BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some 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: January 12, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Utica High School

The meeting in January has two components, organizational and regular meetings. The Administration of the Oath of Office to elected board members, Farrah Cooperider, Dr. Robert Krueger, and Daniel Pargeon was completed by Treasurer Kellie Breehl. Nominations for board president were taken and Dr. Robert Krueger was elected to serve as board president. Nominations for vice-president were also taken and Farrah Cooperider was elected to serve.

The organizational meeting then conducted standing authorizations. These are resolutions to give the superintendent and treasurer the right to conduct district business. These authorizations also establish a board service fund, set up the official newspaper, and establish all meeting dates and times for all committees and board meetings.

Committees were established and members were selected for each: Legislative liaison is Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. Cooperider will service as the alternate. The student achievement liaison is Mrs. Atherton. The Strategic Planning committee are, Farrah Cooperider and Jordan Atherton. The Capital Improvement committee are Dr. Robert Krueger and Daniel Pargeon.

The Regular meeting was conducted immediately after the organizational meeting, starting at 6:10 p.m. The board was recognized for School Board Recognition month. The board then heard the Superintendent's reports. The board members were recognized for National School Board Appreciation Month.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were staffing resolutions concerning the resignation of Mrs. Tracey Smith. Approve Clayton Chaffin as Track assistant coach and the Licking County ESC Sub list was approved. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for payment of bills and purchase orders. They approved the resolution authorizing the treasurer to secure tax advances from the county auditor. They also approved OSBA membership, and legal fund consulting from OSBA. Argyle Photography was approved as the school pictures Photographer, Volunteers were approved for the 2025-2026 school year, Trips to North Carolina for FFA, A trip to Italy for High School students were also approved. A contract with Best Life Therapy for school psychology services was approved.

In Board Discussion, The Athletic Photography contract was discussed and the School Resource Officer grant.

The board went into Executive session to discuss personnel at 6:50pm and returned to open meeting at 7:47pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. The next regular meeting is on January 28, 2026, at Utica Senior High School Room 106 at 9:00am. This is a yearly planning meeting.