

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a Regular session of the Bellefontaine Board of Education Meeting

Held at the Sloan Distance Learning Center, 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2026

Roll Call: Present --- Board Members Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder. Visitors --- Mr. Hall, Mr. Wasson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tipple, Christi Dodds, Keyne Strickland, Brenda Sanford, Shelley Kneese, Grace Brown and family, and Spencer Stolly and family. Absent --- Board Member Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 26-105 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Lang to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Session Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 26-106 A motion was made by Lang and seconded by Wilson to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

HIGHLIGHTING BELLEFONTAINE CITY SCHOOLS

Shelley Kneese presented the Board with the plans for the Remembering Our Fallen National Traveling Memorial display.

Seniors of the Month, Grace Brown and Spencer Stolly were recognized.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 26-107 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Lang to go into the Committee of the Whole.

- A. Levy Committee Work Review – Chairs Keyne Strickland and Brenda Sanford
- B. Vouchers Hurt Ohio Lawsuit – Brad/Josh

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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26-108 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to come out of the Committee of the Whole.

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

26-109 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Wilson to approve item A.

A. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Personnel

26-110 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve items 1-19.

1. Professional Personnel – Leave of Absence

In accordance with the rules and regulations now in effect and subject to the approval of the Board, a leave of absence is hereby granted to the following staff member with the effective date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nichole Stafford	2 nd Grade	12/20/26 *

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2. Professional Personnel - Salary Adjustments for Additional Training

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following adjustments in salary are made for professional personnel who have completed additional training. The adjustments are made in accordance with the salary schedule now in effect, and are made effective August 1, 2026.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary Adjustment</u>
Tricia Baker	MA+18 to MA+45
Rachael Brunson	BA+30 to MA
Kenna Davis	BA+18 to BA+30
Jenny Jervis	BA+18 to MA
Hanna Kean	BA to BA+18
Garrett Reinhard	BA+9 to MA+9
Isaiah Reinhard	BA to MA
Brooke Zuch	BA+18 to MA

3. Professional Personnel – Resident Educator Program

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following staff members be appointed in the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christi Colvin	Mentor Teacher	\$750.00
Cheryl Daniels	Mentor Teacher	\$750.00
Katie Davis	Mentor Teacher	\$750.00
Lindsey Hogan	Mentor Teacher	\$500.00
Ben Gillig	Mentor Teacher	\$500.00
Lisette Hiatt	Mentor Teacher	\$500.00
Mara Ledley	Mentor Teacher	\$500.00
Kristy McKirahan	Mentor Teacher	\$500.00
Sara Core	Resident Educator Coord/Mentor	\$1,000.00

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4. Professional Personnel – Cross Functional Team

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following staff members be appointed as Cross Functional Team members for the 2026-2027 school year. The appointed staff member shall be compensated in accordance with Category 8 of the Supplemental Salary Schedule.

Matt Gallaway
Natalie Grandstaff
Bri Hughes
Kylie Hrytzik

Megan Miller
Garrett Reinhard
Bryant Runyon
Karen Scott

5. Professional Personnel – Internal Monitoring Team

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following staff members be appointed as Internal Monitoring Team members for the 2026-2027 school year. The appointed staff member shall be compensated in accordance with Category 8 of the Supplemental Salary Schedule.

Lori Arbogast
Jennifer Brown
Jill Carey
Angela Lowe

Kristy McKirahan
Skyler Mifsud
Hayley Nease
Melissa Wical

6. Professional Personnel – Instructional Team Leaders

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following staff members be appointed as Instructional Team Leaders for the 2026-2027 school year. The appointed staff member shall be compensated in accordance with Category 8 of the Supplemental Salary Schedule.

Christi Colvin
Cheryl Daniels
Katie Davis
Lisette Hiatt
Lindsay Hogan

Ami Horvath
Sharon Lewis
Shawn Miller
Justine Oliver
Mara Ledley

Brooke Pulfer
Michelle Rohrer
Kate Smith
Bess Standley
Brooke Zuch

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7. Professional Personnel – Local Professional Development Committee

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay the following staff members a stipend for the Local Professional Development Committee. The appointed staff member shall be compensated in accordance with Category 11 of the Supplemental Salary Schedule.

Abby Boop	Lori Horn
Jill Carey	Andrea Shumaker
Cliff Core, Coordinator	Erin Gillig, Admin

8. Professional Personnel – Supplemental Services

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay the following staff member a stipend in the amount of \$5,000 for supplemental services indicated.

Shawn Miller – Technology Assistant

9. Professional Personnel – Building Leadership Teams

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay the following staff members a stipend in the amount of \$200.00 for serving on Building Leadership Teams.

Katina Elwood	Kylie Hrytzik	Bryant Runyon
Eric Fatzinger	Kristy McKirahan	Karen Scott
Sarah Gossard	Megan Miller	Kate Smith
Bri Hughes	Joliece Reed	Jeanie Tipple

10. Professional Personnel – Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Building Teams

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay the following staff members a stipend in the amount of \$200 for serving the PBIS Building Team.

Kylie Hrytzik	Natalie Grandstaff
Cheryl Daniels	Jeannie Tipple
Kim Brown	Heather Usserman
Katie Davis	Alicia Dinovo
Christy Ash	Beth Hogue
Julie Kurtz	Katie Gallaway
Jacqueline Godsey	Deena Fenske

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11. Professional Personnel – Substitutes

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following teachers are hereby appointed to the professional staff substitute list of the Bellefontaine City School District for the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year, pending licensure verification and satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, to be assigned as services are needed, at a salary in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Mark Brunswick
Dustin Prall

Lillie Belle Elliot
Allyson Wisse

12. Professional Personnel – Home Instruction/Tutors

The Superintendent recommends that the following teachers be appointed as home/school tutors for the 2026-2027 school year at an hourly rate in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

Chandler Martell
Julie Kurtz
Catherine Eastman
Natalie Grandstaff
Kenna Davis
Amy Treon
Jon Reminder
Desnee Wolters
Karen Rader
Rachael Brunson

Aaron Garver
Lori Arbogast
Kayce Horn
Marilyn Smith
Sandi Chervenak
James Howell
Ryan Sawmiller
Jacqueline Godsey
Lori Horn

Kim Brown
Courtney Salyer
Tammy Fowler
Andrea Shumaker
Wendy Rutan
Sarah Gossard
Diann Jordan
Kylie Hrytzik
Ashley Reser

13. Service and Support Personnel – Resignations

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following resignation is hereby accepted effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Julia Pulfer	Food Service Worker	9/21/26

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14. Service and Support Personnel – Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed to the assignment as indicated, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at the hourly rate of pay now in effect according to the position salary schedule or hereafter adopted by the Board, effective on the date shown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Karen Bartley	Food Service Worker	9/14/26
Jessica Gerwels	Bus Driver	9/1/26
Richard McDaniel	Educational Aide	9/2/26

15. Service and Support Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed to the service and support staff substitute list of the Bellefontaine City School District for the 2026-2027 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, to be assigned as services as needed, at a rate in accordance with the schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cristina Alvares	Custodian	9/15/26
Chizuru Bello	Custodian	9/2/26
Krista Belser	Secretary	9/2/26
Susan Gleason	Educational Aide	9/2/26
Cheryl Harman	Custodian	9/2/26
Debi Henry	Secretary	9/2/26
Audrey Hess	Secretary	9/2/26
Tracy Janco	Secretary	9/2/26
Tracy Janco	Educational Aide	9/8/26
Beth Kieffer	Custodian	9/2/26
Karen Linkinhoker	Educational Aide	9/2/26
Cheryl Schroeder	Educational Aide/Secretary	9/2/26
Hannah Stidham	Educational Aide	9/2/26
Barb Triplett	Educational Aide/Secretary	9/2/26
Teresa Vogel	Educational Aide	9/2/26

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16. Service and Support Personnel – Stipend for Math Counts

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay Lawrence Miller a stipend in the amount of \$400 for heading up Math Counts during the 2026-2027 school year pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

17. Supplemental Contract Appointments

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following persons are hereby appointed for supplemental service in the public schools of the City School District of Bellefontaine pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for the 2026-2027 school year, and shall be compensated in accordance with the pay schedule now in effect or hereafter adopted by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Meagan Antram-Hoyt	HS Musical Production Assistant
Tricia Baker	HS OSU-MUN
Andy Crabill	MS Fall & Winter Site Supervisor
Jere Daniels	HS Musical Production Assistant
Keri Fergus	HS Musical Production Assistant

18. Approval of Volunteer

Subject to the approval of the Board, Waltraud Ryman is hereby appointed as a volunteer food service worker for the 2026-2027 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. No compensation is due.

19. Approval of Volunteer Coaches

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person is hereby appointed as volunteer coaches for the 2026-2027 school year, pending satisfactory clearance from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. No compensation is due.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Kendall Plikerd	HS Wrestling

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

B. Finance

26-111 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Lang to approve:

1. Authorization to Accept Extended Time to Meet 21st Century Grant Requirements for 2026-2027

The Bellefontaine City School District has made application and now received notification of an award of Extended Time to Meet 21st Century Grant Requirements for 2026-2027. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board accept these funds for use as specified in the application. The Bellefontaine City Schools allotment of the Fiscal Governance appropriation shall be paid from the General Fund and reimbursed back using grant funds and is to be distributed equally among the Treasurer's office staff listed below.

Paula Shaw, Program Manager
Sarah Gossard, Site Manager

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

26-112 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Wilson to approve:

2. 21st Century Grant Contracted Service – Program Consultant & Evaluator

Subject to the approval of the Board, the following person will provide to Bellefontaine City Schools a contracted service as program consultant and evaluator for the 21st Century Grant.

Natalie Collins

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Noes --- None. Motion carried.

26-113 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

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3. Professional Personnel – 21st Century Grant High School & School Improvement & Support Grant Hourly Wage Schedule

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following 21st Century Grant high school hourly wage schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

Single tutoring	\$30/hour
Group tutoring (3 or more)	\$35/\$40/hour *

*Dependent upon criteria met.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

26-114 A motion was made by Fissel and seconded by Lang to approve:

4. Resolution to Join Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding

WHEREAS, the State has adopted a universal voucher system; and

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-604, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in school districts and ESC's; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from funds available to authentic public education further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund authentic public education increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1

Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the universal voucher program is harmful to the districts, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

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4. Resolution to Join Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (con't)

Section 2

The Board of Education authorizes and directs the School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

Section 3

Coalition dues for the school year are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts to challenge the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher program. Coalition Dues (a total of \$2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION

A. Superintendent

26-115 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

1. Non-Resident Tuition Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year

Submitted herewith, for Board approval, the monthly tuition rate to be charged by the Board of Education, Bellefontaine City School District of Bellefontaine, Ohio, for the attendance of nonresident pupils during the 2026-2027 school year.

All Day Kindergarten through Grade 12

\$679.19

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

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26-116 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to approve:

2. Appointment of Logan County Education Foundation Trustee

The Superintendent recommends that Pat Martz be appointed as a Logan County Education Foundation Trustee.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.

3. Committee Reports

Executive – Colin Yoder, Mark Fissel
Finance – Mark Fissel, Kristen Lang
Curriculum – Bryn Stewart, Karen Wilson
Buildings and Grounds – Bryn Stewart, Kristen Lang
Legislative – Colin Yoder, Karen Wilson

B. Board of Education

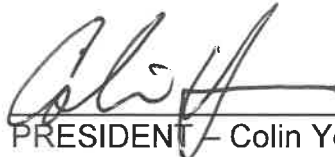
1. Reports

Ohio Hi Point Career Center – Krista Adelsberger
Student Liaison – Karen Wilson

ADJOURNMENT

26-117 A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Fissel to adjourn.

Roll Call: Yeas --- Fissel, Lang, Wilson, Yoder.
Noes --- None. Motion carried.


PRESIDENT – Colin Yoder


TREASURER – Joshua Wasson