

**Windham Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
July 23, 2026
7:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Melissa Knight called the July Regular Meeting of the Windham Exempted Village School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Ms. Knight asked Mr. St. John to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

- Ms. Knight asked for a Moment of Silence.

IV. ROLL CALL

- Sarah Dye - Present
- Megan Fisher - Absent
- Melissa Knight - Present
- Mandy Minnick - Present
- Ted St. John - Present

V. REPORTS

- Superintendent - Michael Dobran
 - Introduced Meghan Tackas, who is being recommended for employment as an educational aide. He also noted recommendations to employ Jenny Nichols as a kindergarten teacher and Delaney Kacenski as a part time assistant to the treasurer.
 - Reviewed district open enrollment for incoming and outgoing students noting that about 30 more students are outgoing than incoming.
- Treasurer - Todd Puster
 - Informed the Board about District commercial paper investments in accordance with law.
 - Thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the District as treasurer of record through the Shared Service Alliance for the past 10 months and wished Corrie Bott well as the incoming district treasurer. He said she is well prepared to be successful in the role.

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Trish Kendrick inquired about open enrollment.

VII. TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS (Resolution 2026-55)

- Ms. Minnick moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations of the Treasurer; Mr. St. John seconded the motion.
 - Approve the June 2026 Financial Reports
 - Approve the Minutes from the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting, the June 30, 2026, Regular Meeting, and July 14, 2026, Special Meeting.
 - Adopt the following Resolution to authorize the transfer of the remaining balance of funds in the Bond Retirement Fund (USAS 002) to the Permanent Improvement Fund (USAS 003):

WHEREAS, the Board currently has an unexpended balance of Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$21,296.76) in its Bond Retirement Fund (Fund 002); and

WHEREAS, all indebtedness, interest, and other obligations for the payment of which the Bond Retirement Fund exists have been paid and retired; and

WHEREAS, the Board has no sinking fund into which the unexpended balance in its Bond Retirement Fund can be transferred; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to transfer the unexpended balance in its Bond Retirement Fund to its Permanent Improvement Fund (Fund 003).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Windham Exempted Village School District, Portage County, Ohio, two-thirds of the members concurring, that:

Section 1: The Board hereby determines and declares that all indebtedness, interest, and other obligations for the payment of which its Bond Retirement Fund exists have been paid and retired, and that the Board has no sinking fund into which the unexpended balance in its Bond Retirement Fund can be transferred.

Section 2: The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary to transfer the unexpended balance in its Bond Retirement Fund to its Permanent Improvement Fund.

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Section 3: The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Treasurer, in conjunction with its legal counsel, to petition the Common Pleas Court for Portage County, Ohio for approval to transfer the unexpended balance in its Bond Retirement Fund (\$21,296.76) to its Permanent Improvement Fund in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of R.C. 5705.14(C)(1), and to make such transfer upon receipt of approval from the Court.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

VIIIa. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL (Resolution 2026-56)

- Ms. Minnick moved that the Board separate the approval of volunteers from the personnel recommendations of the superintendent; Mr. St. John seconded the motion.

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

VIIIb. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL GENERAL (Resolution 2026-57)

- Ms. Dye moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent; Mr. St. John seconded the motion.
 - Approve the hiring of Renee Turk as a substitute custodian as needed in the months of June and July 2026.
 - Approve the appointment of the following individual for a supplemental contract per salary schedule in the type of position listed for the 2026-2027 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI

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check:

		<u>Year/Step</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kim Kiser	Junior High Cheer Coach	32 / 21	\$3,953.00
Heather Kearley	Assistant Marching/Summer Band	3 / 3	\$1,330.00

- Approve the appointment of Jenny Nichols as a Kindergarten Teacher and grant her a one-year limited contract effective August 24, 2026 for the 2026-2027 at BA Step 1 \$41,835.00 pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks.
- Approve the appointment of Delaney Kacenski as part time Assistant Treasurer (5 hours per day) and grant her an eleven month limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year effective August 1, 2026 at a cost of \$22.00 per hour.
- Approve the appointment of Meghan Takacs as full time Educational Aide and grant her a one year limited contract for the 2026-2027 school year effective August 27, 2026 at a cost of \$20.15 per hour pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks.
- Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

- Dave Apthorpe
- Jon Crisman
- Briah Daniel
- Bailey Fincham
- Kathleen Grau
- Bob Harner
- Neil Martino
- Ron McCleary
- Brandon McPherson
- Lisa Moore
- Rachel Neer
- Sarah Neer
- Kyla Richmond
- Daniel Weiss (HS/JHS only)

- Approve the following individuals on the respective substitute lists as presented for the 2026-2027 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI checks:
 - Ryan Dunn - Bus Driver
 - Bailey Fincham - Educational Aide & District-wide
 - Kathleen Grau - Educational Aide & District-wide
 - Carol Howald - District-wide
 - Mary Leigh - District-wide

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- Brandon McPherson - Educational Aide & District-wide
- Lisa Moore - Educational Aide & District-wide
- Rachel Neer - Educational Aide & District-wide
- Sarah Neer- Educational Aide & District-wide
- Lorelei Sterpka - District-wide
- Approve the appointment of the following individuals for supplemental contracts per salary schedule in the type of position listed for the 2026-2027 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**VIIIb. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL VOLUNTEERS
(Resolution 2026-58)**

- Ms. Minnick moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations of the Superintendent related to the approval of volunteers; Ms. Dye seconded the motion.
 - Approve the following volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year pending proper certification and clear BCI/FBI check:

- Brian Tackett - Football
- Amanda Taylor - Cheer

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Minnick, St. John

Abstain: Knight

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS - GENERAL (Resolution 2026-59)

- Mr. St. John moved that the Board consolidate and approve the following recommendations; Ms. Minnick seconded the motion.
 - Accept the following students under open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year:

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| ■ Connor Angus | Grade 1 | Garfield |
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■ Audrinna Baranyai	Grade 8	Newton Falls
■ Waylon Bartlett	Grade PS	Newton Falls
■ Emma Beckner	Grade 7	LaBrae
■ Myra Beckner	Grade 9	LaBrae
■ Deianeira Belski	Grade 6	Newton Falls
■ Makenzi Blockinger	Grade 12	Warren
■ Michael Bolyard	Grade 11	LaBrae
■ Jaxin Bott	Grade PS	Crestwood
■ Jacob Brady	Grade 8	Newton Falls
■ Maci Brady	Grade 7	Newton Falls
■ Elias Bussinger	Grade PS	Champion
■ Riley Christner	Grade 10	LaBrae
■ Gianna Christopher	Grade 7	Champion
■ Jaylee Christopher	Grade 7	Champion
■ Abel Cooper	Grade 7	Garfield
■ Isabella Cooper	Grade 8	Garfield
■ Lilly Cooper	Grade 4	Garfield
■ Scarlett Cooper	Grade 5	Garfield
■ Aiden Crisman	Grade 6	Newton Falls
■ Allison Crisman	Grade 1	Newton Falls
■ Kaylee Crisman	Grade 5	Newton Falls
■ Kyle Crisman	Grade 9	Newton Falls
■ Jayden Duarte	Grade 9	Western Reserve
■ Kennedy Fields	Grade 2	Ravenna
■ Jaxson Ganoe	Grade 5	LaBrae
■ Brycen Gibson	Grade 1	Warren
■ Camden Gibson	Grade 2	Warren
■ Kinsley Gibson	Grade 3	Warren
■ Xavier Goodwin	Grade 8	Garfield
■ Amillya Greer	Grade 5	Ravenna
■ Anthony Greer	Grade 10	Ravenna
■ Arabella Greer	Grade 7	Ravenna
■ Emerson Hall	Grade PS	Ravenna
■ Jameson Haueter	Grade K	Lakeview
■ Madison Hickman	Grade 10	Columbiana
■ Matthew Hickman	Grade 8	Columbiana
■ DaeLynn Hill	Grade 9	Ravenna
■ Brooklyn Hoffman	Grade 3	Newton Falls
■ Hazley Hoffman	Grade K	Newton Falls
■ Raelynn Jett	Grade 1	Newton Falls
■ Easton Kacenski	Grade 4	Garfield

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■ Mason Kacenski	Grade 2	Garfield
■ Sophia Kacenski	Grade K	Garfield
■ Kadence Kearley	Grade 5	Southington
■ Skylar Kearley	Grade 2	Southington
■ Westley Kearley	Grade 3	Southington
■ Elliot Kepich	Grade 11	Garfield
■ Kieaunna Korosec	Grade 6	Newton Falls
■ Saralynn McCune	Grade 7	Champion
■ Mia Miller	Grade 8	LaBrae
■ Jaiden Moore	Grade 11	Newton Falls
■ Jaxson Plaughner	Grade 7	Crestwood
■ Jolene Plaughner	Grade 3	Crestwood
■ Madelyn Pugh	Grade 12	LaBrae
■ Caydence Qualls	Grade 10	Warren
■ Ryan Quiggle	Grade 12	Lakeview
■ Avery Rickey	Grade 1	Garfield
■ Beauden Rickey	Grade 1	LaBrae
■ Parker Rickey	Grade 5	Garfield
■ Paxton Rickey	Grade 8	LaBrae
■ Hunter Roosa	Grade 12	Garfield
■ Adalyn Roth	Grade 11	Garfield
■ Alexander Salas	Grade 3	LaBrae
■ Tristen Shearer	Grade 12	Warren
■ Katrina Sherman	Grade 6	Garfield
■ Devin Sherman	Grade 11	Garfield
■ Joseph Singer	Grade 9	Southington
■ Jayla Smith	Grade 12	Western Reserve
■ Olivia Starcher	Grade 10	Crestwood
■ Parker Stewart	Grade 8	Garfield
■ Nova Taylor	Grade 1	Ravenna
■ Shawn Taylor	Grade 8	Ravenna
■ Natalie Torrance	Grade 12	Ravenna
■ Maddison Vlasaty	Grade 7	Southington
■ Thomas Vlasaty	Grade 4	Southington
■ Wilhelm Wagner	Grade 5	Newton Falls
■ Freyja Wagner	Grade 3	Newton Falls
■ Dystany Yearian	Grade 10	Ravenna

- Approve the Windham Bomber Visitor Code of Conduct.
- Approve the agreement between Windham Exempted Village Schools and The American Benefits Insurance Corporation DBA, a subsidiary of NFP, an AON company and its affiliates.

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- Approve the MOU between Windham Exempted Village Schools and Akron Children's Hospital
- Approve the payment in lieu of transportation to Bio-Med in Rootstown to Mary Ashby (guardian of a student that attends Bio-Med in Rootstown Ohio) for \$700 for the 2025-26 school year and \$700 the 2026-27 school year.
- Appoint Melissa Knight as the OSBA delegate for the 2026 OSBA Capital Conference.
- Appoint Sarah Dye as the OSBA alternate for the 2026 OSBA conference.
- Approve the adoption of the following policies:
 - Policy 4162
 - Policy 4162.01
 - Policy 8600
 - Policy 8600.04
 - Policy 8640

Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. ADJOURNMENT (Resolution 2026-60)

- Ms. Dye moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Fisher seconded the motion.

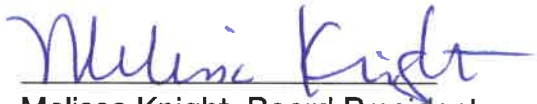
Vote Record

Ayes: Dye, Knight, Minnick, St. John

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:12 a.m.


Melissa Knight, Board President


Todd Puster, Treasurer