

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Berne Union Local School District

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

High School Media Center

Held

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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.

Ms. Sidney Strite from the United Way of Fairfield County was present to inform the board about their Weekend Backpack Program.

Mr. Dave McManis, Technology Coordinator and Mrs. Maria Call, Curriculum Director presented the new district website.

26-039 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Miller 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.

26-040: Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Hintz and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Vote results were Mr. Garber-aye, Mr. Hintz-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mrs. Oxley-aye, Mr. Wharton-aye. Motion carried.

26-041: Treasurer's Report

Moved by Mr. Garber 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 a continuing contract for Meagan Harshbarger as Assistant Treasurer for the 2026-27 school year.

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. Building and grounds clean-up projects
2. Congratulations to the Elementary Staff for receiving the Momentum Award from DEW
3. Agenda items
4. Staff transfers for the 2026-27 school year

Mrs. Melissa Drury, Elementary School Principal, introduced Gwen Cenci and Afton Powell, new staff members for the 2026-27 school year.

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

1. Finishing up math teacher interviews
2. Updating student handbook for the 2026-27 school year
3. Memorial bench donated for the memory of Caleb Lee Hankison Class of 2026

Mr. Jim Snoke, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor, informed the board that the grounds clean-up is going well.

Mr. Danny Snively, Athletic Director and Mr. Tony Hurps, HS Teacher/Head Football Coach presented to the board with a proposal to update the weight room.

26-042: Superintendent's Recommendation

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

- a. Approve a contract with United Way of Fairfield County for their Weekend Backpack Program for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$9,900.00.

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

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26-043: Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

- a. Approve the following employee for extended days for the 2026-2027 school year:
J.D. Latorre 20 days
- b. Approve the following staff contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

1 year contracts

Courtney Davis	Elizabeth Evans
Alicia Hurps	Jake Parker
Angela Powell	Michael Sexton

2 year contracts

Kathy Petroski	Zach Starner
Jennifer Turner	

3 year contracts

Anna Bonavita	Joe Clark
Erik Fischer	Dwayne Hurst
Amy Lee	Molly Morris
Ben Mumma	Jenny Nihiser
Lindsay Poling	Melissa Roundhouse
Megan Smith	Daniel Snively
Chelsea Speelman	Melissa Williard

5 year contracts

David McManis

Continuing contracts

Kaiya Kline	Christina LaQuinta
Jessica Myers	

- c. Accept the resignation of Emily Andrews, Elementary Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- d. Accept the resignation due to retirement of Dwayne Hurst, High School Teacher, effective at the end of the day on 9-30-26.
- e. Accept the resignation of Mandy Tallerico, Elementary Aide, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- f. Approve a 1 year contract for Gwendolyn Cenci as an Elementary Teacher for the 2026-27 school year.
- g. Approve a 1 year contract for Brooklyn Frame as a High School ELA Teacher for the 2026-27 School year.
- h. Approve a 1 year contract for Afton Powell as an Elementary Preschool Teacher for the 2026-27 school year.
- i. Approve a supplemental contract for Braden Little as Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 school year.
- j. Accept the resignation of Aaron Smith as a custodian effective April 17, 2026.
- k. Approve Aaron Smith as a substitute custodian.
- l. Approve a supplemental contract for Amy Lee as FCCLA Advisor for the 2025-26 schoolyear.

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

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26-044: Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Garber and seconded by Mr. Wharton to adjourn the meeting. (Time: 7:14 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