

Members Present: Mrs. Linda Blum, President
Mrs. Jane Woodie, Vice President
Dr. Karl Espeleta
Mr. Nick Orrill
Mr. Chris Pulos
Mr. James Paul, Student Board Representative

Mrs. Blum presided over the meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the district's mission statement.

No. 26-58 Mrs. Blum motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented. Mr. Orrill seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Blum, Orrill, Woodie, Espeleta, Pulos

Motion Carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Johnston presented Jeanie Sanders with the Superintendent Helping Hands award for all her volunteer work at Northmoor Elementary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mrs. Zink updated the Board on Strategy 2 - Teaching and Learning.

No. 26-59 Mrs. Woodie motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Orrill seconded the motion and the roll call was as follows:

Aye: Woodie, Orrill, Blum, Espeleta, Pulos

Abstained: Paul

Motion Carried

No. 26-60 Mrs. Woodie motioned to approve the separated items of the treasurer's agenda as follows:

- B. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
- C. Approve the financial report for February 2026.

Vendor	Purchase Order #	Purchase Order Date	Invoice No.	Amount
Health E Pro	6034833	2/24/2026	11439	\$ 5,754.15
Dayton-Mont Scholarship	1166319	2/20/2026	Class 26	\$ 3,824.70
Heritage Petroleum	1119571	2/19/2026	1373499	\$10,806.59
Ohio DECA	8108883	1/30/2026	26180002	\$ 5,800.00

Motion Carried

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Debra Desonie	Retirement as Bus Driver, Effective 6/1/26 - SC
James Howard	Resignation as 1st Shift Custodian, Effective 3/6/26 - KELC
Jacqueline Walker	Resignation as Food Service Worker, Effective 3/4/26 - MS
Susan Whitaker	Retirement as Paraprofessional, Effective 5/31/26 - PS

NEW CONTRACT/APPOINTMENT - CLASSIFIED

Ginger Kooser	Bus Assistant, 1.25 Hrs. Per Day, Effective 3/2/26 - SC
Christina MacGowan	Substitute Food Service Worker, As Needed, Effective 3/9/26 - DS
Mackenzie Makowski	Substitute Paraprofessional, As Needed, Effective 2/23/26 - DS
Morgen Pearson	Substitute Paraprofessional and Educational Assistant, As Needed, Effective 2/27/26 - DS

CHANGE IN CONTRACT/APPOINTMENT - CLASSIFIED

Brook Jones	From Van Driver, 4.83 Hrs. Per Day to Bus Driver, 3.83 Hrs. Per Day, Effective 3/2/26 - SC
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Brianna Carrillo
Abbey Cousineau
Molly Eklund
Kristin Harris
Jermica Hood
Mary Jo Klein
Madison Rauen
David Wakins

COACH - HIGH SCHOOL

Tanner Lee	Baseball, Volunteer, 3 Yrs. Exp.
Matthew Scott Jones	Baseball JV Assistant, Cat. 17, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp.
Maddox Simmons	Baseball JV Assistant, Volunteer, 0 Yrs. Exp.

COACH - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Michael Battistoni	Track Assistant, Cat. 17, 100%, 0 Yrs. Exp.
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Dr. Espeleta seconded the motion and the roll call vote was follows:

Aye: Orrill, Espeleta, Woodie, Pulos, Blum

Motion Carried

No. 26-63 Mrs. Woodie motioned to approve the the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve out-of-state, overnight trip to Atlanta, Georgia for DECA chaperones and students to compete in the International Career Development Conference, April 26, 2026 - April 29, 2026.
- B. Approve out-of-state, overnight trip to Daytona Beach, FL for the NJROTC National Brain Brawl, April 30, 2026 - May 3, 2026.
- C. Approve the Certificate of Resolution for Third Grade Paper Test Administration Option.
- D. Accept public cash donation of \$1,150 from AES Restaurant Foundation, Inc (Arby's - Englewood) to the Northmont District.

- E. Accept public cash donation of \$350 from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 707 to the Kleptz Early Learning Center for their Military Child Lunch.
- F. Accept public cash donation of \$600 from VFWOC VFW Post 5434 to the Veterans Breakfast at Union Elementary.

Mr. Pulos seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Woodie, Pulos, Blum, Espeleta, Orrill

Aye: Paul

Motion Carried

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Blum

*Thanked everyone who supported the Northmont Education Foundation auction.

Mrs. Woodie

*Congratulations to the Boy's basketball team for winning the Districts. The last time we won the Districts was in 1962 when her father was coaching.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*Congratulations to our Board for being recognized as Gold Level Board by Southwest Ohio School Board Association last Thursday. The board met all 26 criteria and have received this award for at least the last 13 years.

*Fourteen more student-athletes will sign commitment papers on Wednesday to continue to participate in athletics next year. The sports represented are girls' soccer, football, baseball, bowling, cross-country, softball, boys volleyball, and girls golf.

*Thanked Amy Sipes and the principals for working on updates for next year, with the hope of getting those ready for board approval over the next two board meetings.

*Jordan Greve distributed prizes for the drawings regarding the breakfast participation last week in National Breakfast Week.

*This year, Northmont High School established a Model United Nations club, and they had their first competition last weekend at Miami University. In Model UN, students are assigned to represent a country (or character in a historical simulation) and are tasked with portraying that role through a series of crises and parliamentary procedures. Northmont's club was organized by social studies teachers David Jones and Daniel Acevedo, with assistance from Wright State University professor Dr. Liam Anderson and his nationally recognized Model UN club.

The Miami University conference had simulations of a Papal conclave, a reenactment of the Salem Witch Trials, and a nation-building activity set in the world of the X-Men universe. Northmont had a team of 16 students participating in the event, with 5 or 6 students in each simulation. At the end of the two-day event, Northmont was named the Outstanding Delegation of the conference with the most students winning individual awards. The team will compete again at a Model United Nations event at Wright State University in April. Our own Jamey Paul received an honorable mention!

*We will be having a Clap Out at the end of 7th period on Thursday to celebrate our 4 wrestlers who are going to State this coming weekend!

Landon McCargish

Graham Moyer

Katilyn Tanner

Ja'Leia Mitchell

*Girls' bowling finished top 8 in the state! Two girls finished All-State -

Raina Hogstrom, 2nd Team,

Amiah Wright, Honorable Mention.

*Sophomore Evie Barnes qualified for the state gymnastics tournament in the balance beam this past weekend!

*Boys Indoor State Track

Congratulations to our boys 4x200m relay team for placing 8th at the Indoor Track and Field State Championships in Geneva, OH. They also broke their previous school record (1:34.13) with a new time of 1:31.94 - Michael Stewart, Corey Norris, DuJuan Bickerstaff, and Nehemiah Drake.

Congratulations to Dominic Lopez for placing 4th in the 3200m run at the Indoor Track and Field State Championships in Geneva, OH. Dominic also broke the school record with a time of 9:22.82. The previous record (9:27.48) was set in 2015.

*Girls Indoor State Track-Chantel Redmond placed 7th with a blazing time of 25.18 in the 200M Dash!

*The boys' basketball team defeated Loveland to win the first District Championship since 1962! The boys play on Wednesday at Springfield HS vs Winton Woods at 7:30 pm in the Regional Semis.

*Thank you to the trustees of the Northmont Education Foundation for their work toward a successful fundraiser at the Annual Community Night of Giving. The district is blessed to have a Foundation dedicated to making us better.

No. 26-64 There being no further business, Mrs. Blum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be March 23, 2026 at Northmoor Elementary, 4421 Old Salem Road, Englewood, Ohio.

President

Anda A. Blum

Treasurer

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Visitors: 17

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