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

The following members were present:

Mrs. Lynn Bockey	Mr. Wes Ditto	Mrs. Karen Grothouse
Mrs. Becca Suever	Mr. Matt Weitzel	

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 Mr. Weitzel

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

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Laura Peters went over the agenda items with the board. She then explained the tax budget that was requested by the Allen County Commissioners. Mrs. Peters also talked about the passage of the homestead piggyback exemption allowed by HB96 that was approved by the Van Wert County Commissioners. She then noted that she had attended a full day WCOASBO chapter meeting that had a lot of updates on legislative changes.

Treasurer: Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve February 23, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes (Attachment A)

B. Approve financial statements for the period February 1, 2026, through February 28, 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 February through March 23, 2026. (Listed below)

• Aiyanna Adams-Latch Key	$41.38
• Bub Lindeman-Class Coverage	$30.00

- Kalie Ulm-Class Coverage $30.00
- Taylor Williams-Latch Key $4.48
- Kalie Ulm-Quiz Bowl $161.79
- Allyson Hasting-Quiz Bowl $170.85
- Elizabeth Beaubien-Class Coverage $30.00
- Stephanie Braun-Board Policy $23.84
- Brittany Brenneman-Class Coverage $30.00
- Kelsi Anderson-Class Coverage $30.00
- Kristi Jones-Class Coverage $30.00
- Alicia Koester-Class Coverage $30.00
- Martha Meza-Class Coverage $30.00
- Kay Wilhelm-Class Coverage $60.00
- Bonnie Mullenhour-Extra Bus Duty $25.00
- Cass Null-Extra Bus Duty $25.00

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D. Approve the Tax Budget as requested by the Allen County Budget Commission on February 2, 2026.

The Tax Budget is required of local governments in Ohio according to Ohio Revised Code 5705.30. It is a financial plan for the operations of the district over the next two years. It describes anticipated revenue from local, state, and federal sources, the anticipated carryover fund balances, and how much is needed to carry out school operations over the next 24 months. Once approved by the Board of Education, the Tax Budget is submitted to the County Budget Commission for approval. Finally, the Tax Budget communicates and substantiates the tax millage on local property required to operate the school district,

Previously, the Financial Forecast served as the Tax Budget.
The Budget Commission requested a tax budget from all Allen County Schools on February 2, 2026.

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. Ditto
Seconded by Mr. Weitzel

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

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Middle School Principal Tony Langhals then gave a report on the happenings of the school. He noted that 138 students participated in the 2nd quarter reward day at the bowling alley and the OTES Evaluations have been completed. Mr. Langhals said the 3rd quarter report cards went home with students and that the Middle School is continuing to concentrate on students' attendance working with those students that miss more often than others. He also noted that spring sports season started and that other student events will be taking place.

High School Principal Bryant Miller spoke about events at the high school highlighting the spring sports and the February students of the month. He noted the high school will be transitioning from the current PBIS "Above the Line" (ATL) model to a more comprehensive Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), which will be known as The Wildcat Standard which will be implemented beginning

in the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Miller also introduced Natalie Hempker who spoke about her experience as a student ambassador to the Ohio Attorney General. This program is designed for high school juniors and seniors to provide an inside look at law and government and to advise the Attorney General Dave Yost on teen issues, collaborate on solutions and meet state officials.

Superintendent Jeff Hobbs went over the agenda items in detail with the board.

Superintendent's Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve the Spanish Club trip to Panama February 27-March 6, 2027, under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Smith.

B. Approve the Class of 2026 Senior Trip to Kalahari March 13 and 14.

C. Approve Trent Teman as a Volunteer Track Coach for the 2026 season.

D. Approve the OSBA new/revised policies

1) Suspend the requirement for a first and second reading of the following policies, which required Board approval by March 20, 2026

Approve the OSBA new policy
· EFD: Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products
Approve the OSBA revised policies
· JEB: Entrance Age (Mandatory Kindergarten)

E. Accept letters of retirement for the following staff members:

a. Stacey Ricker-School Nurse after 31 years (27 with DCS and 4 private)
b. Chad Jostpille-Part time HS Social Studies Teacher contingent upon being rehired for 2026-2027 school year at Jefferson HS. (must have retirement hearing prior to rehire)
c. Kevin Klaus-Part Time Custodian at Franklin Elementary

F. Accept the resignation of Aubrey Fruchey, 3rd grade teacher at Franklin Elementary effective 7/31/26.

G. Approve the Delphos City Schools joining The Ohio Schools Council a cooperative purchasing program to guide us in seeking the lowest prices of reputable companies. The OSC's guarantees their members to save them more than the annual enrollment fee or it is waved.

H. Approve the extension of Maureen Rentz (Gifted Coordinator and Title I Director) by 15 days for the 2025-2026 school year.

I. Approve the Chromebook purchase with Bluum USA Inc. for $20,300. These 70 Chromebooks are for the 2026-2027 school year and purchased with Dienstberger Grant Funds.

J. Approve Sue May as a sub bus driver for the remainder of the 2026 school year.

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Motion by Mrs. Grothouse

Seconded by Mrs. Suever

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

Nay, None. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Operations, Budget, and Fiscal Affairs, Mrs. Bockey spoke about the structural items that were being done at the bus garage.
2. Community, Communications and Strategic Planning, Mrs. Grothouse and Mrs. Bockey attended the preschool family event noting that it was well attended, and the staff did a great job with the students and their parents.
3. Student Life, Athletics and Alumni Mr. Weitzel reported that spring sports are getting their seasons started. He also thanked the principals for their work in helping students to be successful. Mrs. Suever noted that online registration was open for the alumni banquet and that this year's event will be highlighting the various school performing groups such as band, choir, class plays, etc. She also noted that Hall of Honor nominations are due mid-April.
4. Personnel, Policy, and Governance will be having a meeting next Monday.
5. Vantage Career Center Mrs. Grothouse noted the March meeting focused on the growth of the school and its programs.

WILDCAT "PAWS-ITIVIES" were given by Mr. Hobbs to Logan Miller for his 100 career wins during his career in wrestling. He also extended congratulations and good luck to Coach Aaron Elwer and his team for the state basketball tournament. Mr. Miller and the senior students for sending a good luck message to the STJ basketball team as well. Mrs. Bockey recognized Natalie Hempker who attends Vantage for her great interaction with other students as part of her ambassador role and state how proud she was of her.

ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended that the Board move to adjourn the March 23, 2026, regular meeting of Delphos City Schools Board of Education at the time of 5:41 pm.

Motion by Mr. Weitzel
Seconded by Mrs. Grothouse

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be April 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

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President, Lynn Bockey

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Treasurer, Laura A. Peters