

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – May 12, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Joel Miller, and Wylie Sirk were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

ABSENT: Jill Colclasure, Darlene Hebble-Juengel

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacy Bussel at 5:59 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. North Star Awards
 - a. 2026 National Math Stars Nominee - Cain Johnson and Huxton Marsh
3. Be Braves Awards
 - a. Heather Hartman - Indiana School Nutrition Association 2025-2026 Super Star of the Year recipient
 - b. Penny Henkenius - Indiana School Nutrition Association 2025-2026 Office Assistant of the Year recipient

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the following consensus items striking the Minutes approval as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of
 - a. ~~April 14, 2026/Regular Board Meeting~~
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel
 - a. Assignments
 1. Gerald Geels to be assigned the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Belmont Middle School effective April 20, 2026.

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2. Barry Fairchild to be assigned the position of 2nd Shift Custodian at Bellmont High School effective May 18, 2026.
3. Matthew Converset to be assigned the position of Assistant Girls Soccer Coach at Bellmont High School effective May 13, 2026. *(Added 5/11/26)*
4. Melissa Barton to be assigned the position of Interventions Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective August 10, 2026. *(Added 5/11/2026)*

b. Resignations

1. Elizabeth Lengerich to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher effective June 30, 2026.
2. Nicholas Powell to resign the position of Bellmont High School English Teacher effective May 22, 2026.
3. Walter Steven Lee to resign the position of Bellmont High School Girls Soccer Head Coach effective April 17, 2026.
4. Shane Christener to resign the position of Bellmont High School 2nd Shift Custodian effective April 16, 2026.
5. Daniel Hunter to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School Assistant Football Coach effective November 11, 2025.
6. Abbey Bowers to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School 6th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach effective December 12, 2025.
7. Kevin Conrad to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School 8th Grade Football Head Coach effective April 26, 2026.
8. Barb Anaya to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary Kindergarten Teacher effective June 30, 2026. *(Added 5/11/2026)*

c. Leaves

1. Kaylin Voors requesting medical leave beginning July 25, 2026, as per Master Contract, Article VI, page 21 (F). She will also use Child Rearing Leave, as per Master Contract, Article VI, page 22 (H).

d. Retirements

1. Melanie Wolpert to retire from the position of 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective August 9, 2026. *(33 years)*
2. Michael Keller to retire from the position of 7th Grade Mathematics Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective June 1, 2026. *(35 years)*

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e. Change of Position

1. Richard Skaggs to move from Bellmont High School Girls Soccer Assistant Coach to Bellmont High School Girls Soccer Head Coach effective May 13, 2026.
2. Marisa Mailloux to move from Bellmont Middle School Intervention Teacher to Bellmont Middle School 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher effective August 10, 2026. *(Added 5/11/26)*
3. Nicole Rich to move from Bellmont Middle School 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher to Bellmont Middle School 7th Grade Math Teacher effective August 10, 2026. *(Added 5/11/26)*

f. Terminations

g. LEA Business

h. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

1. Bellmont High School Rifle Club/National Championship/ Camp Perry-Port Clinton, OH/July 9-11, 2026.

D. Program Update – Erin Stewart - North Adams Food Service Update

-Mrs. Stewart praised the food service team. She stated that her team participated in professional development this year including visiting Kuenhnert's Dairy and MPV Dairy.

-Mrs. Stewart stated that food services hosted multiple student events this school year including BES Friends Giving, Cookie Workshop, IREAD celebration, Dr. Suess's birthday celebration, and Donuts with Grownups

-Mrs. Stewart informed the Board that BES and BMS will continue to be CEP schools offering free breakfast and lunch to all students for the next 3 years.

E. Old Business

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve the following Policy Updates with the striking Policy 8600 Transportation as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Policy Updates (2nd Read)
 - a. Recension of po 5895 Student Employment
 - b. Revision of
 - i. Environment and Safety

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- A. Po 8390 Animals on School Corporation Property
- B. Po 8405 Environmental Health and Safety Issues – Indoor Air Quality, Animals in the Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property
- C. Po 8451 Parasitic Infestation (head lice, bed bugs)
- D. Po 8462 Child Abuse and Neglect
- ii. Po 7540.02 Digital Content and Accessibility
- iii. Po 8455 Coach Training, References, and IHSAA Reporting
- iv. Po 8800 Patriotic and Religious Observances
- v. Financial Practices
 - A. Po 6220 Budget Preparation
 - B. Po 7455 Accounting System for Capital Assets
 - C. Po 6230 Budget Hearing
- vi. Po 8220 School Day
- ~~vii. Po 8600 Transportation~~
- viii. Po 8121 Personal Background Check for Contracted Services

F. New Business

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve Summer School Staff as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Approval of Summer School Staff based on Student Enrollment
 - a. BES – Danielle Ulman, Ann Burkhalter
 - b. BHS – Michelle Blackburn/Shelby Billington (split position), Margaret Chase Bauer, Shannon Dines/Sandy Busick (split position), Samantha Nower

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve Summer Feeding Program as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of Summer Feeding Program
3. Classified Handbook (1st Read)
4. Transportation Handbook (1st Read)
5. Belmont Elementary School Student Handbook (1st Read)
6. Belmont Middle School Student Handbook (1st Read)
7. Belmont High School Student Handbook (1st Read)

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Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Dave Hill, to approve Revised Area 18 Agreement as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Approval of Revised Area 18 Agreement

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve the following Donations as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Approval of Donations

- a. BHS Girls Tennis/\$1,000/David & Christine Coats
- b. BHS Boys Volleyball/\$1,000/David & Christine Coats

10. Superintendent Report

-Mrs. Hiatt reported that the end of the school year is rapidly approaching and informed the board that commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m.

-Mrs. Hiatt informed the board of several upcoming end-of-year events, including the BES Day of Awesomeness, 8th Grade Commencement, and the BHS Underclassmen Awards Ceremony.

11. Other Matters to come before the Board

-Mr. Sirk that the next legislative session may result in additional changes to Indiana's property tax code. He noted that it is a budget year and that several incumbents, some serving on key committees, were unseated in the recent election.

G. Board Member and/or Public Comment

H. Adjournment 7:40 p.m.

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