



**Delaware City Schools Board of Education
Minutes of 4/13/2026
Regular Meeting
Willis Education Center
6:00pm**

2026-MR 1.0 Opening

2026-MR 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call

The Delaware City Board of Education met in Regular session on 4/13/2026 at 6:00pm at the Willis Education Center.

Members present on roll call were:

Mr. Backus (President)
Mrs. Gasaway (Vice-President)
Ms. Harris
Mr. Wiener
Mrs. Buckerfield
Ms. Fitzharris*

2026-MR-1.2 Moment of Silence

A. Harper McLoughlin

2026-MR-1.3 Salute the Flag

2026-MR-1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Removed Auditor of State Presentation to May 4, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Mr. Wiener to adopt this agenda as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-1.5 Approve Minutes

With your agenda you have received the minutes of the 3/9/2026 Joint meeting and 3/16/2026 Board meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Buckerfield, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to approve the minutes of 3/9/2026 joint meeting and 3/16/2026 regular meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-1.6 Approve Financial Reports

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the January 2026 and February 2026 Financial Reports as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, Ms. Fitzharris.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-1.7 Recognitions and Presentations

- A. Amvets 102 presented a donation to BPA in the amount of \$500.
- B. Ervin Carlisle Elementary School has been officially designated a Teach Kindness 2025-2026 Kind School! - Julie Stewart and Kim Becker were present for recognition.
- C. Hayes and Carlisle- Recognized by the State for the Momentum Award.
- D. Winter Sports Recognition - Mr. Glesenkamp presented awards for winter sports.
- E. Regional Spelling Bee Recognition: Carter Tackett - Recognition moved to later in the meeting.
- F. Ohio World Language Association's Leona Glenn Outstanding Educator Award for Middle School World Language Recognition for Trista Todt.

2026-MR-2.0 Reports

2.1. Unions

- A. DCEA - Union co-president, Kristen Wilder, recognized Keith Pomeroy and Jerry Nadeau for actively engaging their concerns.
- B. UE - No report.
- C. OAPSE - No report.

2.2. Superintendent

- A. Departmental Updates

- OFCC ELPP - Mr. Pomeroy discussed the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) ELPP resolution.
 - The program allows the district to begin facility renovations with local funds and receive credit once it reaches the top of the priority list.
 - Adopting the resolution would place the district in the pipeline for future state funding and lock in a local share (42%). The earliest potential ballot date is November 2027, and adoption is required 12 months in advance.
 - The resolution does not commit the district to a project but preserves flexibility and future funding opportunities. It was also noted that districts able to fund their local share sooner may move up the priority list.
- PPG - Delaware Campus
 - Representatives from the PPG Industries Delaware campus, including the plant manager and facilities leadership, shared plans for a \$280 million site expansion. They expressed appreciation for the partnership with the district and highlighted their ongoing engagement with local schools.
 - Mr. Pomeroy discussed the proposed Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement, structured as a 15-year, 100% abatement with a 30% PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Mr. Pomeroy noted the opportunity to strengthen student career pathways and align with workforce needs in the region.
- Strategic Planning Update
 - The board received an update on the district's strategic planning process. Three inquiry teams are actively researching, reviewing data, and generating ideas. By May 5, teams will begin narrowing their focus areas, allowing time for administrative and board feedback.
 - The teams will reconvene in August to continue the work, incorporating research findings and identifying additional input needed from staff, students, and the community. Broader stakeholder engagement will follow to gather diverse perspectives.
 - The goal is to finalize the plan by late fall, with board approval anticipated in January.
- School Fees
 - Dr. Swanger presented proposed school fees as part of the consent agenda. Most fees across the district, including middle school and elementary, would increase by \$5.
 - The pay-to-participate fee is proposed to rise from \$35 to \$40, and a \$5 increase is recommended for credentialing exams. The board also discussed increasing athletic event gate fees to help offset costs.
 - No preschool transportation fee will be implemented at this time.
- Facilities Master Planning Update
 - Mr. Pomeroy reviewed key dates for Facilities Master Planning. The district met with SHP on April 22 to outline next steps. SHP has begun on-site building assessments and will provide an update at the May board meeting.
 - The first community engagement session is scheduled for May 14, where initial assessment activities and upcoming phases will be shared with the public.

1. Federal Programs Update

- a. Dr. Swanger presented a comparison of current federal funding to prior years. The district has increased the number of teaching positions supported by federal funds. While Title I funding has increased, two other Title I categories have been eliminated.
- b. The report outlines the purpose, allowable uses, and the district's planned allocation of funds. Non-public schools are also eligible for certain federal funds, which the district is responsible for administering.
- c. The district will continue to monitor changes in federal funding and maintain flexibility in allocations

B. Student Board Member -

- Ms. Fitzharris reported that Hayes Prom was a great success and enjoyed by all. She also shared that horseshoe painting for seniors is currently underway, and the Hayes musical was very well received. The Global Scholars students are presenting their projects. The softball team is doing very well this season. There is a talent show set for April 16th, proceeds going to the Music Boosters.

2.3. Treasurer/CFO -

- CFO Corwin presented the January and February Financials for review.
- The Auditor of State Award will be presented at the May Board Meeting.
- FY27 Budgets are underway.
- Spoke on the trending financial outlook and funding we are receiving.
- Thanked her staff for their work.
- Reviewed the donations for approval.

2.4. Legislative Update

- Mr. Pomeroy referenced Ohio House Bill 129 and Ohio House Bill 186, noting that approximately 20% of districts are unaffected, 40% are impacted by one bill, and 40% by both. Our district is impacted by both pieces of legislation.
- He noted that additional legislation is expected. While some adjustments may be necessary, the district advocates for shared responsibility. We will continue to evaluate the potential impacts.

2.6. Board Request - No report.

2.5. Public Comment

- Caleb Howell, Eastwood Ave, Delaware - Parent
- Kyle Henry, 226 Red Barn St, Delaware - Resident

2026-MR-3.0 Consent Agenda

Moved by Mrs. Buckerfield, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve all of the consent items as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-3.1 Curriculum

A. Approve Student Fees for the 2026-2027 School Year

I recommend the Board approve the proposed student fees for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

2026-MR-3.2 Personnel

2026-MR-3.3A Approve Resignations

1. Certified Staff

Approve and accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Brooke Buchanan	Intervention Specialist Dempsey	Last Day of work 5/28/2026
Brian Church*	PE Teacher Conger	Last Day of work 11/13/2026
Hanqing He	EL Teacher Carlisle	Last Day of work 5/28/2026
Lisa Nye*	Art Teacher Hayes	Last Day of work 5/28/2026

****For Retirement Purposes***

2. Classified Staff

Approve and accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Maggie Cain	Educational Assistant Woodward	Last Day of work 5/27/2026
Mary Escalante	Educational Assistant Woodward	Last Day of work 5/27/2026
Marsha Plymale*	Custodian Hayes	Last Day of work 6/30/2026

****For Retirement Purposes***

2026-MR-3.3B Approve Employment

1. Classified Staff

Approve classified employment for the 2025-2026 school year specifically conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, receipt of all other necessary documentation and licensure (if applicable).

Current assignments are as follows:

Ashlee Springer	Educational Assistant Conger	\$21.60 per hour, Step 8 Effective 3/23/2026
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2026-MR-3.3C Approve Supplemental Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year

Approve the following supplemental employment for the 2025-2026 school year specifically conditioned on and subject to acceptable background checks, receipt and final administrative review and approval of all application records, receipt of all other necessary documentation, and Pupil Activity Permit (if applicable):

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SUPPLEMENTAL	BUILDING	2025-26 SALARY
Crouch	Meagan	Volleyball Head Coach 7th & 8th Grade Boys (0.50 FTE)	DEMPSEY	\$2,067.84
Jackson	Suzan	Tennis Head Coach 7th and 8th Grade Boys (0.50 FTE)	DEMPSEY	\$1,550.88
Taylor	Brady	Volleyball Head Coach 7th & 8th Grade Boys (0.50 FTE)	DEMPSEY	\$1,550.88
Wilson	Zachary	Softball Head Coach 7th Grade Girls	DEMPSEY	\$3,101.75

2026-MR-3.3D Approve Classified Staff Supplemental Resignation

1. Approve and accept the resignation of the following individuals:

Nathan Cornell
started

Track Assistant Coach

Varsity Boys & Girls

Resigned before

2026-MR-3.3E Approve Stipend

1. I recommend the Board approve a stipend for the pre-registered elementary teachers attending EL Curriculum Professional Development on June 2, 2026 not exceeding 6 hours, at 28.00 per hour.

2026-MR-3.3F Donations

I recommend the Board approve and accept the following donations:

- A. Smith School PTO, Monetary, valued at \$372, for the purpose of providing supplies and materials for the Willis Pacer space.
- B. Ohio Grad LLC, Monetary, valued at \$300, for the purpose of Staff Appreciation at Hayes High school.
- C. Law Offices of David Bressman, Monetary, valued at \$360, for the purpose of the Hayes Mock Trial Team.
- D. Miller Bahnson Law, LLC., Monetary, valued at \$360, for the purpose of the Hayes Mock Trial Team.
- E. Mike Cox. Monetary, valued at \$50, for the purpose of the Hayes Mock Trial Team.
- F. Donation given In Memory of Brigit Porteus, Monetary, valued at \$25.00, for the purpose of Dempsey Drama Department.
- G. Numerous donors given in memory of James Frederick "Fred" Terry, Monetary, valued at \$575, for the purpose of Delaware City Schools Hayes Athletic Department.

2026-MR-3.4G

I recommend that the Board approve a resolution to declare the items listed below as surplus to the needs of the District and to be disposed of in accordance with Board Policy:

QTY	Item	Description
73	Cell phones	Replaced due to age and condition
1	Box of miscellaneous cell phone cases	Replaced due to age and condition
1	Box of miscellaneous cords	Outdated

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve the resolution to dispose of items.

Roll call as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

2026-MR-4.0 Discussion

2026-MR-5.0 Action Items

2026-MR-5.1 SESI/High Road Contract

Approve SESI/High Road Contract

I recommend the Board approve the following contract with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc (SESI/High Road School of Marion County) for educational services for the 2025 – 2026 School year for student E as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Buckerfield, seconded by Mr. Wiener to approve SESI/High Road Contract as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-5.2 SESI/High Road Contract

I recommend the Board approve the following contract with Specialized Education of Ohio, Inc (SESI/High Road School of Marion County) for educational services for the 2025 – 2026 School year for student F as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Ms. Harris to approve SESI/High Road Contract as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-5.3 A Resolution Approving a Compensation Agreement With PPG Industries Ohio, Inc. and The City Of Delaware

I recommend the Board Adopt A Resolution Approving A Compensation Agreement With PPG Industries Ohio, Inc. And The City Of Delaware

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Mrs. Buckerfield to adopt a resolution approving a compensation agreement with PPG Industries Ohio, Inc. and the city of Delaware, as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the motion carried.

2026-MR-5.4 Adopt Resolution of Intent to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program.

I recommend the Board adopt a Resolution of Intent to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program,as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Gasaway, seconded by Mrs. Buckerfield to adopt a Resolution of Intent to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Expedited Local Partnership Program, as presented.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

2026-MR-6.0 Superintendent Comments

Requested we hold to move into executive session until the Spelling Bee winner arrives for recognition.

2026-MR-7.0 Board Comments

2026-MR-8.0 Calendar

- April 14 - Kindergarten Info Night at Elementary Schools
- April 29 - Years of Service/Retirement Celebration
- April 30 - DCS K-8 Arts Festival at Dempsey Middle School
- May 22 Hayes Graduation

- May 25 - No School (Memorial Day)
- May 27 - Last day of School

Recognized Regional Spelling Bee Winner, Carter Tackett.

2026-MR-9.0 Executive Session

I recommend the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Buckerfield to enter into executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Ms. Fitzharris, yea.

President Backus declared the Board in executive session at 7:22 pm.

Moved by Mr. Wiener, seconded by Mrs. Gasaway to exit out of executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea.

President Backus declared the Board out of executive session at 8:55 pm.

2026-MR-10.0 Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Wiener to adjourn this meeting.

Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Harris, yea; Mr. Wiener, yea; Mr. Backus, yea; Mrs. Gasaway, yea; Mrs. Buckerfield, yea.

President Backus declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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President

Treasurer

**Denotes student Board member*

