

# 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:**                **November 18, 2024**  
**Time:**                        **6:00 p.m.**  
**Location:**                  **Utica Elementary School**

The meeting in November is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all but Mrs. Atherton present. There were no recognitions this month to report on. The board heard the Superintendent's report thanking all who attended the Ohio School Boards Capital Conference. Winter reminders and updates on the winter bus pickups were given. Locations and times will be placed on the webpage. Happy Thanksgiving to all. The treasurer provided the board an in-depth report on the five-year forecast with a power point and answered questions. In the work session the board was presented with several new and revised board policies for a first reading.

In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were resolutions to approve a home instruction tutor, spring supplemental coaches, 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 modifications on appropriations, and the five-year forecast.

In other board action, the board approved coaching volunteers. The board set the organizational meeting for January 13, 2025. The board also heard a resolution to approve New Directions Behavioral Health for the employee assistance program. There was a resolution to approve an out of state, overnight trip to South Whitley, Indiana for the wrestling team. The board also approved an MOU with the NFEA to change article 9 of the negotiated agreement.

Board discussion included a discussion concerning the date for the upcoming planning meeting. A discussion about current procedures for vaping were also discussed. The capital conference breakout session on publicity was discussed and information presented.

The meeting concluded at 6:42 p.m. The board will have a special board meeting on November 19, to go into executive session for personnel. The next meeting is on December 16, 2024, at Newton Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m.