

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – March 10, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure, Wylie Sirk, and Darlene Hebble-Juengel were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees. Dave Hill left the meeting at 6:51p.m.

ABSENT: Joel Miller

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 6:00 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of

- a. February 10, 2026/Regular Board Meeting

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

a. Assignments

1. Zachary Webb to be assigned the position of Radio/TV Broadcasting Teacher at Belmont High School effective March 10, 2026.
2. Cheryl Lengerich to be assigned the position of School Nurse at Belmont Elementary/Bellmont Middle School effective March 12, 2026.
3. Faith Morris to be assigned the position of Co-Head Track & Field Coach at Belmont Middle School effective March 16, 2026.
4. Grace Scheumann to be assigned the position of Co-Head Track & Field Coach at Belmont Middle School effective March 16, 2026.
5. Joseph Wolpert to be assigned the position of Bus Driver at North Adams Community Schools effective March 4, 2026.

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6. Ryne Fawbush to be assigned the position of Assistant Track & Field Coach at Belmont Middle School effective March 16, 2026.
7. Hannah Coyne to be assigned the position of Daycare Paraprofessional at Belmont Elementary School effective March 2, 2026.
8. Spring Coaches

Bellmont Middle School

Girls Soccer

Head Coach	Derek Trobeck
Volunteer Assistant	Kari Butcher

Boys Soccer

Head Coach	James Fuhrman
Volunteer Assistant	Kyle Emenhiser

Track & Field

Co-Head Coach	Faith Morris
Co-Head Coach	Grace Scheumann
Assistant Coach	TBD
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Bellmont High School

Baseball:

Head Coach	Garrison Brege
Assistant Coach	Mark Okoniewski
Assistant Coach	Kurt Combs
Assistant Coach	Jordan Hilyard
Volunteer Assistant	Aaron Baker

Golf (Boys):

Head Coach	Ty Razo
Volunteer Assistant	Mike Macke
Volunteer Assistant	Alex Ainsworth

Softball:

Head Coach	Mindy Buuck
Assistant Coach	Macy Montgomery
Assistant Coach	Alicia Hess
Volunteer Assistant	Adam Buuck

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Volunteer Assistant

Emma Mills

Tennis (Girls):

Head Coach

Mason Vrablic

Volunteer Assistant

Track (Boys):

Head Coach

Justin Ayres

Assistant Coach

Clayton Sheehan

Assistant Coach

Tony Ordway

Volunteer Assistant

Blaine Johnson

Volunteer Assistant

Josh Heckert

Track (Girls):

Head Coach

Carl Risch

Assistant Coach

Noah Zimmerman

Volunteer Assistant

Adam Sielschott

Volleyball (Boys)

Head Coach

Craig Krull

Assistant Coach

Julie McConnell

Volunteer Assistant

Stacy Krull

b. Resignations

c. Leaves

d. Retirements

e. Change of Position

1. Erika Bickford to move from Belmont Elementary School Library Assistant to Belmont Elementary School Library Teaching Assistant effective February 16, 2026.
2. Travis Tackett to move from North Adams Community Schools Bus Driver to North Adams Community Schools Substitute Bus Driver effective March 4, 2026.

f. LEA Business

1. Jennifer Frank to resign the position of North Adams/Adams Wells Social Worker effective March 10, 2026.
2. Stephanie White to be assigned the position of Social Worker at North Adams/Adams Wells effective August 10, 2026.

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g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

1. Belmont High School Rifle Club/Jr. Olympic Championships/ Judith Legerski CMP Competition Center, Anniston, AL/April 10-14, 2026
2. Belmont High School German Club/Chicago/April 11, 2026 (*rescheduled from Dec 6, 2025*)
3. Belmont Boys and Girls Tennis Teams/Cincinnati Open Tournament/Cincinnati, OH/August 15, 2026
4. St. Joseph School/Maria Stein Shrine/Maria Stein, OH/May 8, 2026
5. *Bellmont Early College/University of Cincinnati college visit/Cincinnati, OH/April 23, 2026 (rescheduled from February 24, 2026) Added 3/10/26.*

A. Program Update – Renee Hutter / BES Update

-Mrs. Hutter stated that the DARE program has been a valuable addition to BES.

-Mrs. Hutter was joined by Literacy Coach Linda Wellman and Math Coach Ann Burkhalter. She praised the coaches and teaching staff for their focused use of student data and individualized instruction to strengthen achievement in reading and mathematics. She emphasized that these results reflect a true team effort across coaches, teachers, and support staff. She noted that this investment in students is producing positive results in recent testing.

B. Old Business

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the following policy updates as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

1. Policy Updates (Second Read)
 - a. BL 0142 Election and Eligibility
 - b. BL 0144.1 Compensation
 - c. BL 0167.2 Executive Session
 - d. po 2462 Programs for High Ability Students
 - e. po 3220 Staff Evaluation
 - f. po 4162 Drug & Alcohol Testing of CDL Holders and Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions
 - g. po 5350 Student Suicide Awareness & Prevention
 - h. po 3113 and 4113 Conflict of Interest

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C. New Business

1. Policy Update-Po6111 Internal Control Standards and Procedures (1st Read)
2. Review of 2025-26 HB 1003 Flexibility Waiver -*This waiver is good through June 30, 2028, and allows for four full days of PD and a reduction of instructional days to 176 days.*
3. ~~Approval~~ Consideration of 2026-27 Pre-K Rates (*updated 3/9/26*)
 - Mrs. Hiatt discussed the interconnection between preschool and daycare services. She emphasized that preschool is a critical investment in kindergarten readiness; however, while she would like to continue offering daycare options, the virtual elimination of state funding for early childhood programs may prevent the district from maintaining daycare in its current form. Board members voiced their support for continuing to invest in preschool education.
 - Mrs. Hutter explained that a full-day preschool option would allow expanded academic instruction and enrichment, including art and music, and would help jump-start the district's literacy goals by strengthening early learning.
4. Consideration of B.E.S.T. Childcare Program
5. Superintendent Report
 - Mrs. Hiatt praised the BHS State Championship Girls Basketball team, noting that many are multi-sport athletes who showed exceptional mental toughness during their championship game. She added that they are not only strong competitors, but also outstanding individuals and exemplary students. She further acknowledged Belmont High School athletics for their strong showing at State Finals, with six wrestlers having competed, and noted that one Swim/Dive athlete has qualified for the upcoming State competition.
 - Mrs. Hiatt distributed transportation information packets to the Board members for review for future discussion. She noted that, as budget cuts continue to impact the district, each program and service will need to be carefully evaluated.
6. Other Matters to come before the Board

D. Board Member and/or Public Comment

E. Adjournment: 7:06 p.m.

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