



MEETING NOTES

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members present: Ms. Arnold, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
5. Construction Update

NOTE: Portions of the meeting's audio recording were difficult to decipher, so this document may include several incomplete sentences or inaccuracies. Some of the participants' names may be misspelled.

Mr. Stewart: Now I'm going to hand it over to Rachel from Schorr, who's going to update us on the playground improvements, secured entrances, and the Darby weight room facility. As you drive around the district, it appears very different from how it did when the 2024-2025 school year ended.

Ms. Eiferd: Hi, I'm Rachel. I'll start with the playground improvement projects. As you know, we visited six schools for the playground improvements: Avery, Britton, Crossing, Horizon, JW Reason, and Norwich.

Here we're looking at Avery. There's an overhead shot on the left side, and on the right is another one at an angle. So here, there's a lot of new stuff going on. You can see the areas where we've fenced off and planted grass to regrow where old playground equipment used to be. We've got a new asphalt overlay on your hard surface. And then here we're looking at pour-in-place surfacing. It's a nice, cushy mat kind of material. And then here are the playground structures. We kept these two swings for you, as well as this guy down here. You'll notice that throughout all the playgrounds, they have the same thing going on.

So here, we're looking at Britton. Again, they did a great job with an asphalt seal coat. That's what that is. This did not receive an overlay, but again, we have our Gaga pits on our hard surface. We've added our canopy right here; the swings are located off to the left, and our climber is situated here. Our main structure is located here, next to the pour-in-place surfacing. We also enhanced the striping along the asphalt area here. So, you guys have fresh new striping for the bus to pull up.

Here's Crossing again; you can see where we condensed the play area into a more surveyable area for the teachers. Again, with our hardscape games. You already had a canopy, so this is what we modeled our new canopy after. Again, we had these two preexisting structures that we incorporated into the design. Yeah, it turned out really well.

Here we are looking at Horizon. This was another seal coat project. This asphalt was in great shape. We have added your canopy right here, and across the drive aisle, we've also added a soft surface play area, as well as a new ADA curb ramp.

Here we're looking at JW Reason. Again, this is another opportunity where we really condensed the size of the playground to a more convenient area. We did the...*unintelligible*...over on this side. We had a nice, healthy tree in the middle of here that we wanted to keep, so we ended up shifting this pour-in-place area over a little bit to keep that tree. Again, a lot of replanting of grass.

And here's Norwich Elementary School. Straightforward. Again, we incorporated an existing canopy as well. We added new concrete sidewalks along here to improve the site conditions, and we got a rest block, boards, and a kickball, all located there.

Any questions?

Next, we have our secured entrances. We have the three high schools, Bradley, Darby, and Davidson, and then Tharp, Heritage, and Weaver middle schools.

This image is looking at Tharp. Tharp is the one where we're doing an interior vestibule. I think it turned out pretty great. It looks just like we wanted it to on the right side of the screen. This is just outside the office when you walk in. So, this changed slightly. We now have this opening here. And then, inside the office, we closed a door opening that was located about here and finished off that wall as well.

Next, we have Davidson. Davidson's the one we're doing an exterior vestibule addition. There's still a lot of work in progress. However, they've cut a door to the main office for visitors only, and we have roofing and some framing up here as well. It will also receive a storefront in the near future.

This is Darby. Darby and Davidson are very much the same. This is a view looking inside. We've installed new casework for you, and this is a view of what it looks like right now with the carpet back in place. There are still some finish items left to do, but we're still working on that.

This one we're looking at Heritage. You'll see a new wall opening into the main office. Same with Weaver. Heritage and Weaver are very much the same.

Any questions about the secured entrances?

Ms. Arnold: Are the new entry doors at the secured entrances ADA-equipped?

Ms. Eiferd: Yes.

Ms. Arnold: Okay. I couldn't see the usual button. And then on the playgrounds, were there any instances where we couldn't reuse any of the equipment that was there previously? Or did everything that was already there stay in place?

Mr. Dudgeon: Avery and Crossing were the only two buildings where we repurposed any equipment. The reason is that it was the newest and most viable. Everything else had already reached or was nearly at the end of its life.

Ms. Arnold: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Vorst: Have you received any feedback from anyone in the buildings about the playgrounds or the entrances?

Mr. McDonough: We had a board member comment on the swings.

Mrs. Crowley: My daughter said there was a line the first day. She was like, everyone was freaking out about the swings. It was a whole line. I had to wait in line, and she was so excited.

Mr. Dudgeon: Everything we've heard has been very positive. With Rachel's support as the team lead, we've already started working towards next year's design. There are certainly some things we learned this year that we want to change up. Mainly on the phasing of the work, so to speak. We have already begun the early design of the next round, the final round of playgrounds for next year. We're also meeting with our elementary school principals who received new playgrounds on Wednesday. Our security camera company is coming in on Wednesday morning to present a final layout of cameras and review the new technology with the principals as well. Once we obtain their support and sign off on it, then we'll begin the process of installing those cameras.

Ms. Eiferd: I'm going to move on to the weight room. So, this is the Darby weight room facility. We started this project; it's located in the upper right corner of the site. I'll take you through some more photos. Here, we're examining the building pattern as well as the footings. These little boxes sticking up are footings for where these steel piers come down. That's the second image I'm showing you. First day of setting steel. It's very exciting to see it start to happen. The picture on the right shows the CMU split-face wall that runs along the entire bottom of the building. This photo shows the continuation of the structure being put in place, with work on the roofing now underway. And this is what it's looking like today. It's almost entirely enclosed. It's got siding. I think doors and windows will be next. So, lots of progress. A very quick project. The crew's been great to work with.

Mr. Stewart: Any questions?

Mr. Perry: What's the plan for the current weight room space at Darby?

Mr. McDonough: It's going to be converted into a training room, very similar to what we did at Davidson. The old training room, if you are familiar with it, located on the opposite side of the gym, is relatively small, and Ohio Health is also helping with that project.

6. The Board of Education adopted the following policies:

- a. IGBLA – Promoting Parental Involvement
- b. JECE – Student Withdrawal from School
- c. JED – Student Absences and Excuses
- d. JEDA – Truancy
- e. JFCJ – Weapons in the Schools

Mr. Perry: I believe that these are all just OSBA recommendations based on changes to the current ORC. Nothing here is substantive, really, other than what's required.

Mr. Stewart: Correct.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.