



# MEETING NOTES

*Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.*

Mr. Vorst was appointed to serve as president pro tem.

1. President pro tem called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Ms. Arnold, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst

3. Nominations to elect the 2024 Board of Education President:

Nominated: Mr. Perry by Mrs. Crowley  
Nominated: Mrs. Murdoch by Mr. Vorst

Mr. Perry said he appreciated a colleague for nominating me for this position. As the now most senior member of the board, that's really a high honor. And being put back here by the people of this district is something that I truly treasure, and I want to make every effort to make sure that I don't let you folks down. You put your faith and trust in us, and I hope that everyone will look to that and that this whole board carries on that mission as well.

Mr. Vorst said Beth did some tremendous things for us last year, such as spearheading the renewal of Dave's contract, helping with Melissa's contract, and making sure that she got on board. I think she did a great job of answering emails for us and keeping us in the loop when it was relevant to keep all the board in the loop. I like and respect both of you, but I'm happy to nominate Beth.

4. Mr. Perry moved, and Mr. Vorst seconded to close nominations for President.
5. Voting to elect the 2024 Board of Education President:

Ms. Arnold voted for: Mr. Perry  
Mrs. Crowley voted for: Mr. Perry  
Mrs. Murdoch voted for: Mrs. Murdoch  
Mr. Perry voted for: Mr. Perry  
Mr. Vorst voted for: Mrs. Murdoch

6. Nominations to elect the 2024 Board of Education Vice President:

Nominated: Mrs. Crowley by Ms. Arnold  
Nominated: Mr. Vorst by Mrs. Murdoch

Mrs. Murdoch added that over the past two years, Zach has proven himself a leader. He has served on a number of committees, providing insights and communications to all stakeholders. I really appreciate that. He's open and willing to speak to anyone, at any time, about just about anything. And I think these traits will definitely serve him well in this roll.

7. Mrs. Murdoch moved, and Ms. Arnold seconded to close nominations for Vice President.

8. Voting to elect the 2024 Board of Education Vice President:

Ms. Arnold voted for:	<u>Mrs. Crowley</u>
Mrs. Crowley voted for:	<u>Mrs. Crowley</u>
Mrs. Murdoch voted for:	<u>Mr. Vorst</u>
Mr. Perry voted for:	<u>Mrs. Crowley</u>
Mr. Vorst voted for:	<u>Mr. Vorst</u>

9. The Board of Education established the following meeting dates for the 2024 calendar. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 8 – Organizational Meeting, Darby HS  
Monday, January 8 – Regular Board Meeting, Darby HS  
Monday, January 22 – Work Session – CO 2  
Monday, February 12 – Darby Creek  
Monday, February 26 – Work Session -CO  
Monday, March 11 - Hoffman Trail  
Monday, March 25 – Work Session - CO  
Monday, April 8 – Brown  
Monday, April 22 – Work Session CO  
Monday, May 13 – Station  
May 22, 23, 24 Graduations  
Monday, June 10 – CO  
Tuesday, July 9 – CO (For Contractual Release per ORC)  
Monday, August 12 – CO  
Monday, August 26 – Work Session CO  
Monday, September 9 – Davidson HS  
Monday, September 23 – Work Session CO  
Monday, October 7 – Heritage MS  
Monday, October 21 - Work Session CO  
Monday, November 4 – (Due to the OSBA Capital Conference) – Bradley HS  
Monday, November 25 – Work Session CO  
Monday, December 9 – Tharp

Mrs. Murdoch proposed changing the dates of the February meetings. In keeping the meetings every two weeks, I propose moving the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 5<sup>th</sup> and the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Crowley noted that she believes February 19<sup>th</sup> is President's Day. Ms. Arnold said she would prefer to keep the original dates because she will be out of the country for the proposed February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting date. Mrs. Murdoch said she will be out of the country for the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting date.

*(Discussion among board members was inaudible.)*

The motion was to move the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting date to Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. The Board of Education adopted the following standing authorizations for 2024:

- a. Advisory Committees – Authorized the Superintendent/Board of Education to establish advisory committees that coincide with the district’s mission and vision.
- b. Investments of Inactive and Interim Funds – Authorization for the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive and interim funds are available.
- c. Payment of Bills – Authorized the Treasurer to pay all bills, within the limits of the appropriations resolution, as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- d. Resignation of Employment/Provisional Employment – Authorized the Superintendent to accept on behalf of the Board any resignation from employment tendered (either orally or in writing) by a District employee. Also authorized the Superintendent to employ provisionally an applicant for District employment, subject to ratification and approval of such employment by the Board at its next regular meeting.
- e. Appointment of Purchasing Agent – Authorized the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Director of Business to serve as purchasing agents for the school district.
- f. Authorized Federal Agent and Authorized Representative – Authorization for the Coordinator of Data and Accountability to be appointed the district’s Federal Agent and Authorized Representative to transact all district business in any and all Federal programs and projects in which the district may become involved.
- g. Notice of Exemption Applications – Authorized the Treasurer to notify the State Tax Commissioner of the Board’s desire to be notified of all real estate tax exemption applications affecting the Hilliard City Schools and that such notice be forwarded to Rich & Gillis Law Group, LLC, attorneys acting as the Board’s agent in such cases.
- h. Board Compensation – Authorized the compensation of each Board member upon initiation of a new term to be at the maximum level authorized by the Ohio Constitution and Statutes, but limited to 24 meetings per year.
- i. Release for Transportation Purposes Only – Authorized the Director of Business to approve releases to other school districts for transportation purposes only.
- j. Membership in OSBA – Authorized the Treasurer to purchase for the Board annual membership for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA).
- k. Appoint Coordinator – Affirmed that no person should, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity. This shall extend to employees therein and to admission thereto. Inquiries concerning the application of policy may be referred to the superintendent or designated coordinator. To carry out policy statements the following office shall be identified with responsibility for compliance within the stated areas:

1. Title IX Coordinator (nondiscrimination on the basis of sex) – Executive Director of Human Resources
  2. Title VI Coordinator (nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin) – Executive Director of Human Resources
  3. Section 504 Coordinator (nondiscrimination on the basis of disability) - Director of Special Education
- l. Grandparent Release – Authorized the Superintendent to act on behalf of the Board for admittance or non-admittance of students under the Grandparent Law (Section 3313.64 O.R.C. and House Bill #723 effective 11-8-90).
- m. Disposal of Excess Property – Authorized the Director of Business to dispose of excess material and equipment whose estimated value is less than \$10,000 upon the filing of an itemized list, including location, serial or inventory number, with the district's Treasurer.
- n. Administrative Work Schedule – Authorized the Superintendent to alter the daily, weekly, monthly, or annual work schedule of administrative personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the official duties of the District.
- o. Transportation of Non-Residential Students and Impracticality Determinations – Authorized the Director of Business to decline requests for non-residential student transportation and authorized the Director of Business to determine, approve and authorize Payment in Lieu of transportation when any transportation request or route is deemed impractical, providing a listing of qualifying families to the Board of Education annually at its organizational meeting.
- p. Purchasing and Procurement Networks – Authorized the Director of Business to utilize the below-listed networks for district purchases and services including, but not limited to, supplies, contracted services, building improvements, and construction needs:
1. State of Ohio Procurement Services
  2. Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) Solutions
  3. Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA)
  4. Sourcewell Cooperative (formerly NJPA)
  5. National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA)
  6. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
  7. U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (now OMNIA Partners)
  8. E & I Cooperative Services
  9. BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative
  10. Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
  11. The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS-USA)
- q. Property Tax Advances – Authorized the Treasurer to secure real estate and personal tax advances from the County Auditor(s) when funds are available and payable to the school district. This authorization shall be effective this date and shall be in effect through the organizational meeting to be held in January 2024.

r. Resolution to Appoint a Designee to Hear Expulsion Appeals

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3313.66 and Board Policy JGE allow the Board of Education to identify a designee to hear an appeal of a student expulsion;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it appropriate to identify individuals to serve as the Board's designee for all expulsion appeals;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates Laura Anthony, Dane Gaschen, and Melissa Bondy, Esq. as the Board's designee(s) to hear any appeal of a student expulsion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to appoint one of the Board's designees for an appeal of a student expulsion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designee may affirm the order of expulsion, reinstate the student, or otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of expulsion heard on appeal.

s. Resolution to adopt the 2024-2025 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Whereas, the Hilliard City Schools of 2140 Atlas Street, Columbus, 43228, Franklin County, Ohio, has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

Whereas, the Board of Education ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

*Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education/Governing Board that the district's middle and high schools do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and*

*Be it further resolved that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Sports Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's Office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.*

Mr. Vorst asked the superintendent to give a brief summary of this agenda item. Mr. Stewart said this is a standing list of authorizations that are required every year to appoint different people to serve

different roles or complete different tasks that come up. The only change is to Item R. We are changing the names of those designated to hear expulsion appeals.

11. The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to enter into memoranda of understanding with the Hilliard Education Association and/or the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and its Local 310 related to discrete personnel matters; amendment, interpretation, and clarification of the respective master agreements; and the resolution of grievances provided such are within the financial limitations as identified in the annual appropriations resolution as may be amended during each fiscal year and/or are consistent with Board policy. Additions to the respective master agreements or financial commitments in excess of budgetary line items must be voted upon by the Board prior to execution by the Superintendent.
12. The Board of Education committee appointment by Board President per Policy BCE (does not require Board action):

Committee	Recommended Frequency of Meeting	Appointment Clarification	Arnold	Crowley	Murdoch	Perry	Vorst
<b>Board*</b>							
Policy	Scheduled by chair	Public meeting	X			X*	
Facilities	Scheduled by chair	Public meeting	X*				X
<b>Negotiated</b>							
Classified Labor Relations	As needed	N/A				X	
Superintendent's Advisory	At direction of Superintendent	N/A		X			
Insurance	As needed	N/A			X		
<b>Administrative</b>							
Finance / Compensation	Determined by group	N/A	X			X	
Business Advisory	At direction of Superintendent	N/A			X		
Communications	Quarterly	Appointed board member +1 additional rotating member		X			
Teaching and Learning Committee	At direction of Superintendent			X			
DEI Committee	At direction of Superintendent		X		X		
<b>Liaisons</b>							
OSBA Legislative	As needed, including Capital Conference Delegate & Student Achievement	N/A	X				
<b>Community Relations (Administrative/Liaisons)</b>							
PTO/Booster Pres. Lunch	At direction of Superintendent	Only 1 board member to attend at a time	X				
ISPTO	As determined by group	Only 1 board member to attend at a time		X			
HEF	As determined by group	Rotating members when available					
Athletics	As needed	Only 1 board member to attend at a time					X
Senior Citizens	As needed	Only 1 board member to attend at a time					X
Hilliard Rec and Parks	As needed	N/A					X
Local Govt Liaison	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at 8:30 am	Appointed board member +1 additional rotating member				X	

\*Denotes Chair

Policy BCE: “The Board may authorize the establishment of committees from among its membership as it finds such action necessary to study operations in specific areas and to make recommendations for Board action. The Sunshine Law and its exceptions apply to Board meetings and Board-appointed committee and subcommittee meetings.”

13. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.