

The Delphos Board of Education met in regular session February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office

The following members were present:

Mrs. Lynn Bockey
Mrs. Becca Suever

Mr. Wes Ditto
Mr. Matt Weitzel

Mrs. Karen Grothouse

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Bockey.

Approval of Agenda

The Delphos City Schools Board of Education is being asked to consider several items together in one motion (following a consent agenda format). These items are presented under the "Treasurer's Report" and under the "Superintendent's Report" sections of this agenda. Board members should review these items and request any item(s) he or she would like to have considered separately removed from the consent recommendation and included for a separate Board decision.

Motion by Mrs. Suever

Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Suever, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Laura Peters went over the agenda items with the board. She then noted that the property tax advances as well as the Allen County settlement were received in February. Mrs. Peters informed the board that the Allen County Commissioners were asking for an actual tax budget moving forward. This is something that had been waived in the past. She also noted that guidance from the state on the changes to property tax reform have not been released yet and that the district will have a renewal levy on the ballot next November. Mrs. Peters went over the forecast with the board as well noting that the district is still in sound financial state.

Treasurer: Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve January 28, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment A)
- B. Approve financial statements for the period January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026
 - Payment of invoices for reporting period. (Attachment B)
 - Fund balance statement (Attachment C)
 - Cash Reconciliation worksheet (Attachment D)
 - Investment report (Attachment E)
 - Appropriation account summary and revenue account information reports (per email)
 - Approve additional appropriations/revenues
- C. Approve the additional pays for January through February 23, 2026. (Listed below)
 - Aiyanna Adams-Latch Key \$45.98
 - Bub Lindeman-Class Coverage \$30.00

- Kalie Ulm-Class Coverage \$30.00
- Rebekah Dubey-Quiz Bowl \$653.75
- Kalie Ulm-Quiz Bowl \$207.12
- Allyson Hasting-Quiz Bowl \$207.12
- Heather Schnipke-Saturday School \$104.04

D. Approval of the 2026 Permanent Appropriation Resolution of the Delphos Public Library. (Attachment G)

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E. Approve Resolution for Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission.

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F. Approve the updated Financial Forecast as presented.

Before we pass the consent resolution, are there any items you would like to move from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Motion by Mr. Weitzel
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

Roll call vote: Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Suever, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Stephanie Braun recognized the PK staff for obtaining the Step to Gold Rating again this year. She then spoke about the activities that taking place in the preschool noting that the Literacy Night was coming up on March 17th for students and parents. Mrs. Braun also spoke to the amount of professional development that her staff has been doing to improve their skills to help students.

Mr. Bob Hohlbein updated the board on events at the elementary. He then talked about the mandated testing that was completed in January as well as updated the board on upcoming events for the elementary.

Mr. Hohlbein then gave the board an overview of the upcoming projects for the summer. Noting that now is the time to get on the outside vendors list to get things completed during the summer months.

Superintendent Jeff Hobbs then went over the agenda items with the board in detail. He also updated the board on the Strategic Plan.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

A. Accept the Following Donations:

- \$10,000 from Novus Foods for ESL Services and equipment
- \$1,780.03 from Van Wert County Foundation for the Hoover Scholarship
- \$25.00 from Catholic Ladies of Columbia Council 40 to Class of 2026

B. Approve Elizabeth Elwer as a teacher in the Wildcat STEM program at Franklin.

C. Approve Nick Fitch and Dusty Welker as Volunteer Baseball Coaches and Kyrstin Moore as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2026 season.

- D. Approve movement of Jesse Guerrero to Step III on the Salary Scale recognizing his service time in the United States Marine Corp.
- E. Approve Rachel Germann as a sub nurse for the 2026 school year.
- F. Approve the OSBA new/revised policies

Updates to the following:

- DLC: Expense Reimbursements
- DLC-R: Expense Reimbursements

- G. Approve the TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing Service) contract with Smith Boughan Mechanical Services for AC HVAC Project Phase 1 at Franklin Elementary for \$173,700.00
- H. Approve the TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing Service) contract with Smith Boughan Mechanical Services for Alerton BAS Heating Upgrade for \$162,750.00
- I. Approve the hiring of Eric Kerner as a sub bus driver pending all required certifications for the remainder of the 2026 school year.
- J. Approve the Electric Service Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC effective April, 2026 through June, 2027

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Motion by Mr. Ditto
Seconded by Mr. Weitzel

Roll call vote: Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Suever, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs, Bob Hohlbein spoke about projects in his earlier report.
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning, Mrs. Grothouse gave a thank you to Stephanie Braun for her work.
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni, Mr. Weitzel noted he has been working with the Athletic Director on various items.
4. Personnel, Policy, and Governance, Mrs. Suever asked about needs for next school as far as staffing and looking at Special Education programs.
5. Vantage Career Center, Mrs. Grothouse attend her first meeting since being appointed to the board and updated the board on the renovations taking place at Vantage.

WILDCAT “PAWS-ITIVIES” were given by Mr. Hobbs and Mrs. Suever to the PK staff for their hard work and dedication to the program to achieve the Gold Star Rating. Mrs. Bockey recognized Dylan Wreede for his second place finish to be a state qualifier for the Auto Tech competition.

Moved by Mr. Weitzel
Seconded by Mr. Ditto

That the Board of Education retire to Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G), for the following reason(s): Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Roll call vote: Mr. Ditto, Mrs. Suever, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Bockey and Mrs. Grothouse, aye.

Nay, None Motion passed.

7:44 p.m. Regular session called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board move to adjourn the February 23, 2026, regular meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 7:45 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Grothouse
Seconded by Mr. Weitzel

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be March 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

President, Lynn Bockey

Treasurer, Laura A. Peters

