

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Berne Union Local School District

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Board of Education

Held

Regular Meeting

20

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

High School Media Center

6:00 p.m.

President Oxley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present.

The meeting was opened by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**26-023 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent and Treasurer. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**26-024: Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hintz to approve the minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting and the January 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**26-025: Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the motions contained in the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- a. Approval of the Financial Report
- b. Approval of bills for payment
- c. To approve permanent appropriations for FY 2026 at the fund level
- d. Approval of revised five-year financial forecast and assumptions

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Jon Parker, Superintendent, discussed the following topics:

1. Ball field lighting project
2. Sonya and Bob Downour will be helping to outline the new Cross-Country Course
3. Bus Safety Grant
4. Website redesign almost complete
5. Wrestling Invitational and MSL Cheerleading Competition
6. Small School Districts Advisory Meeting
7. Agenda items

Mrs. Melissa Drury, Elementary School Principal, discussed the Father Daughter Dance

Mr. Craig Heath, High School Principal, discussed the following topics:

1. Winter sports
2. Finalizing on-line learning for the 2026-27 school year

Mrs. Angie Barnes, Secretary/Assistant Supervisor, discussed the following topics:

1. Maintenance staff doing a great job with snow removal
2. Bus Safety Grant and February is Bus Safety Month

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#### **26-026: Superintendent's Recommendations**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as presented.

- a. Approval of Board Policy 1.03 (Formulation, Amendment, Dissemination, and Update of Policies), Board Policy 1.15 (Board of Education Meetings), Board Policy 6.01 (Academic, Acceleration, Early Entrance to Kindergarten, and Early High School Graduation), Board Policy 6.08 (Student Absences and Excuses), Board Policy 6.59 (Artificial Intelligence), Board Policy 7.39 (NIL/Personal Branding Rights), Board Policy 9.10 (Complaints of Sexual Harassment).
- b. Approve to rescind Board Policy 9.21 (Loss of Driving Privileges) and Board Policy 9.26 (Prohibition and Reporting of Sexual Abuse).
- c. Approve resolution authorizing membership in OHSAA for 2026-2027.
- d. Approve High School Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble overnight trip to St. Louis, Missouri May 6-10, 2026.
- e. Approve to change the August 2026 Board Meeting date to August 17, 2026.

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

#### **26-027: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hintz to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as presented.

- a. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Danny Snively	Head Softball Coach
Julie Buckalew	Assistant Softball Coach
Braden Little	Assistant Softball Coach(1/2)
Macie Weidner	Assistant Softball Coach(1/2)
Rich Hogle	Junior High Softball Coach
Mike Bell	Assistant Junior High Softball Coach
Chad Cupp	Head Baseball Coach
Bob Mason	Assistant Baseball Coach(1/2)
Zane Mirgon	Assistant Baseball Coach(1/2)
JJ Anderson	Assistant Baseball Coach(1/2)
Jake Parker	Assistant Baseball Coach(1/2)
Luke Shafer	Volunteer Baseball Coach
Jason Costlow	Junior High Baseball Coach
Richie Kern	Head Boys Track Coach
Chad Cupp	HS Military Family Liaison
Anna Bonavita	Elem Military Family Liaison
- b. Approve a \$1,500.00 stipend for Mary Howdyshell for extra work as a long-term sub.
- c. Approve Donald Green as a substitute custodian.
- d. Approve the Retirement of Cathy Sisco, high school library aide, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

#### **26-028: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendation**

Moved by Mr. Garber and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendation as presented.

- a. Approve the following supplemental contract for the 2025-26 school year:

Gary Oxley	Assistant Boys Track Coach
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Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-abstain, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

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**26-029. Executive Session**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Garber to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel with possible action to follow. (Time: 7:03 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**26-030: Open Session**

Moved by Mr. Hintz and seconded by Mr. Wharton to return to open session. (Time: 7:48 p. m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**26-031: Contract Amendment**

Motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to approve the motion to amend the employment contract of the Treasurer, Mr. Kirk Grandy, as required by the Ohio Revised Code 3313.22 to reflect the agreed upon changes. Both parties agree that Mr. Grandy shall perform the duties of the Treasurer as prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio and the Berne Union Local Board of Education. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

**26-032: Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Wharton to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:50 p.m.) Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

I certify these minutes to be correct.

  
PRESIDENT

  
TREASURER