

DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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APRIL 21, 2026

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The Deer Park Community City Board of Education, Cincinnati, Ohio met in regular session, pursuant to the rules, in the Professional Development Center, 8688 Donna Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse

Absent – Kellums

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

No. 68-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the Meeting Agenda, of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No. 69-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 17, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

No. 70-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the Treasurer's financial report for the month of March, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO INVEST

- No. 71-26 Mrs. Huster moved, seconded by Mr. Godwin, to authorize the Treasurer to invest as follows:

Star Ohio		
03/24/2026	Redemption	\$1,000,000.00*
04/14/2026	Redemption	\$1,000,000.00*
04/17/2026	Purchase	\$4,060,342.76**

*To pay for district Payroll, accounts payable, and outstanding checks.

** First Half Real Estate Tax Settlement

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse

Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

During reports of the Superintendent Mindy Robertson gave the Curriculum Report and Jake Snyder gave the Communications Report.

NATIONAL TEACHER/EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

- No. 72-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to declare May 4-8, 2026 National Teacher/Employee Appreciation Week.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse

Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

- No. 73-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to accept the following donation:

Shelonda Payton Insurance and Financial Services Inc. of State Farm Insurance	\$250	Prom Sponsorship for the 2025-26 school year.
Soul Phuel, LLC	\$300	Prom Sponsorship for the 2025-26 school year.
Soul Phuel, LLC	\$100	Junior Class Prom donation for the 2025-26 school year.
- Hartzell United Methodist Church - Kenwood Baptist Church - Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	\$75 \$150 \$75	Donations towards prom event for the 2025-26 school year.
DP Athletic Boosters	\$250	Junior Class Prom donation for the 2025-26 school year.
Anonymous Donor	500	Junior Class Prom donation for the 2025-26 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

No. 74-26

Mrs. Ellis moved, seconded by Mr. Godwin, to approve the following textbook adoptions:

- CCP Government- Government in America
- CCP Human Geography- Human Geography for the AP course

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF HAMILTON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
CENTER INTER AGENCY AGREEMENT (IAA)**

- No. 75-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Huster, to approve of the Hamilton County Interagency Agreement providing collaborative framework for Headstart, Early Intervention, and Local Education Agencies in Hamilton County for the 2026-27 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Bosse
Nays – None
Abstain - Ellis

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF HCESC ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT 2026-27
SCHOOL YEAR**

- No. 76-26 Mrs. Huster moved, seconded by Mr. Godwin, to approve the Hamilton County Educational Service Center annual services agreement for services rendered for the 2026-27 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Bosse
Nays – None
Abstain - Ellis

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NEOLA POLICY

- No. 77-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the new Neola policy, a copy of which becomes part of these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- No. 78-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the supplemental contract for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Alyssa Kidd	Varsity Girls Basketball coach

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER WORK DAY TRAINING OF AMPLIFY MATH PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- No. 79-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve summer work day for training of Amplify Math Program for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ryan Hubbard	Up to 1 Day	\$150/Per Day
Claire Boston	Up to 1 Day	\$150/Per Day

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENT SUPPORT FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- No. 80-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve professional development for student support for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kim Byrd	Edgenuity training to support alternative placement students	Not to exceed 5 hours	Current Hourly Rate
CJ Elfers	Construction Class Instruction Training	Not to exceed 5 hours	Current Hourly Rate

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
EDGENUNITY STUDENT SUPPORT TOWARDS REMOTE
LEARNING (WVA) FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**

No. 81-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve professional development for Edgenuity student support towards remote learning (WVA) for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Leanne Creasy	Not to exceed 5 hours	Current Hourly Rate
Sam Moses	Not to exceed 5 hours	Current Hourly Rate
Sam Stevens	Not to exceed 5 hours	Current Hourly Rate

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DAYS FOR K-6 CAREER EXPLORATION PLANNING FOR THE
2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**

No. 82-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve summer professional development days for K-6 career exploration planning for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nick Heaton	Up to 4 Days	\$150/Per Day
Alanna Haas	Up to 4 Days	\$150/Per Day

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Godwin, Huster, Ellis, Bosse
Nays – None

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION

No. 83-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
James Hayden	Custodian	4/10/26

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bosse, Huster, Godwin, Ellis
Nays - None

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION

During Board Discussion, the following recognitions were made:

- The Board would like to recognize 27 Deer Park High School students for their participation in Night for the Fight on March 7, supporting CancerFree Kids. Led by seniors Grace Loudon, Camille Lewis, and Abigail Pettyjohn, Deer Park students raised more than \$12,000 as part of the event's \$361,418 total. Camille and Grace served on the Executive Leadership Team, and Abigail served on the Leadership Team. Additional funds from Deer Park's Volley for the Cause event were also contributed. We commend these students for their leadership, compassion, and commitment to making a difference.
- The Deer Park Board of Education and Administration proudly recognize and congratulate the following staff members on their well-earned retirements:
 - **Jeff Benjamin**, High School Math – **33 years of dedicated service**
 - **Jeoff Gabbard**, High School Math – **25 years of dedicated service**
 - **Julie Sippola**, 5th Grade Math & Science- **24 years of dedicated service**
 - **Sonnet Surber**, 6th Grade English Language Arts – **31 years of dedicated service**
 - **Denise Engle**, Amity Elementary Food Services- **32 years of dedicated service**
 - **Jody McKee**, Amity Elementary Food Services- **27 years of dedicated service**

Thank you for your years of service and dedication to Deer Park. Your impact is lasting, and you will be greatly missed. Wishing you all the best in retirement!

- The Board and administration would like to recognize Julie Sippola, Amity Elementary 5th Grade Math & Science Teacher, for being selected as the Deer Park Celebrate Excellence award recipient among 9 nominees. Ms.Sippola will represent the district at the Hamilton County Celebrate Excellence Banquet on May 8th. Please join us in congratulating Julie as Deer Park Schools 2026 Celebrate Excellence Award Winner.
- The Deer Park Board of Education recognizes Bridget Vaughn and Michelle Lemmon for being selected to attend the Summer Math Institute at Ashland University. Chosen from more than 160 applicants across Ohio, they will participate in this highly competitive program focused on innovative mathematics instruction. All program costs are fully funded through Ashland University and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, and participants will earn graduate credit. Congratulations to Bridget and Michelle on this outstanding professional honor!

SPRINKLES across the minutes and a SPECIAL Thank You to all the Retiring Teachers!!

ADJOURNMENT

No. 84-26 Mr. Godwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Signed) Peggy Basse
President

(Attested) [Signature]
Treasurer