BOARD NOTES

To help aid communication, we were asked to post notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are not the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026, Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Utica High School

The May meeting was a regular business meeting that began promptly at 6:00 p.m. with all members in attendance. Mr. Hartley recognized the retirees for their years of service in the district, including Julie Baker, Mark Bowman, Randy Felumlee, Paul Gregory, Melissa Pfister, Valerie Ramsey, and Kimberly Stalling. Mr. Hartley also reported that the graduation ceremony held on Sunday was very well done and noted that Susan Fairbanks and Dinah Rice did an excellent job coordinating senior activities. He added that there are four days remaining in the school year. Mrs. Breehl then shared a recap of Food Service operations.

In Work Session, Mrs. Kimberly Watson spoke on Strategic Goal 2, They are planning to go forward with a new website and communication platform for all activities.

The board went into Executive Session from 6:26PM to 7:17PM to discuss personnel.

The board approved the consent agenda, including multiple staffing appointments, fall and winter coaches and volunteers, summer maintenance and credit recovery instructors, and classified substitutes with updated pay rates. They also approved an increase in certified substitute rates, adjusted classified substitute rates, and restored the middle school principal calendar to 223 days. Brian Radabaugh was appointed Middle School Principal, and the board approved the adoption of Food Service Operations Policy 8500.

The board approved the finance consent agenda, including April 2026 financial and reconciliation reports, bill payments (including those with “Then and Now” certificates), and purchase orders. It also accepted the Administrative Salary and Benefit handbook; an Apple Inc. proposal for iPads, cases, and keyboards; dental and health insurance renewals with Oasis Trust and Medical Mutual; a budget software agreement with Intellinetics; a Veregy peak load management renewal; and an agreement with Woodhull to upgrade copiers, printers, and software.

In other board action, the board approved contracts with the Licking Regional Educational Service Center for Early Education Services for Children with Disabilities; student fees and handbooks for all buildings; and the athletic handbook. Overnight trips were approved for the football, volleyball, and basketball teams, the FFA chapter, and seventh grade outdoor education. The board reestablished the middle school Dean of Students position and approved a $0.10 increase in lunch rates, the maximum allowed annually. Volunteers were approved for the remainder of the year, and a tuition payment agreement for Rachel Norris for College Credit Plus coursework was accepted. Resolutions with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission were also approved. During board discussion, Mrs. Cooperider requested notification when a contract is received for a new website to ensure timely approval. Mrs. Paxton discussed the in-house photography concept, referenced a bus issue she saw on Facebook, and requested data on intervention specialists compared to student numbers, as well as an updated staffing chart for the upcoming year.

The meeting concluded at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting is on June 08, 2025, at Utica Senior High School at 9:00 a.m. (Planning Meeting) & June 22, 2026 (Regular Meeting) at Utica Senior High School @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vice President – Farrah Cooperider