

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District at Memorial Middle School on January 13, 2025.

A recording of the meeting has been made that accurately records the proceedings of the meeting and is deemed a part of the minutes. The recording is maintained by the treasurer's office, and members of the public can contact the Treasurer's Office at 614-921-7029 to access the recording.

Mr. Perry has been appointed to serve as president pro tem.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:	Kelley Arnold	Yea
	Kara Crowley	Yea
	Beth Murdoch	Abs
	Brian Perry	Yea
	Zach Vorst	Yea

Mrs. Crowley was nominated by Mr. Perry to serve as the 2025 Board of Education President.

Mr. Perry moved and Ms. Arnold seconded to close nominations for President.

Voting to elect the 2025 Board of Education President:

Ms. Arnold voted for:	Mrs. Crowley
Mrs. Crowley voted for:	Mrs. Crowley
Mrs. Murdoch voted for:	Abs
Mr. Perry voted for:	Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Vorst voted for:	Mrs. Crowley

Ms. Arnold was nominated by Mrs. Crowley to serve as the 2025 Board of Education Vice President.

Mr. Vorst was nominated by Mr. Vorst to serve as the 2025 Board of Education Vice President.

Mrs. Crowley moved, and Ms. Arnold seconded to close nominations for Vice President

Ms. Arnold voted for:	Mr. Arnold
Mrs. Crowley voted for:	Mr. Arnold
Mrs. Murdoch voted for:	Abs
Mr. Perry voted for:	Mr. Arnold
Mr. Vorst voted for:	Mr. Vorst

1-25 Mrs. Crowley motioned and Ms. Arnold seconded the motion to amend item #9, to correct the date from July 10 to July 9.

ROLL CALL:	Kelley Arnold	Yea	
	Kara Crowley	Yea	<u> X </u> Passed
	Beth Murdoch	Abs	
	Brian Perry	Yea	<u> </u> Failed
	Zach Vorst	Yea	

2-25 Superintendent recommended, Ms. Arnold moved, and Mrs. Crowley seconded that the Board of Education establishes the following meeting dates for the 2025 calendar as amended. All meetings held at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, January 13 - Organizational Meeting/ Regular Meeting, Memorial
- Monday, January 27 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, February 10 - Regular Meeting, Scioto Darby
- Monday, February 24 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, March 10 - Regular Meeting, Ridgewood
- Monday, March 24 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, April 14 - Regular Meeting, Norwich
- Monday, April 28 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, May 12 - Regular Meeting, Crossing
- Monday, June 9 - Regular Meeting, Central Office
- Wednesday, July 9 - Regular Meeting, Central Office
- Monday, August 11 - Regular Meeting, Central Office
- Monday, August 25 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, September 8 - Regular Meeting, Britton
- Monday, September 22 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, October 6 - Regular Meeting, Innovation Campus, The Hub
- Monday, October 27 - Work Session, Central Office
- Monday, November 10 - Regular Meeting, Preschool, Alton Darby Cafeteria

Monday, November 24 - Work Session, Central Office
 Monday, December 8 - Regular Meeting, Avery

ROLL CALL:	Kelley Arnold	Yea		
	Kara Crowley	Yea	<u> X </u>	Passed
	Beth Murdoch	Abs		
	Brian Perry	Yea	<u> </u>	Failed
	Zach Vorst	Yea		

3-25 Superintendent recommends Ms. Arnold moved and Mr. Perry seconded that the Board of Education adopt the following standing authorizations for 2025:

- a. Advisory Committees – Authorize the Superintendent/Board of Education to establish advisory committees that coincide with the district’s mission and vision.
- b. Investments of Inactive and Interim Funds - Authorization for the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever inactive and interim funds are available.
- c. Payment of Bills - Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills, within the limits of the appropriations resolution, as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- d. Resignation of Employment/Provisional Employment – Authorize the Superintendent to accept on behalf of the Board any resignation from employment tendered (either orally or in writing) by a District employee. Also authorize the Superintendent to employ provisionally an applicant for District employment, subject to ratification and approval of such employment by the Board at its next regular meeting.
- e. Appointment of Purchasing Agent - Authorize the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Director of Business to serve as purchasing agents for the school district.
- f. Authorize Federal Agent and Authorized Representative - Authorization for the Coordinator of Data and Accountability to be appointed the district’s Federal Agent and Authorized Representative to transact all district business in any and all Federal programs and projects in which the district may become involved.
- g. Notice of Exemption Applications - Authorize the Treasurer to notify the State Tax Commissioner of the Board’s desire to be notified of all real estate tax exemption applications affecting the Hilliard City Schools and that such notice be forwarded to Rich & Gillis Law Group, LLC, attorneys acting as the Board’s agent in such cases.
- h. Board Compensation - Authorize the compensation of each Board members upon initiation of a new term to be at the maximum level authorized by the Ohio Constitution and Statutes, but limited to 24 meetings per year.
- i. Release for Transportation Purposes Only - Authorize the Director of Business to approve releases to other school districts for transportation purposes only.
- j. Membership in OSBA - Authorize the Treasurer to purchase for the Board annual membership for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)
- k. Appoint Coordinator - Affirm that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity. This shall extend to employees therein and to admission thereto. Inquiries concerning the application of policy may be referred to the superintendent or designated coordinator. To carry out policy statements the following office shall be identified with responsibility for compliance within the stated areas:
 - 1. Title IX Coordinator (nondiscrimination on basis of sex) – Executive Director of Human Resources
 - 2. Title VI Coordinator (nondiscrimination on basis of race, color or national origin) – Executive Director of Human Resources
 - 3. Section 504 Coordinator (nondiscrimination on the basis of disability) - Director of Special Education
- l. Grandparent Release – Authorize the Superintendent to act on behalf of the Board for admittance or non-admittance of students under the Grandparent Law (Section 3313.64 O.R.C. and House Bill #723 effective 11-8-90).
- m. Disposal of Excess Property - Authorize the Director of Business to dispose of excess material and equipment whose estimated value is less than \$10,000 upon filing of an itemized list, including location, serial or inventory number, with the district's Treasurer.
- n. Administrative Work Schedule - Authorize the Superintendent to alter the daily, weekly, monthly, or annual work schedule of administrative personnel as deemed necessary to carry out the official duties of the District.
- o. Transportation of Non-Residential Students and Impracticality Determinations – Authorize the Director of Business to decline requests for non-residential student transportation and authorize the Director of Business to determine, approve and authorize Payment in Lieu of transportation when any transportation request or route is deemed impractical, providing a listing of qualifying families to the Board of Education annually at its organizational meeting.

- p. Purchasing and Procurement Networks – Authorize the Director of Business to utilize the below listed networks for district purchases and services including, but not limited to, supplies, contracted services, building improvements, and construction needs:
 1. State of Ohio Procurement Services
 2. Metropolitan Educational Technology Association (META) Solutions
 3. Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA)
 4. Sourcewell Cooperative (formerly NJPA)
 5. National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA)
 6. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
 7. U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (now OMNIA Partners)
 8. E & I Cooperative Services
 9. BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative
 10. Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
 11. The Interlocal Purchasing System-(TIPS-USA)

q. Property Tax Advances - authorize the Treasurer to secure real estate and personal tax advances from the County Auditor(s) when funds are available and payable to the school district. This authorization shall be effective this date and shall be in effect through the organizational meeting to be held in January 2026.

r. Resolution to Appoint a Designee to Hear Expulsion Appeals
 WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3313.66 and Board Policy JGE allow the Board of Education to identify a designee to hear an appeal of a student expulsion;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it appropriate to identify individuals to serve as the Board’s designee for all expulsion appeals;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education designates Laura Anthony, Dane Gaschen, and Melissa Bondy, Esq. as the Board’s designee(s) to hear any appeal of a student expulsion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to appoint one of the Board’s designees for an appeal of a student expulsion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designee may affirm the order of expulsion, reinstate the student, or otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of expulsion heard on appeal.

s. Resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Whereas, the Hilliard City Schools of 2140 Atlas Street, Columbus, 43228, Franklin County, Ohio, has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

Whereas, the Board of Education (“Board”) and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education/Governing Board that the district’s middle and high schools do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum student-athlete eligibility requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the student-athlete eligibility standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

Be it further resolved that the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletic programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and to cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director’s Office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Sports Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director’s Office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

ROLL CALL:	Kelley Arnold	Yea	
	Kara Crowley	Yea	<u> X </u> Passed
	Beth Murdoch	Abs	
	Brian Perry	Yea	<u> </u> Failed
	Zach Vorst	Yea	

4-25 Superintendent recommended, Mr. Perry moved and Ms. Arnold seconded that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into memoranda of understanding with the Hilliard Education Association and/or the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and its Local 310 related to discrete personnel matters; amendment, interpretation, and clarification of the respective master agreements; and the resolution of grievances provided such are within the financial limitations as identified in the annual appropriations resolution as may be amended during each fiscal year and/or are consistent with Board policy. Additions

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to the respective master agreements or financial commitments in excess of budgetary line items must be voted upon by the Board prior to execution by the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: Kelley Arnold Yea
 Kara Crowley Yea X Passed
 Beth Murdoch Abs
 Brian Perry Yea _____ Failed
 Zach Vorst Yea

The Board of Education committee appointment by Board President per Policy BCE:

Committee	Recommended Frequency of Meeting	Appointment Clarification	Arnold	Crowley	Murdoch	Perry	Vorst
Board*							
Policy	1st Friday of Feb, May, Sept, Nov at 830am	public meeting	X			X	
Facilities	scheduled by chair	public meeting	X		X		
Negotiated							
Classified Labor Relations	As needed	n/a				X	
Superintendent's Advisory	At direction of Superintendent	n/a		X			
Insurance	As needed	n/a			X		
Administrative							
Finance/Compensation	Determined by group	n/a	X			X	
Business Advisory Committee	At direction of Superintendent	n/a			X		
Communications	Quarterly	Appointed Board Member +1 additional rotating member		X			
Teaching and Learning Committee	At direction of Superintendent			X			
DEI Committee	At direction of Superintendent		X				X
Liaisons							
OSBA Legislative	As needed, including Capital Conference Delegate & Student Achievement	n/a				X	
Community Relations (Administrative / Liaisons)							
PTO / Booster Pres. Lunch	At direction of Superintendent	only 1 board member to attend at time	X				
ISPTO	Determined by group	only 1 board member to attend at time		X			
HEF	As determined by group	only 1 board member to attend at time			X		
Athletics	As needed	only 1 board member to attend at time					X
Senior Citizens	As needed	only 1 board member to attend at time			X		
Hilliard Rec and Parks	As needed	n/a					X
Local Govt Liaison	1st Friday of each month at 830am	n/a	X				

*Policy BCE: "The Board may authorize the establishment of committees from among its membership as it finds such action necessary to study operations in specific areas and to make recommendations for Board action. The Sunshine Law and its exceptions apply to Board meetings and Board-appointed committee and subcommittee meetings."

5-25 Mr. Perry moved and Mrs. Crowley seconded that the Board of Education adjourn the Organizational Meeting.
 Time: 6:40 PM.

ROLL CALL: Kelley Arnold Yea
 Kara Crowley Yea X Passed
 Beth Murdoch Abs
 Brian Perry Yea _____ Failed
 Zach Vorst Yea

Attest:

 Mr. Perry, President Pro Tem

 Mrs. Melissa Swearingen, Treasurer