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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
April 21, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Oakwood Elementary Cafeteria 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

Gary Gilbert, President of the Paulding Education Association, read the following statement to the Board:

I am here today to raise a matter of significant concern, not only for the PEA, but for everyone present. Our community relies on teachers to communicate effectively, to support students' academic and personal growth, and to keep families informed about what is happening in our classrooms and throughout the district.

Our community entrusts elected officials, such as yourselves, with the responsibility of asking critical questions and ensuring that the individuals hired to serve students are the best possible professionals for that role. And they are. Our teachers go above and beyond every day for every student. While disagreements may arise from time to time, we are united by a shared commitment to students and to helping them achieve their goals.

However, when an official belittles or verbally attacks a teacher, and then extends those attacks to a group of teachers, the system begins to break down. This concern is amplified when educators are reminded of their "place." While the Association is still determining how this matter will be addressed internally, we felt it was important to express our concern that while our roles may differ, they intersect in meaningful ways. Because of this, what is said, and how it is said, matters.

We recognize that disagreements and heightened emotions can occur; unfortunately, that is sometimes part of our work. However, when an official conducts themselves in such a manner, particularly when unprovoked, it becomes a broader issue: one of respect for the professionals you have hired and to whom families entrust their child each day.

There is no need for harsh language, belittlement, name-calling, or personal attacks. It is our hope that by voicing these concerns, we can move forward with mutual respect and continue working together in the best interest of our students and our community. Thank you.

5. Public Meeting

Members of the public were invited to provide input to the Board on the issue of re-employing Suzanne Monnier during her service retirement. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes each, and all public comment will be closed after thirty (30) minutes. A sign-up sheet will be used to determine the order in which persons will address the Board.

No members of the public provided input on the issue of re-employing Suzanne Monnier during her service retirement.

6. Treasurer's Report

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

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

B. Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates

Resolution to accept the amounts and rates shown below as set by the Budget Commission, to authorized the necessary tax levies, and to certify them to the County Auditor.

Fund	Inside 10 Amount	Outside 10 Amount	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	\$884,603		2.60	
Perm Imprv Fund	\$340,232		1.00	
1976 Current Expenses		\$5,099,321		16.80
1977 Current Expenses		\$910,593		3.00
Gen Fund (Emergency)		\$425,290		1.25
Totals	\$1,224,835	\$6,435,204	3.60	21.05

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

7. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- (1) Enrollment
- (2) PCOC Update
- (3) Light/Chiller Project Update
- (4) 2026 Graduate List
- (5) Transfers for 2026-2027
 - a. Amanda Tice from JH 6th Grade Science/SS to JH 6th Grade ELA
 - b. Aaron Horstman from 8th Grade Math to JH 6th Grade Science/SS
 - c. Katelyn LaFountain from 7th Grade Math to PE 5th Grade Math
- (6) Transfer for 2025-2026
 - a. Kesia Combs from JH/HS 3-hour cook/server to JH/HS 7-hour cook/server effective 3/30/2026

C. Jordan Streicher, High School Principal

- (1) I'm thankful for the opportunities afforded at PEVS, and grateful to have worked with such a great staff. This district holds a special place in my heart. There are good things going on, and I'm grateful to have been a part of it.
- (2) Testing will continue for the next few days with geometry and government. It has gone well so far with great attendance.
- (3) Chronic absence is the lowest in the county. Chronic absence is defined in Ohio as a student missing 10% or more of the school year for any reason – excused, medically excused, unexcused, and suspensions. On August 25, our rate was 14.3%, and as of April 13, it fell to 7.6%.
- (4) Quiz Bowl is heading to the National Tournament on Friday.
- (5) The end of April and month of May has a lot going on leading up to the last day of school on May 19th.

8. JVS Report
9. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

10. Early Graduate

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve Kristopher Schuchart as a 2026 Paulding High School graduate, effective March 30, 2026. All requirements for graduation have been met.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

11. Graduates for the Class of 2026

Joe Manz moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the attached list of graduates for the Class of 2026. The students are recommended for graduation, pending completion of the final requirements. (Attachment C)

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

12. Early Graduate

Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve Kristiana Brown, Class of 2027, who will have met all of the Board adopted graduation requirements at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment D)

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

13. Audiology Services - NWOESC

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve a contract with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Audiology services for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment E).

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Stoller, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

14. Quiz Bowl National Tournament

Joe Manz moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve sending seven students and two chaperones to Rosemont, IL from April 24, 2026 to April 26, 2026. There is no cost to students as it is covered by the Quiz Bowl Activity Fund. (Attachment F)

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

15. Band BGSU/Toledo Trip

Nicole DenHerder moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve sending 14 students and three chaperones to Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo from June 18, 2026 to June 19, 2026. The total cost of the trip is \$2,100 with the cost per student \$80. (Attachment G)

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Stoller, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

16. OAPSE Local 550 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Paulding Exempted Village Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 550 effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

17. 2026-2027 Student Handbooks

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve the Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary, Paulding Junior High, and Paulding High School Handbooks, and the Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment H)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

18. Early Graduate

Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to approve the graduation of Spencer Manz, Class of 2027, who will have met all of the Board adopted graduation requirements at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment I)

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

19. Administrative Contract

Nicole DenHerder moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a three-year limited contract for Jacob Thiel, Treasurer, for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Manz, Arend, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

20. Administrative Contract

Julie Arend moved and Matt Stoller seconded a motion to approve a two-year limited contract for Tanya Rickenberg, Paulding Junior High Principal, for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Stoller, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

21. Administrative Contract

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a two-year limited contract for Mary Born, Paulding Elementary Principal, for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

22. Administrative Contract

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited contract for Amy Barnes, District Special Education Coordinator, for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

23. Head Cross Country Coach

Nicole DenHerder moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to approve a one-year limited extracurricular contract for Mary Cate Panico, Head Cross Country Coach, for the 2026-2027 school year. Placement 9.0, 0 years.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Manz, Arend, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

24. Julie Arend moved and Nicole Denherder seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items for the 2026-2027 school year, except as noted, pending records:

A. Approval of the following contracts effective with the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

(1) Certified personnel recommended for a one-year limited contract:

Megan Byrne	Katie Gaisford	Sydney Kosch
Kristine Campbell	Julie Gilgenbach	Melissa Miles
Peggy Dietz	Jacob Hutcheson	Kristina Phipps
Joel Ellerbrock	Mikaia Jimenez	Jacee Reineck
Noah Elliott		

(2) Certified personnel recommended for a two-year limited contract:

Alex Arellano	Olivia Mengerink	Mary Cate Panico
Corey Davis	Cole Mortemore	Megan Wellman
Jennifer Huber		

(3) Certified personnel recommended for a three-year limited contract:

Tiffany Bostelman	Elias Jimenez	Erin Osting
Evan Foster	John Kennedy	Jamie Roehrig
Griffin Harder	Kyle Kramer	Gabriella Stahl
Vanessa Howbert	Emily Metcalf	Mikayla Tressler

(4) Classified personnel recommended for a two-year limited contract:

James I. Bissell (bus)	Ian Gochenour (café)	Christy Hundley (para)
Lisa Collins (para)	Keegan Hohman (para)	Chelsea Oswalt (para)
Brittany Daeger (para)		

(5) Classified personnel recommended for a three-year limited contract:

Carla Bauman (café)	Samantha Hitzeman (secretary)	Holly Schilt (café)
Ashley Foor (secretary)	Jen McMichael (bus)	

(6) Classified personnel recommended for a continuing contract:

Leanne Brown (café)	Chuck Davis (custodian)	Ron Goodwin (bus)
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B. Rescind the one-year extracurricular contract for Colton Bennett, Head Cross Country Coach, approved on March 17, 2026.

C. Accept the resignation of Peyton Beckman, Paulding 5th Grade Math Teacher, effective at the end of the contract year. He will have served the district for 1 year.

D. Accept the resignation of Jordan Streicher, Paulding High School Principal, effective at the end of the contract year. He will have served the district for 2 years.

E. Accept the resignation of Alexis Hoeffel, Oakwood Elementary Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for 1 year.

F. Accept the resignation of Harold "Butch" Raub, Bud Driver, effective at the end of the current contract year. He will have served the district for 14 years.

G. Approval of Joann Adams as the 2026 Paulding High School Summer School Teacher.

H. Accept the resignation of Baylee March, Paulding High School Vocational Agriculture Teacher, effective at the end of the contract year. She will have served the district for 1 year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Motion passed 5-0.

25. Paulding Elementary Secretary – Separated for Voting Purposes

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to approve a two-year limited contract for Jessica Manz, Paulding Elementary Secretary, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None
Abstain – Joe Manz
Motion passed 4-0.

26. Executive Session

Matt Stoller moved and Joe Manz seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

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

Time In: 6:30 p.m. Time Out: 7:37 p.m.

27. Adjournment

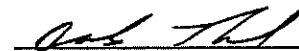
Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



President



Treasurer/CFO

