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: **May 19, 2025**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Utica High School**

The meeting in May is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all but Mrs. Atherton in attendance. The Superintendent's report included reports on graduation, congratulating our retirees and end-of-the-year activities. The Treasurer's report discussed the five-year forecast. Our work session included a report from Mrs. Kimpel on the curriculum budget. Reports from the communications committee and finance committee were also heard.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, the board approved the resignations of Jamie Reeves, psychologist support; Cassidy Rexrode, middle school; Caitlyn West elementary teacher; Sky Young as mail carrier; Ashley Jones from custodial; and Dave Piper from transportation. The board approved the employment or transfers for Barb Almendinger to middle school counselor; Christain Williams for food service; and Christina Ford for custodial. Summer maintenance staff and supplemental positions for the upcoming school year were approved. Home instruction tutors for the next school year were also approved. The board updated the administrative salary schedule.

In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on the approval of the financial and reconciliation reports, items for payment of bills and purchase orders. The board also approved the five-year forecast, and appropriation modifications. A request to close the Hiltner Scholarship fund was also approved. The curriculum budget was also approved.

In other board action, a resolution to establish a capital project fund, establish a termination benefits fund, and authorize transfers into both. Volunteer coaches were approved by the board. Service agreements for Knox Educational Service Center and Licking Area Computer Association were also approved; Apple proposal for iPads; STAR Renaissance platform; LINQ contract; and the student handbooks and fees for the upcoming school year were approved. The board set dates and times for Capital Improvement and Strategic Planning Committees. It was approved for the district to adopt the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures. The board approved a couple of overnight camps or trips for FFA. Lunch rates were approved for the next school year. Dental and health insurance renewals were also discussed and approved. They concluded by approving a resolution for a renovation project for the Newton playground.

The meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is on June 23, 2025, at Utica Senior High School starting at 6:00 p.m. The board has a planning meeting scheduled for June 2, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m., also at the high school.