

# 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:** July 15, 2024

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

**Location:** Utica Elementary School

The meeting in July is a regular business meeting. The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. with all board members present. In recognitions, the board heard the presentation of an award for the treasurer's office by Scott Brown, Regional Liaison, from the Ohio Auditor's Office. The board heard Superintendent's reports concerning staffing and updates on work being done over the summer. The treasurer discussed the forecast and state of the district finances.

In the work session the board reviewed the grading policy for a second read. Mr. Lunsford, Director of Student Services, presented information on special education. Mrs. Carpenter, EMIS Coordinator, presented attendance information. In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were several staffing resolutions concerning the hiring of personnel, and accepting resignations for both certified and classified staff. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for payment of bills and purchase orders, and approved the financial reconciliation reports.

In other board action, the grading policy was approved from the second read. A resolution to approve volunteers was also approved. The board approved services with the National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) for work with students' mental health. Mrs. Cooperider was chosen to be the Ohio School Board's delegate to the Capital Conference, and Mrs. Bruce as the alternate.

Board discussion included items such as OSBA services for strategic planning, track progress, and the sound system for the stadium. There was some discussion about the cost of putting air conditioning in the gymnasiums. The board also heard the issues concerning the slide at the Newton playground.

The meeting concluded at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting is on August 19, 2024, at Utica Senior High School starting at 6:00 p.m.