

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. However, they are the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Utica Elementary School

The meeting in March is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all but Mrs. Bruce in attendance. The Superintendent's report included presenting the upcoming district-wide safety drill. The drill will consist of evacuating all students from the buildings. Moving into the fourth quarter, we are wishing everyone a restful spring break. The Treasurer's report discussed moving away from the free lunch program due to costs and the state of the district finances.

Work session had a presentation from the Impact Group concerning a proposal for working with the district to create a strategic plan. A first read of several board policies, and a second read of others.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, the board approved the retirement of Linda Heald, Utica Elementary teacher; Jacqueline Burris, head cook at the high school; Daisy Hazlett, head cook at the middle school. Resignations included Devyn Pettersen, high school Spanish. The board approved Lauren Gilcrest for high school science; Stacie Melick head cook in the high school; Kelly Fouts, head cook in the middle school; Amber Carr as a server. Also approved were administrative contracts for Mr. Ashbrook, Doug Lunsford, Mike Maxwell, Dawn Nelson, and Adam Reynolds. The board accepted the retirement of Michelle Gorius as Newton Elementary principal. Several supplemental positions were approved and also a non-degree substitute.

In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on the approval of the financial and reconciliation reports, items for payment of bills and purchase orders. The board also approved appropriation modifications and the FY25 Purpose Statements and Budgets.

In other board action, several volunteers for class trips were approved. Volunteer coaches were approved. Summer schools for both elementary buildings and the middle school were also approved. Two policies were accepted by the board. The board approved a resolution to renew the membership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The board also approved resolutions for applicant tracking and absence management, as well as the iPad cloud management services. They concluded by approving the disposal of a bus. In the board discussion, the board discussed the cost of custodial fees for facilities usage. The board entered into executive session for personnel and returned at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:58 p.m. The next meeting is on April 21, 2025, at Newton Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m. There is a special meeting on April 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the high school conference room with no action expected.