

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – July 14, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members Stacey Bussel, 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: Michelle Stimpson, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 6:01 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

C. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of

- a. June 9, 2026/Regular Board Meeting

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

a. Assignments

1. Rachel Brophy to be assigned the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
2. Savannah Small to be assigned the position of 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Bellmont Middle School effective August 10, 2026.
3. Haylee Souers to be assigned the position of 5th Grade Teacher at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
4. Brooke Schaefer to be assigned the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
5. Melissa McCullough to be assigned the position of General Education Paraprofessional at Bellmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
6. Nikki Coffield to be assigned the position of Cook I at North Adams Community Schools effective August 10, 2026.

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7. Melisa Aguon to be assigned the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Belmont Elementary School effective August 10, 2026.
8. Belmont High School Fall Coaches 2026-27
 - Cheerleading**
Head Coach/Jenna Koons, Assistant Coach/Megan Friedt
 - Cross Country**
Boys/ Randy Hisner, Girls/Carl Risch, Volunteer Assistant/Josh Heckert
 - Football**
Head Coach/Blake Blaker, Assistant Coaches: Aaron Bergman, Doug Werling, Tom Montgomery, Kevin Conrad, Volunteer Coach/Art (Junior) Vergara
 - Golf (Girls)**
Mike Macke
 - Soccer**
Boys Head Coach/Jake Briede, Boys Assistant Coach/Colton Leazenby, Boys Volunteer Coach/Taufeeq Ally
Girls Head Coach/Rich Skaggs, Girls Assistant Coach/Matt Converset, Girls Volunteer Coach/Steve Lee
 - Tennis (Boys)**
Mason Vrablic
 - Volleyball (Girls)**
Head Coach/Craig Krull, Assistant Coach/Heather Germann, Assistant Coach/Amber Dahlstrom, Volunteer Coach/Allison Busse, Volunteer Coach/Sophie Krull
9. Belmont Middle School Fall Coaches 2026-27
 - Cross Country (Girls)**
Christy Blythe
 - Cross Country (Boys)**
Justin Ayres
 - Football**
7th Grade/Ryan Lehrman, 8th Grade/TBD, Assistant/TBD
 - Cheerleading**
Cara Gerber, Volunteer/Erica Bickford
 - Volleyball**

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6th Grade/Emma Mills, 7th Grade/Jessalyn Akers, 8th Grade/TBD

b. Resignations

1. Abbey Bowers to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School Assistant Principal effective July 20, 2026.
2. Joel Frederick to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher effective June 30, 2026.
3. Joel Frederick to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach effective June 30, 2026.
4. Lillian Hunt to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary School Attendance Secretary effective June 26, 2026.
5. Mary Bessesen to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary School Library Paraprofessional effective July 8, 2026.
6. Carly Raymont to resign the position of Bellmont Middle School 8th Grade Volleyball Coach effective June 23, 2026.
7. Taylor Selking to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary School 2nd Grade Teacher effective July 31, 2026.
8. Amanda Merchant to resign the position of Bellmont Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher effective July 10, 2026. (Added 7/13/2026)

c. Leaves

1. Lillian Ellsworth requesting medical leave beginning August 10, 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

e. Change of Position

1. Peyton Selking to move from Bellmont Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher to Bellmont Elementary School Physical Education Teacher effective August 10, 2026.

f. LEA Business

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

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A. Program Update – Nicole Screeton / District Goals Update

-Mrs. Screeton updated the Board on Title Program (I, II, and IV). She stated that pre-application goals were set in the areas of Student Achievement, Educator Effectiveness, and Leadership Effectiveness

-Mrs. Screeton informed the Board about how Title Funds are generated and how the allocation has been historically spent. She explained that the parochial schools within the district boundary who qualify for Title Funds share the North Adams Community Schools funding allocation.

B. Old Business

C. New Business

Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to grant permission to fill open positions prior to the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Permission to fill open positions prior to the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve Resolution for 2026 Transfers Between the Debt Service Fund and Operations Funds as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of Resolution for 2026 Transfers Between the Debt Service Fund and Operations Funds

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve Park Center MOU and Bowen Center MOU for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Park Center MOU for the 2026-2027 school year
4. Approval of Bowen Center MOU for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, seconded by Wylie Sirk, to approve Adams Memorial Health Mental Health Services MOU for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of Adams Memorial Health Mental Health Services MOU for the 2026-2027 school year

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Motion by Joel Miller, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve Total Care ABA MOU for Parentally Provided Outside Therapist for 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Approval of Total Care ABA MOU for Parentally Provided Outside Therapist for 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Joel Miller, to approve 2026-2027 Food Services Prices as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Approval of 2026-2027 Food Services Prices

Bellmont High School

Paid Breakfast - \$2.35 / Yogurt 2-TIER \$3.50

Paid Lunch - \$3.10 / Self-Serve Entrée Bars/Cold Kits 2-TIER \$3.50

Adult Breakfast - \$3.00 / Yogurt 2-TIER \$4.00

Adult Lunch - \$5.20

Motion by Wylie Sirk, seconded by Darlene Hebble-Juengel, to approve Southward Park AND Northward Park Property conveyance to City of Decatur giving Kim Hiatt authority to sign the deeds as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Approval of Southward Park Property conveyance to City of Decatur

-Mr. Scott Ainsworth requested that the board add Northward Park Property to the approval of the conveyance of property to the City of Decatur. He explained that School City of Decatur previously owned these properties. North Adams Community Schools became the owner of these properties when school consolidation happened. He stated that the City plans improvements to the parks and that there will be no compensation for the properties to the district.

9. Superintendent Report

-Mrs. Hiatt stated that registration will open soon & supply lists will be posted to the website.

-Mrs. Hiatt explained the new law regarding student cell phones. Students will be required to power phones off during school hours and keep them in their lockers.

-Mrs. Hiatt announced the dates for upcoming Backpack Bash and Back to School Nights

10. Other Matters to come before the Board

D. Board Member and/or Public Comment

E. Adjournment: 6:44 p.m.

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<https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/districtt/school-board-of-education/meeting-livestreams>