



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, October 7, 2024 (6:30 PM)

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Request all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

2.1 Call of the Roll

BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Taulbee
Mark Gilbert
Jim Detzel
Chris Heather
Nancy Slattery

Number in Attendance: 20

3.0 MISSION STATEMENT

3.1 Mission Statement

The 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 (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5.1 Eulogy for Tim Wingerberg

Pleasant Run Middle School Principal Alison Dreisbach eulogized custodian Tim Wingerberg. Tim was a dedicated member of the PRMS family and an amazing coworker and employee of Northwest Local School District.

Tim leaves a legacy of warmth and generosity. He cared about the students, showed kindness and compassion, and made an impact on everyone he interacted with. The joy, humor and dedication he brought to every aspect of his life will live on in our memories.

Discussion:

- **Mr. Yater:** Tim was a remarkable man and a light that lifted up all of his colleagues. We are so sorry for your loss.

Mrs. Taulbee: Thank you for being here and we're all sorry for your loss.

5.2 Hamilton County Council of PTAs' 2024

Struble Elementary Principal Karen Hood recognized fifth grade teacher Kate Triantos for being named the Hamilton County Council of PTAs T in PTA Outstanding Educator for 2024. The Outstanding Educator Award honors teachers who exemplify the PTA mission in the service of students, families, and the community at their school.

Beyond her classroom, Kate serves as Stuble's building technology liaison, promoting positive student news within our school community and actively participates in school activities and family events. Congratulations to Kate as we celebrate her unwavering commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for all students.

5.3 Pleasant Run Middle School BPA Presentation

Pleasant Run Middle School's Butler Tech information technology instructor Nick Argentati introduced student Cameron Hall who performed a presentation and spoke

about his experience competing in last year's BPA middle level "Presentation Team" event. The presentation team competed and advanced from regionals to state to the National BPA Conference in Chicago, Illinois last May. Their task was to prepare a 5-7 minute presentation for a foreign exchange student who will attend their school to explain basic cultural differences between U.S. students and a student from another country. The four members of the presentation team were Cameron Hall, Lily Pawloski, Nate Williamson and Jordan Samuelson.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

A) Student Achievement Liaison Report

6.1 Student Achievement Liaison Report by Board Representative

Board Member Nancy Slattery presented the Student Achievement Liaison report as follows:

Northwest Local School District

- Elementary students who are identified as gifted in reading/writing or Superior Cognitive Ability are invited to participate in the ACCESS Program beginning in third grade. ACCESS stands for Academic Center of Creative Enrichment for Student Success. Nearly 97% of the tests taken by identified gifted students at Monfort Heights Elementary were scored at the Advanced Level, earning the school a Gifted Performance Index of 119.7. Monfort Heights ranked in the top 8% of schools in Ohio for the 2023-24 school year based on their Gifted Performance Index. The Gifted Identified students at Pleasant Run Elementary and Colerain Elementary also earned achievement scores placing them in the top 25% of schools across the state.
- Eighth grade students completed their first common assessment for Science last week and the following 18 students scored at the Accomplished Performance Level on this end-of-year benchmark assessment:

Luke Thielen	Joseph Booker	Braden Murray
Dhruv Gogwekar	Gage Noble	Timothy Arnette, Jr
Avery Prater	Oskar Orton	Wesley Webster
Trinity Irvin	Zakry Davis	Gavin Fritsch
Catherine Udry	Jayson Campbell	Molly Ritzi
Cameron Hall	Donovan Enterline	Micah Sok Laguna

Struble Elementary

- Congratulations to Scarlett Dunn, Lola Daulton, and Cassidy Briscoe. The grade 3 Little Card Cheerleaders took first place in their competition at West Clermont on Sunday, September 29th.
- 12 students will have their artwork featured as part of the digital art display at the Ohio School Board Association's Capital Conference in November. Thank you to teacher Chris O'Connell for celebrating his student artists in this special way.

Ruby Praechter

Leah Harvey

Harrison Gravitt

Lily Borkicks

Eve Mueller

Aubriella Reisenberg

McKenzie Sujka

Delilah Short

Bryce Pfeffer

Joseph Heidecker, Jr

Ava Purcell

Madelyn Faw

White Oak Middle School

Several members of the Warrior Cross Country Team were recognized:

- Donovan Enterline for his outstanding performance
- Shiane Carraher for her exemplary leadership
- Robert Wagner as the team's most improved runner
- Clara Mei McCoy, Landon Frye, Brady Frye, and Hayden Frye for their growth as new runners in the program

Colerain Middle School

Congratulations to the 94 students who currently have a perfect attendance rate for the first quarter. These students have not been absent or tardy to school at all this school year. Thank you to the families of these students for supporting CMS in reaching its goal to reduce chronic absenteeism in an effort to increase student achievement.

Colerain Elementary

Congratulations to the September Cardinals of the Month. Almost 30 nominations were received for the month and the following 6 students were selected for exemplifying behaviors consistent with the school's SOAR Expectations. SOAR stands for Safety, Ownership, Achievement and Respect:

- Kindergarten - Beverly Velasquez
- First Grade - Xander Conley
- Second Grade - Luca Burfield
- Third Grade - Journie Spurling
- Fourth Grade - Lexi Schrenk
- Fifth Grade - Chaz Gwinn Jr.

Pleasant Run Elementary

Pleasant Run Elementary would like to congratulate the following students for being selected to be the 2024-2025 Knightly News Team. This team, sponsored by teacher Nicole Deutsch, will present a live news broadcast every Friday for the school.

Mousam Gurung

Madison Wisecarver

Emery Williamson

Anta Diop

Emma Johnson

Colton Dolby

Zamiya Lane

B) Butler Tech Update

6.2 Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

Board Member Jim Detzel presented Butler Tech updates as follows:

Last Wednesday was the groundbreaking of Butler Tech's new Bioscience Center. Thank you to Congressman Warren Davidson and Lieutenant Governor Jon Houston for sending representatives. Additional thanks to the Butler County Commissioners who contributed \$15 million to three new Butler Tech building projects.

C) Legislative Update

6.3 Legislative Update by Board Representative

Board Member Chris Heather presented legislative updates as follows:

The Ohio legislature remains in recess. When the new EdChoice voucher numbers are available I will pass them along.

7.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A) Report from Any Employee Organization

7.1 Employee Comments

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

Lori Riehle (Assistant Director of Curriculum): I'm here to talk about my favorite topic, literacy. We are excited that we are six weeks into the launch of our new reading program, Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) and while the work is hard, our teachers are doing a fantastic job. The teachers continue to amaze me each and every day with their level of planning and their intentions to get it right and do right by our students. The main reason I'm here, however, is to talk to you about our partnership with Amplify, the company that produces CKLA. They started a new program called the Amplify Transformers and Janise Lane is here from Amplify to observe and speak to teachers. The goal of the Transformers program is to support the launch of CKLA and ensure that we have the necessary supports in place to make it successful. The work didn't end when we chose this reading program, it was actually just beginning. I'd like to introduce to you Janise Lane to tell you what she saw when she walked around the district today and got to see what was happening in our language arts classrooms.

Janise Lane (VP Customer Transformation, Amplify): My job is to make sure that our CKLA program is really impacting students in the way it's intended. It was a great honor today to join Lori (Riehle) and Brenda (Miller) as we visited 23 classrooms and saw the magic happen with your students and your teachers, team leaders and reading specialists that support the work. We spent time in classrooms and I'm going to summarize my observations quickly for you tonight. Your teachers are really committed to this change process and are really taking it on by trying the new learning methods. We spent time in a fifth grade classroom where the teacher had questions prepared, she knew when the students were going to respond and how to prompt the students to get into that work. There was a kindergarten teacher working with beginning sounds and skills for students. We observed that she was easily able to incorporate her Letters training alongside the work that she was doing with CKLA. There were about twenty kindergarten students who were bouncing out of their chairs to be able to share the different things they were learning. A third grader was asked to

give an adjective for the queen of hearts, as they were reading Alice in Wonderland, and he said “I’m going to use the word mad”. Then he turned to his partner and he said “I don’t mean mad like angry, I mean mad like crazy because nobody would listen to the Queen of Hearts”. There was a group of first graders we spent time with who were really digging deep into the human body. They were able to talk about the circulatory system and what it does. The excitement in the schools is amazing. If you haven’t had a chance yet, make sure to drop in to see what we saw. I got to spend time with the reading specialists from the buildings to make sure that the systems and structures are in place. We know that change can be hard and we want to make sure that they have the pieces they need, such as planning time and feedback. I can’t wait to come back at the end of the year to celebrate the results.

B) Community Communications

7.2 Community Comments

The 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.

Kathy Noland (parent): Good evening, I’m Kathy Noland and I’m the parent of two Colerain Elementary students and a Colerain Middle School student. I’m here to comment on transportation and the bus cancellations. I sent an email on September 27th where I asked a series of questions and those were not responded to. I’m going to now re-ask them on the public record:

- How is it determined which routes are canceled on which days?
- Is there any data on school attendance on days when bus routes are canceled?

- Is student absenteeism due to transportation issues affecting test scores or the state report card? How is any of this being tracked?
- Has anyone visited Colerain Elementary parking lot at dismissal, especially on days where there are multiple bus cancellations?

In the meantime, since I sent that email I've done some research. I've talked with other parents in the district and lots of contacts in other districts. Mr. Heather invited me to speak with ideas on reasonable solutions, so I have some questions and ideas. Have the bus drivers been surveyed to help come up with solutions as to why there is still a driver shortage? Can we get the bus drivers' training paid? I watched the previous Board meeting upon Nancy Slattery's recommendation and that seemed to be a sticking point. There was also a comment made during the Transportation Department's presentation about getting the bus drivers to 8 hours. I didn't fully follow what that meant but it was confusing to me if the drivers' routes start at 6:00 am, I don't see how there's a situation where they don't get to 8 hours unless they're not being paid in the middle of the day. In the Winton Woods district for example, drivers drive their morning route, work as paras in the afternoon hours, then drive their afternoon route. Are there requirements for our drivers that other districts do not have? Have we reached out to other districts to see what is working for them? There is a shortage of bus drivers but no other local district is canceling their routes. I have a lot of comments from people in other districts that all geographically touch our district, including Lakota which did have a lot of cancellations about two years ago, but since they have outsourced to Peterman, they have not had any cancellations.

I feel really passionately about this because I feel this is where the education gap begins. I am able to get my students to and from school because I have a somewhat flexible work schedule, as does my husband, but many of our working families do not. I have spoken to single parent families who are able to get their children to school but their children are forced to walk home down Springdale Road with no sidewalks. I think there has to be a better solution, I think simply blaming what is happening in our district on a bus driver shortage is complacent and we have to do better for our families.

8.0 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

8.1 Adoption of Superintendent's Consent Items

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) 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: **5**
Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

A) Personnel

8.2 Personnel Items

Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Bramble, Karen - NWHS - Cafe Assistant Effective: 9/13/2024	(Personal)
Colvin, Elwin - CHS - Lead Custodian Effective: 12/31/2024	(Retirement)
Chupka, Brooke - MHE - MD Assistant Effective: 9/30/2024	(Personal)
Helton, Shannen - CE - MD Assistant Effective: 9/26/2024	(Personal)
Sharp, Lester - CSO - Maintenance Effective: 12/31/2024	(Retirement)
Sheckles, Krystal - NWHS - Cafe Assistant Effective: 9/24/2024	(Personal)

Approval of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Gilker, Barbra - CHS - American Sign Language Effective: 6/1/2025	(Retirement)
Gillman, Lisa - PRE - ESL Tutor Effective: 5/23/2025	(Personal)
Parker, Larisa - SE - Intervention Specialist Effective: 10/18/2024	(Personal)

Approval of Extra Duty Resignations

Albrinck, Patrick - CMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach (½ time), Step 4
Effective: 6/30/2024

Mitiska, Melissa - CE - Elementary Building Leadership Team Member
Effective: 10/2/2024

Seiwert, John - CHS - Athletic Event Worker
Effective: 6/30/2024

Approval of Substitute Custodian at \$15.82 per hour – Effective 10/7/2024

Thomas, Navontay

Approval of Driver in Training at \$16.22 per hour – Effective 9/26/2024

Houpe, Joseph

Approval of Driver in Training at \$16.22 per hour – Effective 10/2/2024

Bannister, William
Fambro, Taliza

Gilliam, Antwan

Approval of Casual Bus Driver at \$21.63 per hour – Effective 10/7/2024

Johnson, Celeste

Approval of Guaranteed Bus Driver at \$22.06 per hour – Effective 9/27/2024

Hunter, Tokayus

Approval of Guaranteed Bus Driver at \$21.63 per hour – Effective 10/2/2024

Davis, Quinniya

Approval of Guaranteed Bus Driver at \$21.63 per hour – Effective 10/7/2024

Miller, Lineequa

Approval of Initial Classified Appointments

Corbin, Kimberly

Salary: Secondary Security Assistant, Step 5
Effective: 10/7/2024

(Replacement)

Davis, Shelly Salary: MD Assistant, Step 5 Effective: 9/24/2024	(Replacement)
Fordie, Anaiyah Salary: ED Assistant, Step 2 Effective: 9/30/2024	(Replacement)
Goley, Lyesa Salary: Cafe Assistant, Step 2 Effective: 10/1/2024	(Replacement)
Greene, Myron Salary: Bus Driver, Step 1 Effective: 10/2/2024	(Replacement)
Smith, Krist Salary: Custodian II, Step 4 Effective: 10/7/2024	(Replacement)
Sust, Lisa Salary: Cafe Assistant, Step 2 Effective: 10/7/2024	(Replacement)
Wynn, Lisa Salary: Bus Driver, Step 8 Effective: 10/2/2024	(Replacement)
<u>Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence</u>	
Atwood, Charles - CHS - Custodian II Effective: 9/26/2024	(Intermittent)
Blair, Cornelia - Transportation - Bus Driver Effective: 5/26/2024	(Intermittent)
Bowling, Bonita - CHS - Office Personnel 4 Effective: 9/20/2024	(Continuous)
Dennis, Charles - NWHS - Custodian II Effective: 9/20/2024	(Intermittent)
Gerrity, Stephanie - Transportation - Bus Driver Effective: 8/29/2024	(Intermittent)
Hill, Doris - WOMS - Library Media Assistant Effective: 8/1/2024	(Intermittent)

Kelley, Joseph - SE - Lead Custodian
Effective: 10/24/2024 (Continuous)

Klems, Michelle - SE - Intervention Assistant
Effective: 9/16/2024 (Intermittent)

Approval of Certified Leave of Absence

Albrinck, Patrick - CMS - Teacher
Effective: 10/15/2024 (Continuous)

Cummings, Lauren - WOMS - Teacher
Effective: 10/7/2024 (Continuous)

Stoinoff, Molly - CHS - Teacher
Effective: 12/24/2024 (Continuous)

Approval of Extra Duty Contract for 2024-25 Effective 7/1/2024

Pleasant Run Elementary School

Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor - Helen Barton

Resolution (#2449) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coach Effective 7/1/2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of:

7/8th Grade Football Coach - PRMS

WHEREAS, the position has 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 position has applied for and accepted the positions; and

WHEREAS, the position has 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 position has applied for and accepted the position; and

WHEREAS,

Featherstone, Dennis - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Football Coach, Step 6

who do not hold licenses issued pursuant to Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, have applied for the position, and the Board of Education has determined that he/she is qualified for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that they be employed in the position for the 2024-2025 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 Fall Music Specialist for 2024-25

McKinney, Davis - CHS

Approval of Winter Music Specialist for 2024-25

McKinney, Davis - CHS

Approval of Athletic Event Worker for 2024-25

Barker, Alexis
Bergquist, Justin
Chaturvedi, Sugandh

Lachmann, Paul
Nims, Clara
Rothan, Rachel

Resolution (#2450) of Job Abandonment

Resolution recognizing that Sarah Glenn has abandoned her position with the Northwest Local School District Board of Education effective September 27, 2024. The District has attempted to be in contact with Ms. Glenn to have her fulfill her contractual duties to the Board. However, Ms. Glenn has refused to fulfill such contractual duties. This job abandonment is not done with the consent of the Board of Education, and this resolution should not be seen as "consent" under RC 3319.15. This resolution is passed only to recognize the job abandonment so that the District administrative offices can do what is necessary to remove Ms. Glenn from the District's employment rosters and other systems.

Discussion

- **Ms. Susan Bunte:** In terms of transportation staffing, we have a need for 57 drivers and as of today we have 57 drivers. We are continuing to increase our number of subs, we currently

have two, our desired number is 10. There are four drivers in training, two of them are very close to joining us and two others are about 4-6 weeks away and are continuing their training. Of the seven van driver positions, six are filled and one is pending.

Mrs. Taulbee: The 57 drivers we have, does that include the supervisors?

Ms. Bunte: No, those are 57 full-time drivers who are driving today.

- **Mr. Heather:** How many routes have been canceled the past couple of weeks?

Mr. Chris McKee: The past few weeks we've had 21 cancellations, then 31 cancellations and now it's dropped down to 11 last week. Thursday we had zero, Friday there was one and today we had two. We are seeing some improvement and hopefully once we get some of these folks on board we can get back to zero cancellations.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Will we continue to hire? As we get into flu season we may have more call offs.

Ms. Bunte: Absolutely, our goal is to have all 10 of the guaranteed substitute positions filled.

- **Mr. Detzel:** Will you give an update at the next Board meeting and each Board meeting going forward?

Ms. Bunte: Yes

- **Mr. Gilbert:** Are we looking for 10 subs because that's now it's budgeted or if we had an opportunity could we hire 20?

Ms. Bunte: Right now we're going to try to get as many as we can. In addition to the 10 guaranteed subs we have casual subs who we can call when needed, some may have restricted availability and can't commit to being a guaranteed sub but drive for us when they're able to.

B) General Business

8.3 Donations to Northwest Local School District

Name of Donor:	Donation Description:	Building:	Donation Amount:
Morris Furniture Company	Instrument repairs, supplies for marching band, uniforms	Colerain High	\$500.00

Ryan Greenwald	Monetary Donation	Monfort Heights Elementary	\$2,428.00
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9.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

9.1 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbeet	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

9.2 Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - September 23, 2024

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

10.0 APPROVAL OF OTHER ITEMS

10.1 Textbook Adoption - Newcomer English

The Curriculum Department, in collaboration with the Federal Programs Department and High School English Language Teachers, recommended the adoption of HMH English 3-D Language Launch for use in its Newcomer English courses. The program is designed for use with multilingual learners in grades 4-12 who have beginning English proficiency levels. It builds on their strengths for rapid acquisition of social and academic language by providing explicit instruction in the reading, writing, speaking

and listening domains. It utilizes multimodal activities to develop the language that students need to successfully navigate school, their communities, and content area topics. The various components have copyright dates from 2021 to 2023. Teachers piloted the program during the 2023-24 school year and a parent information event was facilitated by Jenny Blust and Aryn Johnson.

This item was presented for information at the September 23, 2024 Board meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of HMH English 3-D Language Launch for use in our Newcomer English courses as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

10.2 CHS Marching Band - Out of State Field Trip Request

The Colerain High School Marching Band requested authorization for an out of state field trip. Participating students will travel to Louisville, Kentucky to perform in a competition. No school will be missed.

This field trip has already occurred. The paperwork was submitted and approved by building and district administrators before it took place.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state field trip as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

11.1 Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent's Update was presented by Darrell Yater as follow:

Fall break begins this Friday for students, they will have a 4-day weekend. Staff will be here for professional development on Friday and will have Monday off.

There were a couple of recognitions I'd like to mention that didn't make it into the Student Achievement report. The Northwest High School band participated in a competition this past weekend in Loveland. They finished first in their class for best music, visual percussion and guard. They finished fourth overall, which is their highest finish since 2019. Also, congratulations to Colerain High School student Ashley Heibel for winning the Cincinnati Art Club's Eighth Annual High School Plein Air competition. She was awarded \$500 in prize money, took home a trophy for Colerain High School to display, and earned a full scholarship to the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan this summer.

The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is being mailed to the community in the coming weeks. This is one way that we communicate with our community about the financial status of the district. It also includes an overview of the One Plan outlining our focus areas of reducing chronic absenteeism, increasing academic achievement and creating a strong classroom environment with a reduction in discipline.

Discussion

- **Mrs. Amy Wells:** We send the PAFR out to give the community a summary of the prior year financial status. We spent 76% of our overall general fund budget on instruction, which is above our 70% benchmark. Our per pupil spending is the lowest in Hamilton County at \$10,104 while the state average is \$12,396. We are aligning our resources to our instructional priorities, maintaining our 3% partnership with the community and maintaining our cash reserves.

12.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

12.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Heather: Congratulations to Colerain High School for hosting an excellent homecoming parade and for their near-upset in the football game. The whole event had a really positive feeling and I'm glad to see things starting to turn around for the

football team. I appreciate everything the boosters and the PTA did to make this event a success.

Mr. Detzel: No comments.

Ms. Slattery: I really enjoyed the CKLA presentation and I look forward to observing it in action in the classroom soon. I also enjoyed Cameron Hall's presentation, he is a very poised young man. Thank you to Kathy Noland for coming tonight to share her concerns and suggestions about the transportation department. We want to continue to improve.

Mr. Gilbert: I appreciate that we took the time to memorialize Tim Wingerberg, it's nice to hear his story and condolences to his family. Cameron Hall did a great job with his presentation. Thank you to Lori Riehle for the CKLA presentation. It'll be really interesting to get an update and see what the changes are from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year.

Mrs. Taulbee: Congratulations to Mrs. Triantos on her award. A reminder to parents that conferences are this week. I encourage parents to sign up for a conference, there are in-person and virtual time slots available. Congratulations to the NWHS band, we heard from the White Oak Middle School band director a few months ago and it's great to see that the band program is taking off and that more kids are getting involved.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

1.1 Board President Called for Adjournment

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

Nicole Taulbee	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

The meeting ended at 7:13 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 Lambert
President

Attest

Amy M. Wood
Treasurer

