

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
Minutes of Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
July 21, 2026

(A)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office by President Karen Saxton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present – Julie Arend, Nicole DenHerder, Joe Manz, Karen Saxton, Matt Stoller
4. Introduction of Guests and Public Participation:

None.

5. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

Time In: 6:01 p.m. Time Out: 6:23 p.m.

6. Treasurer's Report

Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a motion to adopt the following:

A. Regular Monthly Items

- (1) Approval of the June 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes. (Attachment A)
- (2) Approval of financial reports and bills for June 2026 (Attachment B)
- (3) Approval of the transfer of \$269,487.13 from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund (003) to pay the lease purchase agreement and interest payments for fiscal year 2027. The debt was issued in June 2026 to pay for emergency repairs to the district's HVAC system secured with Paulding Elementary as collateral. Payments are due on 12/1 and 6/1 each year.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

7. Administrators' Report

A. Superintendent's Report

- (1) Light/HVAC Project Update
- (2) Summer Work Updates

8. JVS Report

9. Legislative Report

Recommendations by the Superintendent

10. Reduction in Force

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a resolution, for financial reasons and/or decreased enrollment of pupils, effective at the close of business on July 21, 2026, to abolish the positions of:

One (1) 7th Grade Reading Teacher

One (1) 8th Grade ELA Teacher

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

11. Rescission of Suspended Contract

Briana Pack shall be transferred to the position of preschool teacher assigned to Paulding Elementary and, in light of the transfer, Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a resolution to rescind the prior resolution of May 19, 2026, to suspend Ms. Pack's contract of employment. Further, Ms. Pack shall be retained on the recall list in accordance with the agreement between the Board and PEA entered into on July 14, 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

12. HVAC Valve Replacement

Joe Manz moved and Julie Arend seconded a resolution to accept the bid from TriGen for the HVAC valve replacement project at an estimated cost of \$124,800.

Roll Call: Ayes – Manz, Arend, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

13. Income Tax Levy

Nicole DenHerder introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on June 23, 2026 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of \$2,294,302 for the purpose of permanent improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 0.75% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Paulding Exempted Village School District, Paulding and Putnam Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03, it is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an income tax on the school district income of individuals (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of 0.75% per annum, shall be for the purpose of permanent improvements, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2027, and shall be levied for five years.

Section 2. The school district income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.01(E)(1).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. All of the territory of the School District is located in Paulding and Putnam Counties, Ohio.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:
Shall an annual income tax of 0.75% on the school district income of individuals be imposed by the Paulding Exempted Village School District, for five years, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of permanent improvements?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio, not later than August 5, 2026.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Julie Arend seconded the motion, and after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

14. Bus Routes

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a resolution to approve bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year and to grant the superintendent the authority to make changes as needed.

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

15. Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a resolution to approve the Student Wellness and Success

Funds plan for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment C)

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

16. Western Buckeye ESC Contract

Matt Stoller moved and Julie Arend seconded a resolution to approve the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center contract estimate for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment D)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

17. Early Learning and School Readiness Handbook

Nicole DenHerder moved and Matt Stoller seconded a resolution to approve the Early Learning and School Readiness Program Parent Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment E)

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Stoller, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

18. Audiology Contract w/ NWOESC

Matt Stoller moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a resolution to approve the contract with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Audiology services during the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment F)

Roll Call: Ayes – Stoller, DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

19. SLP Contract w/ NWOESC

Julie Arend moved and Joe Manz seconded a resolution to approve the contract with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Speech-Language services during the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment G)

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, Manz, DenHerder, Saxton, Stoller
Nays – None.
Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel Recommendations by the Superintendent

20. Nicole DenHerder moved and Julie Arend seconded a resolution to approve the following items for the 2026-2027 school year, except as noted, pending records:

- A. Accept the resignation of Mikaia Jimenez, Paulding Elementary School Math Teacher, effective at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for one year.
- B. Accept the resignation of Madison Etter, Paulding Junior High Intervention Specialist, effective

- at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for five years.
- C. Accept the resignation of Tanya Bok, Paulding Junior High Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the current contract year. She will have served the district for 12 years.
 - D. Approve a one-year limited contract for Bruce Lewis, bus driver, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Step 0.
 - E. Approval of the following one-year limited extracurricular contracts, effective for the 2026-2027 school year:

Maddie Bragg	Assist Varsity Cheer Advisor (football)	5.0, 2 years
Tatem Varner	JH Cheer Advisor	2.0, 1 year
Jennifer Bradford	Cheer Advisor (basketball)	6.5, 6+ years
Sandy Arellano	Junior Class Advisor (fundraising)	4.5, 3 years
Sydney Kill	FFA Advisor	4.5, 0 years
Emily Taylor	5 th /6 th Volleyball	2.0, 2 years
Kelly Pracht	JV Volleyball	9.0, 2 years
Baylee March	Freshman Volleyball	8.5, 1 year
Leigha Egnor	Volleyball Assistant	Volunteer

- F. Approval of a one-year limited contract for Christine Spencer, Intervention Specialist initially assigned to Oakwood Elementary CC Unit, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. B, 0 years.
- G. Approval to compensate Alex Arellano, JH Guidance Counselor, at the current tutor rate for the extra time spent outside of his extended days to complete the JH schedule.

Roll Call: Ayes – DenHerder, Arend, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
 Nays – None.
 Motion passed 5-0.

21. Executive Session

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to hold an executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
 Nays – None.
 Motion passed 5-0.

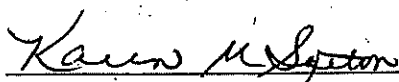
Time In: 7:19 p.m. Time Out: 7:45 p.m.

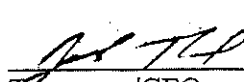
22. Adjournment

Julie Arend moved and Nicole DenHerder seconded a motion to adjourn.

Roll Call: Ayes – Arend, DenHerder, Manz, Saxton, Stoller
 Nays – None
 Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.


 President


 Treasurer/CFO

