

# 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. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

**Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Newton Elementary School

The meeting in December is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all but Mr. Krueger present. Mr. Krueger arrived at the meeting at 6:11 p.m. There were no recognitions this month to report on. The board heard the Superintendent's report concerning the upcoming planning meeting. A plan to meet with parents at the upcoming conference nights, starting at the middle school/high school, and the second day at Newton. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. The treasurer provided the board with an agenda adjustment concerning the approval of Direct Energy. In our work session, the board was presented with several new and revised board policies for a first read and some for a second read.

In the consent agenda, in personnel there was a resolution to approve the resignation of Collin McCullough from baseball assistant. A home instruction tutor position was also approved, and a non-degree substitute. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for approving the reconciliation reports, payment of bills and purchase orders. The board also acted on approving the OSBA legal assistance fund and membership to the association.

In other board action, the board approved a resolution to request certification for tax rates. This is the first step to putting our renewal income tax on the ballot. The board also approved several policies. The board acted on the approval of Direct Energy business for electric service. The last item was to approve a request for early graduation for a student.

The Board discussion included a review of the four pillars in SMART goal form. It was asked that the board make notes and return their thoughts to the superintendent to be compiled. The board entered executive session at 6:15 to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes. The board returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting is on January 13, 2025, at Utica Senior High School starting at 6:00 p.m.