



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, March 13, 2023 (6:30 PM)

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Requested all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

2.1 Call of the Roll

BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Taulbee

Jim Detzel

Chris Heather

Matt Tietz

Mark Gilbert – **ABSENT**

Number in Attendance: 4 Guests

3.0 MISSION STATEMENT

3.1 Mission Statement

Board President read the Mission Statement.

The Northwest Local School District will create a responsive learning community where all students are valued, challenged, and guided along a pathway to success.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Motion to Adopt Agenda

The Board President recommended to adopt the agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Chris Heather**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board President recommends to adopt the agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Matt Tietz	Yes

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

5.1 Student Achievement Liaison report

A) Student Achievement Liaison Report by Board Representative

There was no Student Achievement Liaison report provided.

5.2 Butler Tech Update

B) Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

Board member Jim Detzel presented the Butler Tech update as follows:

A tour of the Butler Tech Natural Science Center was given to the Northwest Board of Education prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Detzel encouraged anyone that has not visited to get a tour. The center offers a lot of options for students.

5.3 Legislative Update

C) Legislative Update by Board Representative

Board member Chris Heather presented the Legislative update as follows:

Senate Bill 17 is pending and would require the State Board to incorporate free market capitalism content into the high school financial literacy and entrepreneurship standards and model curriculum.

Senate Bill 30 was passed by the Senate and is pending in the House. It would allow a person under 16 years of age to be employed after 7 PM during the school year and would require parental consent.

Senate Bill 14, which is in Senate, would expand eligibility for veterans of the U.S Armed Forces to be employed as teachers without licenses. This may help to alleviate some of the teacher shortages in certain school districts.

House Bill 47 would require each public and non-public school to have an AED machine. They did not say how many in the school, but that there would be that and action plans readily available, Mr. Heather stated.

6.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A) Report from Any Employee Organization

6.1 Report from Any Employee Organization

Board President asked if there was a representative from any employee organization who wished to speak.

No one was present to speak.

B) Community Communications

6.2 Community Comments

Board President acknowledged audience members who completed a “Request to Address the Board” card and read the NWLSD Board Policy, *Public Participation at Board Meetings* (169.1) which can be viewed through the following link: <http://go.boarddocs.com/oh/nwlsdhamiltonoh/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJML8T555E8F>

The Northwest Board of Education welcomes the opportunity to listen to Northwest Local School District resident’s comments, suggestions, and concerns on educational issues. It is important to remember that the Board conducts the meetings in public but the meetings are not public forums. The intent of the meetings is to allow the Board to complete needed business. Per board policy (169.1), each submission will be given three (3) minutes to speak on agenda items of any topic during “Community Comments”. However, no more than fifteen (15) minutes will be devoted to public participation unless the Board votes unanimously to continue the discussion. No response to this submission will occur from any Board member or district administration during this time. Once the fifteen (15) minutes’ time frame is over, appropriate follow up by the district administration may occur at a later time if warranted.

No one was present to speak.

7.0 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

7.1 Adoption of Superintendent’s Consent Items

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the adoption of Superintendent's consent items as listed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Matt Tietsort**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the adoption of Superintendent’s consent items as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Matt Tietsort	Yes

A) Personnel

7.2 Personnel Items

Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Berry, Nikita – Transportation – Bus Driver
Effective: 3/1/2023 (Personal)

Chalk, Laquanda – WOMS – Custodian II
Effective: 3/8/2023 (Personal)

Dinsmore, Madeline – MHE – Intervention Assistant
Effective: 5/31/2023 (Personal)

Dooley, Sally – TE – Café Manager
Effective: 7/31/2023 (Retirement)

Keller, Grace – MHE – Intervention Assistant
Effective: 5/31/2023 (Personal)

Mendenhall, Shannon – NWHS – OP4
Effective: 2/23/2023 (Personal)

Newland Harper, Kathy – CE – OP5
Effective 6/30/2023 (Personal)

Reichle, Crystal – CSO – Accounting Department Specialist
Effective: 3/8/2023 (Personal)

Swillinger, Cara – NWHS – ED Assistant
Effective: 3/13/2023 (Personal)

Thiery, Kathy – TE – Café Assistant
Effective: 8/1/2023 (Retirement)

Acceptance of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Axton, Belle – CMS/WOMS – French Teacher
Effective: 5/26/2023 (Personal)

Brendamour, Elizabeth – PRE – 2nd Grade
Effective: 6/30/2023 (Personal)

Helton, Lyndsey – TE – 1st Grade
Effective: 8/10/2023 (Personal)

Murray, Shelby – TE – Music Teacher
Effective: 6/1/2023 (Personal)

Williams, Ashley – HELC – Preschool Teacher
Effective: 6/30/2023 (Personal)

Acceptance of Extra Duty Resignations

Desjardins, Ryan – CHS – Assistant Varsity Girls Golf Coach, Step 5
Effective: 6/30/2023

Ooten, Shannon – PRMS – Building Leadership Team Member, Step 1
Effective: 6/30/2023

Ooten, Shannon – PRMS – Social Media and Instructional Technology Building
Liaison, Step 2
Effective: 6/30/2023

Ooten, Shannon – PRMS – Yearbook Sponsor, Step 2
Effective: 6/30/2023

Prather, Kayla – NWHS – Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Step 3
Effective: 6/20/2022

Prather, Kayla – NWHS – Assistant Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, Step 3
Effective: 6/20/2023

Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence

Durbin, Bobby – CMS – Custodian II
Effective: 2/20/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Gutzwiller, Melinda – PRMS – ED Assistant
Effective: 1/21/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Kluener, Michelle – CSO – OP 5
Effective: 3/3/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Marksberry, Kathleen – HELC – Preschool Assistant
Effective: 1/27/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Marshall, Molly – PRE – ED Assistant
Effective: 3/23/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Raabe, Rachel – NWHS – MD Assistant
Effective: 2/21/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Williams, Wesley – Transportation – Driver
Effective: 2/28/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence

Bailey, Elizabeth – PRMS – Social Studies
Effective: 3/3/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Bucher, Kelli – CE – 4th Grade
Effective: 4/27/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Burke, Karen – TE – Intervention Specialist
Effective: 2/2/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Perry, Laura – TE – Intervention Specialist
Effective: 3/21/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Reckers, Erin – PRE – Counselor
Effective: 4/11/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Saccaggi, Ashley – CHS – Science
Effective: 8/14/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Stalker, Barbara – PRE – PE
Effective – 3/3/2023 (Intermittent Family & Medical Leave)

Wilson, Jennifer – PRMS – English/LA
Effective: 4/20/2023 (Family & Medical Leave)

Approval of Initial Classified Appointments

Evans, Willie
Transportation – Guaranteed Sub Bus Driver
Effective: 2/21/2023 (Staffing Needs)

Evans, Willie
Transportation – Bus Driver, Step 1
Effective: 2/23/2023 (Replacement)

Approval of Home Instructor at \$25.00 an hour – Effective 1/30/2023

Blanton, Valerie Davenport, Michelle

Approval of Extra Pay for TGRG Tutoring at \$25.00 an hour – Effective 1/4/2023

Corbissero, Susan Reed-McNeal, Nichole

Approval of Extra Duty Contract for 2022-23 Effective 7/1/2022

Northwest High School

Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach – Emma Campbell, Step 1

Approval of Spring Music Assistants for 2022-23

Dobkins, Haylee – CHS
Mikes, Hannah – CHS

Approval of Spring Music Leaders for 2022-23

Terrell, Barbara – CHS

Dodd, Hiram – CHS

Yoby, Isaac – CHS

Murray, Shelby – CHS

Resolution (#2312) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2022

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of:

7/8th Grade Track Coach – WOMS

Assistant Varsity Track Coach – CHS

WHEREAS, the positions have been offered to the current employees of the Northwest Local School District who have a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and no such person whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for the positions have applied for and accepted the positions; and

WHEREAS, the positions have been advertised as available to any individual not employed by the Northwest Local School District who has a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and no such person whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for the positions have applied for and accepted the positions; and

WHEREAS,

Shay, Kimberly – CHS – Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 2

Strader, Kendall – WOMS – 7/8th Grade Track Assistant Coach, Step 2 (revised contract)

who do not hold licenses issued pursuant to Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, has applied for the positions, and the Board of Education has determined that they are qualified for the positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that she/he be employed in the positions for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the pupil activity contract attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in

such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approval of Volunteers for 2022-2023

Butler, Nicole – CHS
Schlichter, Jane – CHS

Approval of Extra Duty Contracts for 2023-24 Effective 7/1/2023

Colerain High School

Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½) – Hubert Brown, Step 5
Head Varsity Girls Golf Coach – Brian Staarmann, Step 6

Resolution (#2314) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2023

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the positions of:

Assistant Varsity Football Coach – CHS
Assistant Varsity Football Coaches (½) – CHS
Freshman Cheerleading Coach – CHS
Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – NWHS
Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach – NWHS

WHEREAS, the positions have been offered to the current employees of the Northwest Local School District who have a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and no such person whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for the positions have applied for and accepted the position; and

WHEREAS, the positions have been advertised as available to any individual not employed by the Northwest Local School District who has a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and no such person whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for the positions has applied for and accepted the position; and

WHEREAS,

Godfrey, Darius – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½), Step 5
Godfrey, Je'Sean – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 5
Harrison, Jonovan – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½), Step 5
Johnson, Anthony – NWHS – Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Step 6

Rod, Daniel – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½), Step 5
 Schlichter, Jane – CHS – Freshman Cheerleading Coach, Step 5
 White, Kiara – NWHS – Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Step 2
 Williams Jr., Lonnel – CHS – Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½), Step 5

who do not hold licenses issued pursuant to Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, has applied for the position, and the Board of Education has determined that they are qualified for the positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that he/she be employed in the position for the 2023- 2024 school year in accordance with the pupil activity contract attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions

were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

B) General Business

7.3 Vendor Contracts

In compliance with ORC 3313.33; following is a list of vendor contracts requiring Board approval.

Vendor Contracts			
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
* PBIS Rewards / Navigate 360	7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024	\$14,794.75	PBIS Rewards Student Licenses
NewPath	3/6/2023 – 5/31/2023	\$187.46/Day	Tuition

*** Paid for with Auxiliary or Federal Non-Public grant monies.**
Addition cost to the current fiscal year's July 1st budget.

C) Student Services

7.4 2024/2025 School Year Calendar

The 2024/2025 School Year Calendar was presented for approval. The calendar was presented for information at the previous board meeting.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Has the calendar been reviewed by the buildings?

Mr. Yater: We go through a very normal review process where it goes out to the buildings. We have some parameters we follow when we build the calendar, with the traditional breaks that we do, and then it goes through a review process before it comes to you. Last time it was presented for information, so that there was time for people to review it, digest it, ask questions, and then approve it.

8.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

8.1 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items

The Treasurer recommended the Board of Education approve the adoption of fiscal consent items as listed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Treasurer recommends the Board of Education approve the adoption of fiscal consent items as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Matt Tietsort	Yes

8.2 Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 27, 2023

The minutes may be viewed on the ESB online attachment with today's date.

8.3 Then & Now Certificates over \$3000

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) states in part that no subdivision shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached

thereto a certificate by the Treasurer. Then and Now Certificates by the Treasurer issued over \$3,000 must be authorized by the Board of Education.

Then and Now Certificates over \$3000				
Vendor	Invoice Date	Amount	Location	Description
VCM	1/31/2023	\$11,476.00	Transportation	Special Ed Transportation

9.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND OR DISCUSSION

A) Curriculum and Instruction

9.1 2023-24 Textbook Renewal – Spanish

In partnership with the Spanish teachers at CHS and NWHS, and after review of our current Board approved instructional resource, the Curriculum Department recommended renewal of the following instructional resource for our Spanish courses beginning with the 2023-24 school year:

- Autentico - Level 1 (ISBN #9780328961153)
- Autentico - Level 2 (ISBN #9780328961160)
- Autentico - Level 3 (ISBN #9780328961177)

Since this for the renewal of an already approved resource, this item was for information only and does not require BOE approval.

9.2 2023-24 Textbook Adoption – Language Arts Grades 6-10

The Curriculum Department, in collaboration with our middle and high school English Language Arts teachers, recommended adoption of the following instructional resource for the 2023-24 school year:

- HMH Into Literature 6-12

Parent information sessions were held on 3/7/2023 and 3/9/2023.

This item was presented for information and will be brought back for approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

9.3 2023-34 Textbook Adoption – American Sign Language

In partnership with the American Sign Language teachers at CHS and NWHS, the Curriculum Department recommended adoption of the following resource for our American Sign Language courses beginning with the 2023-24 school year. A sample of this instructional resource was available at the meeting and will be available prior to the next BOE meeting. This instructional resource is currently being utilized in our CCP ASL course offered through Cincinnati State.

- Master ASL Level One By Jason E. Zinza ISBN: 1-881133-20-6

This item was presented for information and will be brought back to the BOE for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

10.1 Superintendent’s Update

Superintendent Darrell Yater provided district updates as follows:

I want to acknowledge that we are off-site at Butler Tech. Once a year we go to one of our Butler Tech off-site campuses, so that the Board can see the different campuses that our kids have access to. This year we are at the Natural Science Center, which is a brand new facility that just opened in the fall. I want to thank Butler Tech, the principal, as well as the student who was our tour guide. They led us through the site explaining the programs they have here and it’s nice to be able to highlight the partnership that we have, and the opportunities that our kids have, both on-site and off-site. We appreciate the partnership with Butler Tech and their willingness to open up their campus to us so that we could be here tonight.

11.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

11.1 Board Members’ Comments

Board President asked Board Members for their comments.

Mr. Heather: Could we get an update on transportation?

- **Mr. Yater:** We did two informational sessions last week. One on Monday and one on Wednesday. Then we had a survey for feedback that had been opened, and then closed on Sunday. We will review the feedback from the survey. Our Operations team will review all the different options and on March 27th, we’ll bring the Board the final decision of where we’re going; either maintaining our status quo,

recommending to the Board to change the policy around the one-mile, or to move to a four-tier system. We're still processing the feedback that came through the survey, which closed last night.

Mr. Detzel: I wanted to thank Dave Helms, the principal here at the Natural Science Center, and Lily, who gave us a tour. I would recommend any parent in our district to come and take a look at these facilities if your child is interested in some of the Butler Tech courses not offered at Northwest or Colerain High School. There's a lot of choices for our kids.

- **Mr. Yater:** I'm going to piggyback on that because our counselors at both of our high schools are very well-versed in all the programs, both on our site and off, so parents can always reach out to our counselors at the high school, find information, and make that connection for the programs. I highly recommend reaching out to the counselors as a resource.

Mr. Tietz: I'd also like to thank Lily, the student who gave us the tour of the facility. It's incredible, the opportunities that our students have. When I look back to my time in the 80's, they didn't have opportunities for an Equine program, Veterinary program, and a Green engineering program that we saw today.

Ms. Taulbee: Just to piggyback off everyone else, thanks to Dave and Lily. There was no hidden agenda to have a meeting here tonight. It was simply for us to get an opportunity to tour the facilities. I think Lily mentioned 17 to 19 percent of Butler Tech is made up of Northwest Local School District students, and we are well represented here and have a lot of students that look to come here to further their education. Also, congratulations to all of our Winter Sport Athletes. I know we had Band competing recently, that did really well, our wrestlers that travelled on and succeeded, as well as all of our Spring Sport Athletes that are taking off this week. Best of luck in their upcoming season.

- **Mr. Yater:** We will be bringing the Athletic and Music Celebrations to the next Board meeting, so those will be highlighted.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Board President Called for Adjournment

The Board President asked for a motion and second for adjournment.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Chris Heather**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board President asks for a motion and second for adjournment'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Matt Tietsort	Yes

The meeting ended at 6:43 PM.

Agenda item attachments are saved in PDF format and are viewable by the public. Waycross community media video tapes Board meetings. Taped meetings are available on-line at www.waycross.tv

Nicole Taulbee
President

Attest

Army M. Wells
Treasurer