

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – June 9, 2026

MINUTES

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

ABSENT:

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 6:00 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the following consensus items. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of

- a. April 14, 2026/Regular Board Meeting
- b. May 12, 2026/Regular Board Meeting
- c. May 13, 2026/Executive Board Meeting

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

a. Assignments

1. Ashlynn Abell to be assigned the position of 3rd Grade Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
2. Kari Meyer to be assigned the position of Part-time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 26, 2026, and to be assigned the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
3. Haley Heller to be assigned the position of Part-time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 26, 2026, and to be assigned the position of Special Education Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.

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4. Danielle McPherson to be assigned the position of Part-time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 26, 2026.
5. Helen Mankey to be assigned the position of Part-time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 26, 2026.
6. Addison Dettmer to be assigned the position of English Teacher at Belmont High School effective August 10, 2026.
7. Elizabeth Farling to be assigned the position of 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Belmont Middle School effective August 10, 2026.
8. Addison Miller to be assigned the position of Part-time Summer Custodian at North Adams Community Schools effective May 26, 2026.

b. Resignations

1. Emily Friedt to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher effective June 1, 2026
2. Jillian Simmons to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher effective May 26, 2026.
3. Emaly Perrott to resign the position of Belmont High School Special Education Paraprofessional effective May 15, 2026.
4. Lacy Smith to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School Preschool Paraprofessional effective May 22, 2026
5. Pamela Bergdall to resign the position of North Adams Foodservice Cook 1 effective May 21, 2026.
6. Tami Radecki to resign the position of Belmont Elementary School General Education Paraprofessional effective June 1, 2026.
7. Nicole Bayless to resign the position of Belmont Middle School Permanent Substitute effective August 1, 2026.

c. Leaves

d. Retirements

1. Toney Bergman to retire from the position of Physical Education Teacher at Belmont Elementary School effective June 1, 2026 *(34 years)*
2. Scott Miller to retire from the position of Director of Operations at North Adams Community Schools effective June 12, 2026. *(34 years)*
3. Terry Free to retire from the position of Custodian at Belmont Middle School effective July 31, 2026. *(37 years)*

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e. Change of Position

1. Amanda Richmon to move from Belmont High School LMC District Library Processor to North Adams Community Schools Purchasing & Receiving Coordinator effective May 12, 2026.

f. Reduction in Force

The following positions have been RIF'd at the end of the 2025-26 school year:

1. BHS Earth/Space Science
2. BHS Paraprofessional (1)

g. LEA Business

1. Jean Schwieterman to resign the position of North Adams/Adams Wells Special Services Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher/Coordinator effective April 24, 2026.
2. Sarah Bergman requesting medical leave beginning October 12, 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). (*updated 6/8/2026*)

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

A. Program Update – Kati Todd / Belmont High School Update

Ms. Todd reported that a “Lunch & Learn” event was held for local business leaders to discuss internship and job shadowing opportunities tied to new Work-Based Learning (WBL) diploma requirements. The event had strong attendance, and administration is encouraged by the potential for future partnerships.

B. Old Business

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve the 26-27 Classified Handbook as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Classified Handbook (2nd Read)

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Motion by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve the 26-27 Transportation Handbook, with updates as noted, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Transportation Handbook (2nd Read)

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the 26-27 BES Handbook as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Belmont Elementary School Student Handbook (2nd Read)

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve the 26-27 BMS Handbook as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Belmont Middle School Student Handbook (2nd Read)

Motion by Wylie Sirk seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the 26-27 BHS Handbook as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Belmont High School Student Handbook (2nd Read)

C. New Business

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the following BHS Course Additions/Changes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Approval of Belmont High School Course Additions/Changes

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve the following District Public Official Bonds as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of District Public Official Bonds
 - a. Treasurer/\$100,000/Beth Quinn
 - b. ECA Treasurer/\$100,000/Beverly Lichtensteiger
 - c. Deputy Treasurer/\$50,000/Lori Baumer
 - d. Payroll & Benefits Coordinator/\$50,000/Jolene Wynn
 - e. Public Official Position Schedule

Motion by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to grant permission to add the following ECA Fund Lines as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Permission to add ECA Fund Lines
 - a. 0327-BMS Cheer
 - b. 0331-BMS Football
 - c. 0328-BMS Cross Country/Track
 - d. 0330-BMS Volleyball

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- e. 0334-BMS Boys Basketball
- f. 0335-BMS Girls Basketball
- g. 0329-BMS Wrestling

- h. 0332-BMS Swimming
- i. 0333-BMS Soccer

Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve the 2026-2027 Classified Wage Schedule with updates as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4. Approval of 2026-2027 Classified Base Wage Schedule

Motion by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve the District Property Insurance by USI as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

- 5. Approval of District Property Insurance for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve Resolution to move \$21,000 in Education Funds to Operations Funds on a Monthly Basis for the period of July – December 2026 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

- 6. Approval of Resolution to Move Education Funds to Operations Funds on a Monthly basis

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve Resolution to allow Food Service to self-certify micro purchases up to \$50K as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

- 7. Approval of Resolution to allow Food Services to self-certify micro purchases up to \$50K

- 8. Superintendent Report

-Mrs. Hiatt informed the Board that for the 2026–2027 school year, preschool programming will transition to a full-day format, with one half-day preschool class still being offered.

-Mrs. Hiatt reported that summer facility improvement projects will include brick tuckpointing, repairs to a small section of roofing, and the installation of taller fencing for the softball field.

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that Officer Elwell will be leading a tactical training event on the Bellmont campus from June 15–18. The training will involve participation from local law enforcement and first responders.

-Mrs. Hiatt commended Bellmont High School for its successful graduation ceremony, noting that she received numerous positive comments from attendees.

- 9. Other Matters to come before the Board

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D. Board Member and/or Public Comment

-Mr. Sirk commented that he attended ISBA School Law Seminar. He noted that Indiana's definition of bullying is expected to be sufficiently broad to encompass bullying conducted through AI-generated content.

E. Adjournment 6:57 p.m.

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