REGULAR BOARD MEETING (Monday, October 26, 2026)
Generated by Alyse Allison on Tuesday, October 27, 2026
6:00 p.m. 3rd. Floor
35353 Curtis Blvd.
Eastlake, Ohio 44095
As Supplemented by the video recording that can be found here.

1. Introduction

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call- 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Gabrielle Miller - Present
Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese- Present
Ms. Denise Verdi - Absent
Ms. Jaime Shatsman - Present
Ms. Stacy Menser - Present

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve agenda.
Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman
Second by Ms. Rhonda Oasgie-Erese

Miller Aye	Osagie-Erese Aye	Verdi N/A	Shatsman Aye	Menser Aye	R-26-156
Motion Approved				4-0	

3. Presentation

A. Lauren Wiertel from Component Repair Technologies (CRT)

Lauren Wiertel, Career Development Manager with Component Repair Technologies, presented the organization's workforce development initiatives and its proposed partnership with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools. The presentation focused on increasing student awareness of career opportunities in aerospace manufacturing and repair, developing transferable workforce skills, and establishing a pipeline to connect students with local employers. Board members discussed the proposed partnership, the selection of South High School as the initial location, and opportunities to expand the initiative to other district schools. Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and the organization's commitment to supporting students and local workforce.

B. Perfect OST Scores Awards

The Board recognized students who earned perfect scores on Oho State Testing during the previous school year. The Board acknowledged the students' academic achievements, perseverance, and commitment to learning, as well as the support of their teachers and families.

C. Jefferson Building Presentation

A group of fifth-grade students presented a project demonstrating how they introduced the voting process to their school community. The students explained how they developed posters, presented reward options, and organized a schoolwide voting activity. Students cast their votes, the results were counted, and the winning reward for the second quarter was announced. Inflatable activities were identified as the winning choice. The presentation highlighted student participation, positive behavior, and the importance of understanding voting right and responsibilities. The Board thanked the students and staff for sharing the project.

4. Community Engagement

1. A. Public Comment

No public comments were submitted for this meeting.

5. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes September 14, 2026

A motion was made to approve the special board meeting minutes of September 14, 2026.

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman
Second by Ms. Gabrielle Miller
Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi N/A Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-157
Motion Approved 4-0
Please click here to view the September 14, 2026 Minutes.

B. Approval of Minutes September 28, 2026
A motion was made to approve the special board meeting minutes of September 28, 2026.
Motion by Ms. Gabrielle Miller
Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese
Miller Aye Osagie-Erese Aye Verdi N/A Shatsman Aye Menser Aye R-26-158
Motion Approved 4-0
Please click here to view the September 28, 2026 Minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report

A. * Financial Report for Month Ending September 30, 2026
A motion was made to approve Financial Report for Month Ending September 30, 2026.
Please click here to view the September 30, 2026 Financials.

B. * Transfer of Funds to Close Accounts
Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following be transferred to close account:

Close Fund/SCC	Transfer to Fund/SCC	Amount
200-9329 North High Class of 2026	200-9331 North High Class of 2027	7,144.45
200-9430 South High Class of 2026	200-9431 South High Class of 2027	2,932.08

C. * Establishment of New Accounts
Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following new accounts be established:

New Account	School	Account Description
007-9034	NHS	Chris Delis Memorial Scholarship Fund

D. * Student Activity Accounts
Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the following Student Activity Program Purpose, Goals and Proposed Budgets and Revisions for FY27 be approved:

Fund/SCC	School	Account Description	Amount	-Comments
007-9034	NHS	Chris Delis Memorial Scholarship Fund	2,000.00	New Account; New FY27 Budget Only
018-9320	WMS	Willoughby (Main)	19,500.00	Revised FY27 Budget Only
019-9217	NHS	North Mlakar Enrich. Fund	500.00	New FY27 Budget Only

Please click here to view the October 2026 SA.

E. * Purchase Orders
Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer the following be approved:
WHEREAS, 5704.41 requires the fiscal officer of a school district certify the amount required to make an expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the school districts treasury, free from any previous encumbrances before the expenditure is made,

WHEREAS, there are exceptions to the requirement, and

WHEREAS, the exceptions are: an invoice that exceeds a p.o. by $3,000, and then and now certificates over $3,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

To approve the following invoices that exceed the respective p.o. by $3,000 or more

PO #	Vendor	PO Amount	Invoice Amount	Increase

550206	Advanced Asphalt Paving Inc.	53,450.00	57,145.00	3,695.00

To approve the following Then and Now Certificates

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description
171148	The City of Willoughby	3,318.00	Security Charges
171378	The City of Willoughby	7,171.50	Security Charges
550261	Ameresco, Inc.	165,621.00	Royalview Project
273572	First American Administrators Inc.	4,551.04	Employee Vision Insurance

F. * Gifts and Donations

1. Peter Maurath donated 7 refurbished children's bicycles to Edison and Grant Elementary. The bicycles are valued at $350.00.
2. Lakeland Community College donated 162 boxes (3 pallets) of Fleetweld 35 5/32 x 14" electrodes for the NCIW Welding Technology Program. The electrodes are valued at $6,500.00.
3. Willoughby South Booster Club donated $10,000.00 to 018-9320 WMS (Main) to be used at the principal's discretion for the students.
4. Thomas Jefferson Elementary PTO donated $247.70 to Jefferson (Main) to be used at the principal's discretion for the students.
5. The Class of '72 Class Get Together donated $240.00 to 007-9030 North Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund.
6. Willoughby South High Boosters Club of Eastlake donated $24,505.00 to 001-221 SHS Athletics for students' Fall PTP fees.
7. The North High School Boosters Club of Eastlake donated $600.00 to 200-9316 North High Student Council for rewards for students.
8. The North High School Boosters Club of Eastlake donated $100.00 to 200-9316 North High Student Council for school supplies.
9. Anonymous friends donated $9,280.00 to 007-9034 to establish a scholarship to be awarded to a NHS graduating student athlete to attend college, trade school, vocational training, and apprenticeship, or another post-graduation career program to honor the memory of Chris Delis (NHS Class of 1978).

7. Superintendent - Announcements

A. Campus Updates

Dr. Ward reported that the district had successfully completed approximately one-quarter of the school year. He highlighted the strong fall athletic season and the support shown by students, families, alumni, and community members at recent sporting events. Dr. Ward also recognized three employees who received the districts' Impact and Connection award.

B. Steering Committee Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the districts' strategic planning process. The first steering committee meetings were held in late September, with committee members discussing strategic priorities and goals aligned with the districts' shared vision. The committees addressed the following areas:

- Academic and student-centered learning: developing the next iteration of the district's shared vision.
- Student experience and belonging: strengthening students' sense of belonging through academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities.
- Operations and facilities: reviewing the district's capital plan and establishing goals for the next three years.
- Fiscal sustainability: examining long-term financial sustainability.
- Communications and community relations: identifying ways to strengthen communication and build intentional connections with the community.

8. Superintendent - Resolutions

A. * Education Affiliation Agreement - OSU

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, the the Education Affiliation Agreement with Ohio State University for the 2026-2027 school year be approved.
Please click here to view the OSU Education Affiliation Agreement.

B. * Service Agreement - TeachArtsOhio-The Cleveland Play House
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, that the service agreement with TeachArtsOhio-The Cleveland Play House for the 2026-2027 school year be approved.
Please click here to view the Cleveland Play House TechArtsOhio Agreement.

C. * Service Agreements - Title I, Title II-A, and Title IV-A
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, that Title I, Title II-A, and Title IV-A service agreements with the following institutions for the 2026-2027 school year be approved: Andrew Osborne Academy, Chardon Local Schools-Notre Dame Elementary, Chardon Local Schools-St. Mary's Elementary School, PSI Associates, LLC., Wickliffe City Schools-All Saints School, Wickliffe City Schools-Mater Dei Academy, Euclid City Schools-Ss. Robert and William School, and Nexstep-St. Paschal Baylon School.
Please click here to view the Title I- PSI Associates, LLC, please click here to view the Title I- Chardon St. Mary's, please click here to view the Chardon Notre Dame, please click here to view the Title II-A Andrew Osbourne, please click here to view the Title IV-A Andrew Osbourne, please click here to view the Title I Pooling SS Robert and William, please click here to view the Title I Pooling Mater Dei Academy, please click here to view Title I Pooling All Saints, please click here to view Title Nextstep.

D. * Agreement - Littera
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, that the agreement with Littera for the 2026-2027 school year be approved.
Please click here to view the Littera Agreement.

E. * Internship Agreement - Lakeland Community College
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, that the Internship Agreement with Lakeland Community College for the 2026-2027 school year be approved.
Please click here to view the Lakeland Community College Internship Agreement.

F. * Trip Request - NORTH Seniors
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that an educational trip for the North High School Class of 2027 to Washington, D.C., to visit historical monuments, memorials, museums, and famous buildings from Thursday, November 12, 2026 through Saturday, November 14, 2026, be approved, and a waiver be granted for the two days of missed school.

G. * Trip Request - SOUTH Wrestling
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that an educational trip for the South High School Wrestling Team to participate in a wrestling tournament in Austintown, Ohio, Friday, January 22, 2027 through Saturday, January 23, 2027 be approved.

H. * Trip Request - SOUTH Tennis (Women's)
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that an educational trip for the South High School Women's Tennis Team qualifiers to participate in the OHSAA State Tennis Championship in Mason, Ohio, from Wednesday, October 14, 2026 through Friday, October 16, 2026, be approved.

I. * Memorandum - Willoughby Police Department
Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, that the Willoughby Police Department's side job rate adjustment for WECSD event be approved.
Please click here to view the Willoughby Police Department Memorandum.

J. * Parental Transportation Reimbursement Agreement
WHEREAS, the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district and eligible for transportation services; and WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected schools(s); and WHEREAS, the following factors as identified in Revised Code 3327.02 have been considered: 1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation 2. The number of pupils to be transported 3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration 4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible

for transportation 5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules 6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and WHEREAS, the option of offering a parental transportation reimbursement agreement is provided; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education hereby approves the agreement to transport the student(s) identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of student(s) named on the attachment, as they become available.

9. Personnel Agenda

A. * Administrative Personnel

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Administrative Personnel Agenda be approved.
Please click here to view the Administrative Personnel.

B. * Certified Personnel

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Certified Personnel Agenda be approved.
Please click here to view the Certified Personnel.

C. * Classified Personnel

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Classified Personnel Agenda be approved.
Please click here to view the Classified Personnel.

D. * Supplemental Contracts

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer that the Supplemental Contracts be approved.
Please click here to view the Supplemental Contracts.

10. Superintendent - Information Items

A. First Read of the Following Policies:

01. Policy 2265 - PROTECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEFS, AFFILIATIONS, IDEALS, OR PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND IDEOLOGY
02. Policy 2431 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
03. Policy 1231 - OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF STAFF
04. Policy 0145 - FILLING A BOARD VACANCY
05. Policy 0146 - RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL
06. Policy 3231 - OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF STAFF
07. Policy 2431.07 - EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION OF NON-ENROLLED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (STUDENT ATHLETE MOBILITY "SAM Act")
08. Policy 5111.01 - HOMELESS STUDENTS
09. Policy 5224 - YOUTH MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION ACCESS
10. Policy 4231 - OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF STAFF
11. Policy 5330 - USE OF MEDICATIONS
12. Policy 5463 - CREDITS FROM STATE-CHARTERED AND NONCHARTERED NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
13. Policy 6100 - PROPER USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
14. Policy 8120 - VOLUNTEERS
15. Policy 6423 - USE OF CREDIT CARDS
16. Policy 8310 - PUBLIC RECORDS
17. Policy 8470 - SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION
18. Policy 9700 - RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
19. Policy 8330 - STUDENT RECORDS

11. Meeting Notification

A. * Meeting Notification

The next regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Building, 35353 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

12. Consent Calendar

A. Adoption of Consent Calendar

Motion by Ms. Jaime Shatsman
Second by Ms. Gabrielle Miller

Miller Aye	Osagie-Erese Aye	Verdi N/A	Shatsman Aye	Menser Aye	R-26-159
Motion Approved				4-0	

13. Other Business

A. Adjourn to Executive Session

It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session.
Moved by Ms. Gabrielle Miller, seconded by Ms. Rhonda Oasgie-Erese, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District adjourn into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss:

	Personnel Matters (Individuals need not be named)
X	Appointment and/or employment of a public employee
	Appointment and/or employment of a public official
	Dismissal
	Discipline
	Promotion or demotion
	Compensation
	Investigation of charges and/or complaints
	Purchase or sale of property
	Conferences with legal counsel related to pending or imminent court action
	Negotiations
	Security arrangements
	Economic Development
	Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Action will not be taken.
Motion by Ms. Gabrielle Miller
Second by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese

Miller Aye	Osagie-Erese Aye	Verdi N/A	Shatsman Aye	Menser Aye	R-26-160
Motion Approved				4-0	

Reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

14. Closing

A. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.
Motion by Ms. Rhonda Osagie-Erese
Second by Ms. Gabrielle Miller

Miller Aye	Osagie-Erese Aye	Verdi N/A	Shatsman Aye	Menser Aye	R-26-161
Motion Approved				5-0	

Adjourned 7:24 p.m.

_____ Treasurer

_____ President