



MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.

Mr. Perry was appointed to serve as president pro tem.

1. President pro tem called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Ms. Arnold, Mrs. Crowley, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Vorst. Mrs. Murdoch attended via Zoom.

NOTE: *The audio recording of the meeting was difficult to decipher, so this document may include several incomplete sentences or inaccuracies. Some of the participant's names may be misspelled.*

3. Nominations to elect the 2025 Board of Education President:

Mr. Perry: I'll start, but before I do, I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone this past year. We've done a lot of really good work here as a team, helping to explain to voters the need for a levy. They were kind enough to trust us with that responsibility that we don't take lightly. It will help us redefine what Hilliard City Schools looks like going forward. I'm very proud of that, so thank you guys so much. With that being said, I'll also lead the nominations by nominating my current Vice President, Kara Crowley, for the Office of the President.

Ms. Arnold: I'll second the nomination.

Nominated: Mrs. Crowley by Mr. Perry

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

5. Voting to elect the 2025 Board of Education President:

Ms. Arnold voted for: Mrs. Crowley
 Mrs. Crowley voted for: Myself (Mrs. Crowley)
 Mr. Perry voted for: Mrs. Crowley
 Mr. Vorst voted for: Mrs. Crowley

6. Nominations to elect the 2025 Board of Education Vice President:

Nominated: Ms. Arnold by Mrs. Crowley
 Nominated: Mr. Vorst by Mr. Vorst

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

Mrs. Crowley: I would like to say something. I nominated Kelley. She's been a part of this district for a long time. I think she said that the first meeting she remembers speaking at was in 2008. So, she's been around for a long time. I think she's very knowledgeable about the district. With the elections coming up

in November, there is not a guarantee for three of us to be returning. I know Brian has had a lot of new responsibilities at his job, so I think that If we want to be ready for tomorrow, then we've got to make sure that our leadership is ready for tomorrow, and Kelley is the only person guaranteed to be here. I think she's the right fit, and I think she'll do a wonderful job.

Mr. Vorst: I'd like to give a little self-plug if possible. I think I bring a wide variety of experience, both my three years on the board here, as well as 15 years as a military officer and some other professional responsibilities I've had. I was openly supportive of the biggest thing that we'll probably do, which was the levy last year. We all worked together to get that across the line. I think I would work well with Kara and everybody in our community to fulfill this role. There are times when we don't always agree, and that's a good thing. We're not supposed to be like that. It's not supposed to be everything going to be a 5-0 vote, but I have worked well with Kara. We've had some great talks, and I think I would be supportive of everybody in our community in this role.

Mrs. Crowley: Thank you for that Zach.

8. Voting to elect the 2025 Board of Education Vice President:

Ms. Arnold voted for:	<u>Myself (Ms. Arnold)</u>
Mrs. Crowley voted for:	<u>Ms. Arnold</u>
Mr. Perry voted for:	<u>Ms. Arnold</u>
Mr. Vorst voted for:	<u>Myself (Mr. Vorst)</u>

Mr. Stewart: Before we go to item 9, there is a typo in the list of meeting dates. The July meeting date should be Wednesday, July 9th. So, I'll take a motion to amend the agenda to reflect the correct date.

Mrs. Crowley: So moved.

Ms. Arnold: Second.

The motion passed 4-0.

9. The Board of Education established the following meeting dates for the 2025 calendar. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. 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
~~Thursday, July 10~~ 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

10. The Board of Education adopted the following standing authorizations for 2025:
- a. Advisory Committees – Authorized 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 – Authorized 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 – Authorized the Superintendent to accept on behalf of the Board any resignation from employment tendered (either orally or in writing) by a District employee. Also authorized 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 – Authorized the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Director of Business to serve as purchasing agents for the school district.
 - f. Authorized 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 – Authorized 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 – Authorized the compensation of each Board member 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 – Authorized the Director of Business to approve releases to other school districts for transportation purposes only.

- j. Membership in OSBA – Authorized the Treasurer to purchase for the Board annual membership for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA).

- k. Appoint Coordinator – Affirmed that no person should, 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 the basis of sex) – Executive Director of Human Resources
 - 2. Title VI Coordinator (nondiscrimination on the 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 – Authorized 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 – Authorized the Director of Business to dispose of excess material and equipment whose estimated value is less than \$10,000 upon the filing of an itemized list, including location, serial or inventory number, with the district's Treasurer.

- n. Administrative Work Schedule – Authorized 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 – Authorized the Director of Business to decline requests for non-residential student transportation and authorized 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 – Authorized 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. Sourcwell 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 – Authorized 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 2024.
- 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.

Mr. Vorst: We've been over this before, but it's been a while. Can someone elaborate on our membership in OSBA? How much does that cost? And besides the policy service, which is great, what else can we get out of that?

Mr. Stewart: I can't answer the question of cost off the top of my head. I can email that to you tomorrow. In terms of what you get service-wise again, the policy, as you mentioned, and you could utilize them for different searches, treasurer, superintendent searches, if you choose, and professional development for board members. Those are probably the top three things. I believe it's a per pupil cost, but I would have to check.

Mrs. Swearingen: Annual dues are \$10,000....(inaudible).

11. The Board of Education authorized 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 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.

12. The Board of Education committee appointment by Board President per Policy BCE (does not require Board action):

Committee	Recommended Frequency of Meeting	Appointment Clarification	Arnold	Crowley	Murdoch	Perry	Vorst
Board*							
Policy	1 st Friday of Feb, May, Sept, Nov at 8:30 am	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	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

Committee	Recommended Frequency of Meeting	Appointment Clarification	Arnold	Crowley	Murdoch	Perry	Vorst
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 a time	X				
ISPTO	As determined by group	Only 1 board member to attend at a time		X			
HEF	As determined by group	Only 1 board member to attend at a time			X		
Athletics	As needed	Only 1 board member to attend at a time					X
Senior Citizens	As needed	Only 1 board member to attend at a time			x		
Hilliard Rec and Parks	As needed	N/A					X
Local Govt Liaison	1 st Friday of each month at 8:30 am	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.”

- The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.