

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
March 17, 2026

(A)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Karen Saxton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Nicole DenHerder, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation

The winter sports teams were recognized for their successful seasons.

5. Treasurer's Report

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes and the February 23, 2026 and February 26, 2026 Special Meeting minutes (Attachment A).
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for January 2026 (Attachment B).

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

6. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- (1) Enrollment
- (2) Academic Hall of Fame
- (3) PCOC Update
- (4) Light/Chiller Project Update
- (5) FFA Pollinator Garden

B. Special Education Director Report

- (1) Policies and procedures are being updated to ensure compliance.
- (2) Staff are receiving additional training in several areas, including IEP goals, profiles, and improving quality.
- (3) The special education department is working on a plan to work more as a team and how to implement next steps.
- (4) Several students have transferred in with IEP's, and there have been several that needed amendments and retesting, adding to the normal transfer process.
- (5) An area of focus this year has been on the preschool program and early intervention identification for preschool students.
- (6) Training programs are in development for PCOC staff to improve IEP writing and behavior plans.
- (7) This year, there was a focus on working more in classrooms and trying to get to know teachers and students better.
- (8) Preparation for next year has begun, namely re-examining caseloads.

C. Athletic Director Report

(1) Girls Wrestling

- a. Miracle Omonayin earned 2nd Team GMC, and the team had two District qualifiers in Civil Pumphrey and Miracle Omonayin.

(2) Boys Wrestling

- a. The team won 2nd place at the GMC tournament, with Landon Dasher and Stroker Etter earning 1st Team honors, Nico Moreno, Hunter Webb, Ivan Martinez, and Avery Cooper earning 2nd Team honors, and Adan Zacaria and Miguel Martinez earning Honorable Mention. Stroker Etter won Wrestler of the Year.
- b. The team won the Sectional tournament. District qualifiers were Landon Shartzter, Landon Dasher, Stroker Etter, Michael Clifford, Avery Cooper, and Miguel Martinez. District alternates were Hunter Web and Josh Perez. Landon Dasher and Stroker Etter were also state qualifiers.

(3) Girls Basketball

- a. The team finished with a 20-3 record and ended the season in the Sectional Finals. The team set a record of most consecutive wins at 16, and most wins in a season with 20. The defense average 33 points allowed. The team was 7-0 in the GMC and won the GMC Championship. Tori Schlatter earned 1st Team GMC honors, Addison Pease and Kayleigh Dunham earned 2nd Team GMC honors, and Estie Pease and Kate Manz earned Honorable Mention.
- b. Tori Schlatter earned 1st Team Ohio Northwest Region honors, and Kayleigh Dunham earned 3rd Team Ohio Northwest Region honors, while Addison Pease earned Honorable Mention.
- c. Kayleigh Dunham set a season block record with 86, and career blocks with 235.

(4) Boys Basketball

- a. The team finished with a 20-5 record, allowing the team to host the sectional finals. The team finished the season in the District Finals. The team set a record of the fewest points allowed in a game, with 16 points allowed versus Hicksville. The team was 7-0 in the GMC and won the GMC Championship. Blake Rhonehouse and Tyson Manz earned 1st Team GMC honors, Xander Kuckuck earned 2nd Team GMC honors, and Jalen Manz earned Honorable Mention.
- b. Blake Rhonehouse also earned Player of the Year and recorded 1,000 career points on Senior Night against Bryan, and tied the record of most 3 Point Shots made in a career with 164 and most 3 Point Shots made in a season with 62. Grady Barton also has the best Field Goal Percentage in a Career with 57.8%.

(5) Cheerleading

- a. The team qualified for the OASSA State competition, and won 8th place.

(6) Indoor Track

- a. 9 athletes competed in 4 meets across 8 different events. Participants were Alex Highwarden, Achilles Mead, Anya Mead, Ester Lemuix, Gracie Amettewee, Hunter Harwell, Leah Leslie, and Jack Schweller.

(7) Scholar Athletes

- a. Winter sport scholar athletes included Grady Barton, Addison Pease, Makayla Carr, Izaac Coutts, and Adan Zacarias.

7. JVS Report

8. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

9. Direct Public Notice

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to authorize the Treasurer to place a notice in the Paulding Progress, no later than March 19, 2026, which reads substantially as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Paulding Exempted Village School District Board of Education hereby give public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353 of the Ohio Revised Code that Suzanne Monnier, who was previously employed by the Board of Education as Teacher and retired through STRS, is seeking re-employment with Paulding Exempted Village School District in the same position following her retirement service.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at a meeting to be held on April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Oakwood Elementary School, 309 North 1st Street, Oakwood, Ohio.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton
Nays – None

10. Policy Approval

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve the following: Revised policies as noted: 3440 – Job-Related Expenses, 4440 – Job-Related Expenses, 5112 – Entrance Requirements, 5421 – Grading, 5430 – Class Rank, 6220 – Budget Preparation, 6320 – Purchasing and Bidding, 6325 – Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds, 6423 – Use of District Credit Card, 6460 – Vendor Relations; New polices as noted: 6425 – Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate; Replace policies as noted: 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Roll Call: Ayes –Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

11. Early Graduate

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve Ava Martinez as a 2026 PHS graduate, effective March 12, 2026. All requirements for graduation have been met.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

12. School Based Health Center MOU

Nicole DenHerder moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve the School Based Health Center MOU with Family Health Care of Northwest Ohio. This MOU is to allow Family Health Care of Northwest Ohio to apply for grant funding and, if successful, build a School Based Health Center within or adjacent to Paulding Elementary at no cost to Paulding Exempted Village School District. (Attachment C)

Roll Call: Ayes –DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Abstain – Arend

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

13. Head Football Coach

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Jim Menzie, Head Football Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 17.0, 4 yrs.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

14. Head Volleyball Coach

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Emily Taylor, Head Volleyball Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 14.0, 2 yrs.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

15. Head Boys Golf Coach

Joe Manz moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Shawn Brewer, Head Boys Golf Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 12.5, 3 yrs.

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

16. Head Girls Golf Coach

Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Alex Arellano, Head Girls Golf Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 9.0, 1 yr.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

17. Head Cross Country Coach

Joe Manz moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Colton Bennett, Head Cross Country Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 9.0, 1 yr.

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton
Nays – None

18. Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a resolution to approve the following personnel items for the 2025-2026 school year, except as noted, pending records:

- A. Accept the resignation of Dave Smith, Paulding Bus Driver, effective at the end of the contract year, for the purpose of retirement. He will have served the district for 17 years.
- B. Accept the resignation of Eric Deisler, Paulding Junior High Principal, effective at the end of the contract year, for the purpose of retirement. He will have served the district for 29 years.
- C. Approval of 20 extended days for Eric Deisler, Paulding Junior High Principal, effective July 1-31 at his current per diem rate.

- D. Accept the resignation of Sarah Heller, JH/HS cafeteria worker, effective February 27, 2026. She will have served the district for 4 ½ months.
- E. Accept the resignation of Haleigh Kline, JH/HS cafeteria worker, effective March 27, 2026. She will have served the district for 3 years.
- F. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Jessica Riggs, 7th grade ELA teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. B and 0 years.
- G. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Andrew Hoeffel, High School Social Studies, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. B and 0 years.
- H. Approval of the following extracurricular contracts for the 2025-2026 school year:

Wyatt Beckman

HS Baseball

Volunteer

- I. Approval of the following extracurricular contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jennifer Bradford

HS Cheer Advisor – Football

6.5, 6+ yrs

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Stoller, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None

19. Executive Session

Nicole Denherder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None

Time In: 6:31 p.m.

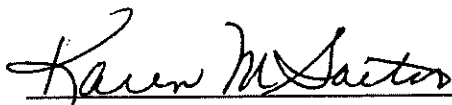
Time Out: 8:57 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays - None

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



President



Treasurer/CFO

