt of all other necessary documentation and licensure (if applicable).

Don Hinkle                      Substitute Bus Driver

**2026-MR-3.2C Approve Supplemental Contracts for the 2026-2026 School Year**

Approve the following supplemental employment for the 2026-2026 school year specifically conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, receipt of all other necessary documentation, and Pupil Activity Permit (if applicable):

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SUPPLEMENTAL	BUILDING	2025-26 SALARY
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Brenner	Brooke	PBIS Committee Chairperson (0.50 FTE)	DEMPSEY	\$250.00
Carter	Jakota	Wrestling Assistant Coach 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls	DEMPSEY	\$2,584.79
Cornell	Mathieu	Wrestling Assistant Coach 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls	DEMPSEY	\$3,618.71
Fenton	William	Drama Assistant Musical - Set Design	HAYES	\$4,135.67
Jackson	Noah	Student Experience Chairperson	SCHULTZ	\$500.00
Pitzen	Jason	Wrestling Volunteer Coach	HAYES	Volunteer

**2026-MR-3.2D Approve Classified Staff Supplemental Contract**

1. I recommend the Board approve the Salary Adjustment for Kaiden Sharrock - Gymnastics Assistant Coach-Varsity Girls due to the verification of previous paid coaching experience.

Originally approved on the  
**November 3, 2025 Board Agenda**  
 Step 3, \$3,101.75

**Correction**  
 Step 5, \$3,618.71

**2026-MR-3.2E Approve Extended Days/Time**

1. Approve Auditorium Technicians

I recommend the Board approve the following as auditorium technicians for the Hayes Performing Arts Center at the current state minimum Wage on an as-needed basis starting August 1, 2025:

Joshua Carpenter

**2026-MR-3.2F Approve New Job Description**

Approve new job description I recommend the Board approve the following new job description

Elementary Summer Reading Camp Coordinator

**2026-MR-3.2G Approve Stipend**

1. I recommend the Board approve a stipend for the following teachers at \$28.00 per hour, not to exceed 41 hours, November 11, 2025 - April 30, 2026 for Extended Learning Opportunity at Dempsey Middle School.

Jodi Breakey  
 Cari Floehr

Tabitha Cook  
 Alyssa Garrison

### **2026-MR-3.3 Donations**

I recommend the Board approve and accept the following donations:

- A. Celebration of Creativity, Class of 1976, Monetary, valued at \$330, for the purpose of use in the Pacer Space at the Willis Education Center.
- B. Hiram Lodge, gift cards, valued at \$600, for the purpose of assisting families as needed at Conger Elementary.
- C. Modern Woodman, Tiffany Zagorski, Monetary, valued at \$750.00, for the purpose of honoring the district staff and building projects.
- D. Office City, donation of office and school supplies, value unknown, for district use.
- E. Anonymous - Monetary donation, valued at \$3713.06, to pay for negative lunch balances in the district.

### **2026-MR-4.0 Discussion**

4.1 Public Hearing regarding the rehire of a previously retired employee.

Public hearing on the rehire of Laura Hallett, payroll and benefits supervisor.

### **2026-MR-5.0 Action Items**

#### **2026-MR-5.1 Approve Resolution to continue the relationship with Educational Service Center Council of Governments (ESG-COG) and appointment of Delaware City Schools Representative.**

I recommend the Board approve the following resolution to continue its relationship with the Educational Service Center Council of Governments (ESC-COG) and appoint Gerald Nadeau Jr. the Delaware City Schools representative effective January 12, 2026 to December 31, 2027 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the resolution to continue the relationship with the Educational Service Center Council of Governments (ESC-COG) and appointment of the Delaware City Schools representative

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

### **2026-MR-5.2 Approve 2026-2027 Property Values, Tax Year Rates and Estimated Revenue**

Approve 2026-2027 Property Values, Tax Year Rates and Estimated Revenue

I recommend the Board approve the amounts and rates for 2026-2027 Property, Values, Taxes, and estimated revenue from the Delaware County Auditor as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve amounts and rates for 2026-2027 Property Values, Taxes, and estimated revenue as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

### **2026-MR-5.3 Approve SESI/High Road Contract**

I recommend the Board approve the contract with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc (SESI/High Road School of Marion County) for educational services for the 2025 – 2026 school year as presented.

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to approve SESI/High Road Contract as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

### **2026-MR-6.0 Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Pomeroy expressed his gratitude to the board of education members.

### **2026-MR-7.0 Board Comments**

No report.

### **2026-MR-8.0 Calendar**

- January 17 - Bus Driver Recruitment Event
- January 19 – No School - MLK Jr. Day

### **2026-MR-9.0 Executive Session**

I recommend the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Ms. Harris to enter into executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the Board in executive session at 8:01 pm.

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wiener to exit out of executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.

Roll Call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea.

President Backus declared the Board out of executive session at 9:12 pm.

### **2026-MR-10.0 Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to adjourn this meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea.

President Backus declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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*President*

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*Treasurer*

*\*Denotes student Board member*