

BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are *not* the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. These, however, are the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Utica High School

This meeting was a special meeting for the board to discuss and work on strategic planning and capital improvements. The meeting's intent was to discuss a company to assist with the strategic planning process and define what capital improvement categories we are looking at.

The board opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with all but Mrs. Paxton present. For strategic planning, the board has unanimously agreed to move forward with The Impact Group as our consulting partner for strategic planning. Their expertise in marketing and engagement will help guide our vision for the next 3–5 years, with a strong focus on connecting with our community.

Before finalizing the proposal, we are waiting for confirmation of state funding for the upcoming school year. Once received, we will determine whether to bring this item to the board for approval in April or May.

For capital improvements, we are refining our long-term planning by splitting capital project discussions into two focused subgroups: Capital Maintenance will focus on essential repairs and replacements—such as roofs and chillers—that maintain the integrity of our existing infrastructure. The Board will develop a list of maintenance/replacement items over \$50,000, including original installation dates and projected future needs.

The second section is Capital Improvements, which will identify enhancements that elevate the student experience—such as an auxiliary athletic facility, an early learning center, or potential new school construction. Having a clearly defined and prioritized list will allow us to identify targeted grant opportunities and attract potential donors who align with our long-term district goals. The board will complete and publish both capital project lists to promote transparency and community awareness. The treasurer will also establish a dedicated fund for donors who wish to support future capital improvement projects.

Mrs. Atherton left at 11:02 a.m.

The meeting concluded at 11:13 a.m. The next regular meeting is on April 21, 2025, at Newton Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m.