



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **Monday, February 10, 2025 (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

Nancy Slattery
Chris Heather
Mark Gilbert
Nicole Taulbee

Jim Detzel - ABSENT

Number in Attendance: 46 Guests

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 (**Mark Gilbert**) 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**

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

5.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION

5.1 Ohio High School History Teacher of the Year Recognition

Members of the Cincinnati chapter of Sons of the American Revolution recognized NWS Teacher Doug Ficker as the Ohio High School History Teacher of the Year. The award recognizes outstanding educators who distinguish themselves in the classroom while teaching their students the founding principles of our country. As a statewide winner he is now in consideration for the Sons of the American Revolution National History Teacher of the Year award.

6.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

6.1 Colerain Middle School Student Presentation - Orchestra

Colerain Middle School Principal Cristen Casteel, and Orchestra Teacher Victoria Case, introduced a group of 7th and 8th grade student musicians. Students shared their experiences performing with other orchestra students from across the city as a part of Honor Orchestra.

Eighth grader Stormee Wagner has participated in Honor Orchestra two years in a row and enjoyed learning new techniques and meeting students from other schools. Emani Butts loved participating in the program and looks forward to it each year. Jenesis Polite enjoyed performing with the full orchestra, meeting new people and learning difficult pieces.

6.2 Butler Tech FCCLA Presentation

Butler Tech's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) group led by Monica Lewis presented on the various community service projects they have accomplished this year.

High School students Cayden Wopperer, Olivia Howland and Olivia Mitchell described this year's Families Acting Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) project, which focused on distracted driving. The FCCLA group created a multimedia campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Students had the opportunity to take a

quiz on the information presented and if they got all the answers correct they were entered into a drawing for a gift card.

For their service project this year, the FCCLA members wanted to make a positive impact on the community. They are working with Northgate Park Senior Living community and visit its residents each month with fun activities, crafts and games. The group will present their FACTS and service projects to a group of regional judges this spring in hopes of qualifying for the state and national competition.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** When do you present to the regional judges?

Miss Mitchell: March 15th.

- **Ms. Slattery:** I know some of the residents at Northgate Park and they have told me that they really enjoy and look forward to your visits. In regards to your FACTS project, do you offer any kind of driving simulator so that students can really experience the dangers of texting and driving?

Miss Mitchell: Not with the distracted driving but we did something similar with drunk driving last year where students wore “drunk goggles” and tried a simulated drunk driving experience.

6.3 One Plan Update

District Administrators Jake Kuhnline and Brenda Miller gave a mid-year update on the progress towards the One Plan goals of reducing chronic absenteeism, improving the classroom environment and increasing achievement.

The district’s goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism by 15% over three years (5% each school year). As of this month, chronic absenteeism is down 1% across the district, although there are several schools that have actually increased since last year.

The classroom environment goal is to implement a new model of instruction and have 100% of teachers get a rubric score of 4 or higher by the end of the 2026-27 school year. The goal for this year is to have 50% of teachers receiving a score of 4 or higher and the district is currently at 73%.

The discipline goal is to reduce the number of referrals by 30% by the end of the 2026-27 school year. The annual goal is a 10% reduction and the district is currently at -2.4%. In addition to the overall reduction, the district also has a goal to reduce physical confrontations by 30% over three years with an annual goal of 10%. Right now the district is exceeding that goal with a physical confrontation reduction of 20.9%.

The Academics goal is to raise the overall rating on the state report card to 4 stars. There are two sub-goals that will contribute to this: implementation of the new model of instruction and teacher based teams. The annual goal for the model of instruction implementation is 50% and the district is currently at 15.7%. The annual goal for teacher based teams is to increase the rubric score by .5 points by the end of the year and we're currently on target at +.38 points.

The student measures for academics is to increase the performance index by 6 points per year and grade 3 reading proficiency by 7 points per year. As of the winter testing period the district has increased the performance index by .44 points but seen a decrease of 3.2% in grade 3 reading.

The district is closely monitoring the data and the progress towards these goals and meeting regularly with school administrators to address concerns and lend support.

The One Plan Update presentation can be viewed online as an ESB attachment.

Discussion:

- **Ms. Slattery:** In the areas where some schools are exceeding goals and some are falling short, are those schools collaborating to try to give tips and share what's working?

Mr. Yater: We hold One Plan work sessions monthly and during those we try to focus on what's working and how schools are making positive progress. We want to narrow our focus and do the things that make the biggest impact. The collaboration is happening between building administration and teachers between schools.

- **Ms. Slattery:** How long does it typically take to see results after implementing a new program like CKLA (reading curriculum)?

Mrs. Brenda Miller: It's typical to see an implementation dip in the first year. In my past experience implementing new programs, the mid-year data was often down but by the end of the year we were almost back to where we needed to be and then from there, we accelerated quickly. So while some of this information is discouraging I think if we stay the course and continue to work towards our goals we should start to see that acceleration. We can't give up on the programs we've chosen because we know that they work. We need to stay the course.

Mrs. Lori Riehle: We're also working with the folks from CKLA and they are in communication with the district literacy coach and reading specialists to provide further guidance on the program. They have seen the data and they are not alarmed. They have assured us that it's very typical. They have a representative coming this spring to give us

some next steps and a second set of eyes from someone who is very familiar with the program and we're looking forward to her suggestions and action steps.

- **Mr. Gilbert:** How has staff attendance been? Has that gotten better? I imagine the more days students have with substitute teachers is going to affect their learning. How is that impacting our students?

Mr. Yater: Our goal for staff attendance is 95% and we are very close to that number right now.

Mrs. Lori Riehle: While staff attendance is not an official One Plan goal it is a building goal for all of the schools. The building administrators closely track teacher attendance and share that progress with their staff.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

A) Student Achievement Liaison Report

7.1 Student Achievement Liaison Report by Board Representative

Colerain High School

- Congratulations to seniors Emily Bickett and Layla Klots for being selected as Cincinnati Enquirer's Students of the Week.
- Eleven student artists had their work displayed at the Colerain Township Administrative Building in the Rotunda area during the month of December.

Northwest High School

- Over 500 students had attendance rates of 90% or higher this semester.
- Wrestler Kaleb Peters was named the Cincinnati Enquirer Beacon Athlete of the Week for the week of January 24th. Kaleb had a 5-0 week, getting a pin in a dual with Fairfield before going 4-0 in the 190-pound bracket at the Sycamore Invitational.

Colerain Middle School

- The combined Colerain Middle and White Oak Middle School Wrestling Team earned 4th place at GMCs on Saturday, February 1st.

Pleasant Run Middle School

- Olivia Klosterman is an outstanding student and a valued member of the Pleasant Run Middle School community. Throughout her time at PRMS, she has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. She actively contributes through her involvement in Student Council and Hope Squad, demonstrating leadership and a commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Her kindness and friendly demeanor brighten the school every day.
- Congratulations to Owen Kennedy, Mario Lux Chacaj, and Christian Monroe for being selected to the Wright State University Middle School Honor Band! Mario earned First Chair Horn, Owen earned First Chair second Trumpet, and Christian earned First Alternate Alto Sax.

White Oak Middle School

- Four students were selected to participate in the 2025 District 14 Junior High Honor Orchestra. These students had the opportunity to rehearse and perform with 126 of the best middle school orchestra students in our county at Winton Woods High School. Congratulations to Payton Harry, Local Sok Mercier, Jacob Smith and Jordan Overton.
- Congratulations to Robert Wagner, Sydney Taylor, Vanessa Miller and Bentley Fizwater for being selected to perform as part of the OMEA District 14 Honor Band.

Colerain Elementary

- The winner of the annual Fourth and Fifth grade spelling bee was Lydia Oldham. Xavier Mathis was the runner-up.
- Congratulations to the PTA Reflections participants. Second grade students Kaliyah Holloway and Jayden Ngansop were selected as Winner and Runner-Up.
- 186 students had Perfect Attendance, including no tardies, for the month of January.

Monfort Heights Elementary

- The winner of the annual Fourth and Fifth grade spelling bee was Sirion Gurung, in second place was Jaiden Marrable and in third place was Lilly Radenheimer. Congratulations to the winners and to all of the students who participated in this highly competitive event.

Pleasant Run Elementary

- Congratulations to the three 5th grade students who entered statements about articles or answers to posed questions with NewsDepth and had their messages read on air nationwide. Great job to Manshuf Subedi, Lorenzo Copeland and Samara Noble.
- Congratulations to Hailey Mattan for winning the Primary Photography Category for the 2024-25 PTA Reflections contest.
- 40 students maintained perfect attendance for both first and second quarter!

Struble Elementary

- The students in Struble Elementary's Multicultural Club recently showcased their Continent Projects for parents and students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The project allowed students to work in collaborative teams to research and share how a variety of cultures dress, celebrate, live and communicate.
- Six members of the Art Club participated in PTA's 2025 Reflections Art Show. These students created original works of art that centered around the theme, "accepting imperfection". Gabe Thomas was selected as a district level winner, and his painting will be sent to Columbus, Ohio for judging at the PTA state level.

Taylor Elementary

- 44 students were recognized for demonstrating the Trait of the Month: being responsible.
- February 6th, 2025 was the 100th day of school and 32 students were recognized for being present for all 100 days of learning. Students celebrated with a delicious treat!

B) Butler Tech Update

7.2 Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

No Update was available.

C) Legislative Update

7.3 Legislative Update by Board Representative

Mark Gilbert gave the legislative update as follows:

House Bill 3 will support school bus safety and education around schooltime high-risk behaviors. It provides funding for external school bus cameras, lane

departure systems, and fully illuminated stop arms. In addition, it also outlines the implications of infractions for drivers who aren't following the bus safety laws.

House Bill 57 addresses the use of opioid overdose reversal medications. There's discussion about the guidelines of having and using medications such as Narcan. If the bill passes, it would allow facilities to accept monetary donations or donations of the reversal drug.

Federally, President Trump has signed multiple executive orders related to schools. One forbids transgender male athletes from competing in female sports and outlines who can use locker rooms and restrooms. The NCAA has already adopted the policy and has changed their guidelines. OHSAA hasn't released anything in response to the order. The president signed another executive order mandating the elimination of DEI programs. There have also been talks about disbanding the US Department of Education.

8.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A) Report from Any Employee Organization

8.1 High School/Middle School Music Department

Music teachers Tim Huening (NWHS) and Glenn Greenwood (PRMS) spoke about the upcoming Band Try-It Nights.

Mr. Huening: Post-COVID, the district has allowed the music program to work on recruitment plans and we've taken this on as an entire department. At the high school level, we send students to the middle schools to perform for our fifth graders so they can get an idea of what all these instruments sound like and hear the choir sing. Our middle school directors go to the elementaries and talk to kids to try to get them interested in the music programs. All of those actions lead into the Try-it Nights, which are where we invite every fifth grader in the district to come to either Northwest or Colerain High School and we have Buddy Rogers Music and Baroque Violin Shop there so kids can try out any and every instrument that's out there. They can try to find what works best for them. Our choir staff is there as well. In years past we've done karaoke, things like that, so kids could actually see what it's like to sing and try to get them interested in the music programs here. I can say over that the past several years I've seen that numbers have definitely increased and we're starting to see that at the high school level as well. This year's Try-It nights are tomorrow and Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tomorrow is at Northwest High School and Wednesday will be at Colerain High School. If you are interested, I have some of the material that was sent out to parents and that they'll be getting tomorrow night at the event so that they can keep track of everything they've done.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taublee:** Thank you for sharing everything you have going on, it's great to see. I hope you do the combined high school band event again, that was a lot of fun last year.

Mr. Gilbert: We've come a long way the past several years. It's been great to see your success.

- **Ms. Slattery:** Have we ever thought about creating a district anthem that all the schools could use and it would be played at events and graduations to help promote unity?

Mr. Huening: The past several years, when we kicked off the school year, we've gotten both marching bands out on the field at the same time to perform and we hold a community night with the marching bands in the fall. We try to do everything we can for retention. We have our eighth graders perform with high schoolers at various times throughout the year. As far as districtwide, we're open to collaboration however possible.

Mr. Yater: We have amazing music departments. Our Fine Arts are just as strong as our athletics and academics. It's one of the things that makes our district fantastic. Our kids have an opportunity to be involved in something whether they're a musician, an athlete or a service learning kid, there's something for everyone in our district. The collaboration between the two sides of the district coming together and being unified and a lot of the work that you have done and with the combined performances has been really powerful - but we don't have an anthem yet. If anyone can do it, these guys can.

8.2 Transportation Ride Along

Board Vice President Chris Heather gave a presentation reviewing the recent school bus ride-along he did with driver Fred Marsh.

Mr. Heather rode three routes with Mr. Marsh one afternoon. He was impressed with Mr. Marsh's professional nature and the technology improvements made to the buses. There are up to five cameras on each bus, recording both inside and outside the vehicle. The tablet on each bus assists the driver with a pre and post trip inspection and gives turn by turn directions during the route. Being a bus driver is a difficult job with long hours. The ride along was a great experience and we appreciate everything our drivers do.

B) Community Communications

8.3 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.

No one was present to speak.

9.0 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

9.1 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 (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Nicole Taulbee**) 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**

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

A) Personnel

9.2 Superintendent Consent Items

Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Beavan, Mary - MHE - Cafe Assistant
Effective: 5/30/2025

(Retirement)

Brausch, Jo Ann - CSO - Curriculum OP5 Effective: 2/18/2025	(Retirement)
Coleman, John - TRANSP - Casual Sub Bus Driver Effective: 2/4/2025	(Personal)
Demiduk, Vicki - CHS - Cafe Assistant Effective: 2/28/2025	(Personal)
Hedges, Cheyanne - TE - Cafe Assistant Effective: 1/28/2025	(Personal)
Hellkamp, Deborah - WOMS - Custodian II Effective: 6/30/2025	(Retirement)
Johnson, Celeste - TRANSP - Casual Sub Bus Driver Effective: 10/10/2024	(Personal)
Kinley, Tawana - TRANSP - Casual Sub Bus Driver Effective: 2/4/2025	(Personal)
Land Jr, Donald - CSO - Technician Effective: 2/10/2025	(Personal)
MacDonald, Krista - CSO - Business OP5 Effective: 1/24/2025	(Personal)
Montgomery, Stephen - TRANSP - Bus Driver Effective: 6/1/2025	(Retirement)
Morton, Eric - WOMS - ED Assistant Effective: 1/17/2025	(Personal)
Moulliet, Rhonda - TRANSP - Van Driver Effective: 1/10/2025	(Personal)
Obermeyer, Melissa - HELC - Office Personnel 5 Effective: 6/30/2025	(Retirement)
Pouncy, Brittany - CSO - Part-Time Accountant Dept. Specialist Effective: 1/31/2025	(Personal)
Satterwhite, Kenneth - TE - Custodian II Effective: 1/7/2025	(Personal)
Taylor, Hosea - HELC - Custodian II Effective: 2/10/2025	(Personal)

Wynn, Lisa - TRANSP - Bus Driver
Effective: 12/31/2024 (Personal)

Acceptance of Administrative Resignation and Retirement

Childress, Andrea - TE - Assistant Principal
Effective: 7/31/2025 (Retirement)

Acceptance of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Brauning, Eileen - MHE - 2nd Grade
Effective: 6/1/2025 (Retirement)

Schnedl, Michelle - CE - 4th Grade
Effective: 8/1/2025 (Revised Date)

Approval of Extra Duty Resignations

Brewer, Lisa - CHS - 9th Grade Softball Coach, Step 5
Effective: 6/30/2024

Brauning, Eileen - MHE - Elementary Building Leadership Team Member,
Step 6
Effective: 6/30/2025

Caley, Jeffrey - CHS - Head Varsity Girls Golf Coach, Step 1
Effective: 6/30/2025

Chambers, Keonte - NWHS - 9th Grade Football Coach, Step 5
Effective: 6/30/2025

Davis, Benjamin - CHS - Assistant Varsity Football Coach (½), Step 5
Effective: 6/30/2025

Gazaway, Dawn - CHS - Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 2
Effective: 6/30/2024

Howard, Joseph - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 6
Effective: 6/30/2025

Johnson, Tristen - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Step 2
Effective: 6/30/2024

May, Rachael - CHS - Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Step 6
Effective: 6/30/2024

McCowan, Thai - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 2
Effective: 6/30/2025

McKillip, Nathan - CMS - 7/8th Grade Track Coach, Step 6
Effective: 6/30/2024

Middlebrooks, Rico - CHS - Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Step 5
Effective: 6/30/2025

Race, Cassidy - NWHS - Assistant Director of Show Choir, Step 3
Effective: 6/30/2024

Staarmann, Brian - CHS - Head Varsity Boys Golf Coach, Step 6
Effective: 6/30/2025

Approval of Driver in Training at \$16.22 per hour - Effective 12/4/2024

Hearston, Diana

Jones, Tonya

Approval of Sub Bus Assistant at \$16.22 per hour - Effective 2/3/2025

Hearston, Diana

Approval of Initial Classified Appointment

Davis, Ashley

Salary: MD Assistant, Step 5

Effective: 2/10/2025

(Replacement)

Denney, Clifford

Salary: Accounting Department Specialist, Step 11

Effective: 1/22/2025

(Replacement)

Lang, Myia

Salary: Secondary Security Assistant, Step 1

Effective: 2/3/2025

(Replacement)

Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence

Bronnert, Brian - PRE - Custodian II

Effective: 1/10/2025

(Intermittent)

Butz, Maria - TE - Office Personnel 5

Effective: 1/7/2025

(Continuous)

Durbin, Bobby - CE - Custodian II Effective: 1/16/2025	(Intermittent)
Johnson, June - PRE - Cafe Assistant Effective: 12/6/2024	(Continuous)
Klein, Robin - CHS - ED Assistant Effective: 12/18/2024	(Continuous)
Lathrop, Nicole - CMS - Cafe Assistant Effective: 1/28/2025	(Continuous)
Reiber, Tracy - WOMS - Cafe Assistant Effective: 1/15/2025	(Intermittent)
Schon, Brandon - NWHS - ALP Assistant Effective: 4/5/2025	(Continuous)
Stout, Patricia - SE - MD Assistant Effective: 2/7/2025	(Continuous)
<u>Approval of Certified Leave of Absence</u>	
Benedict, Ann - CMS - Teacher Effective: 12/20/2024	(Intermittent)
Bevis, Taryn - CE - Teacher Effective: 2/26/2025	(Intermittent)
Bryant, Sarah - PRMS - Teacher Effective: 2/12/2025	(Continuous)
Davis, Debra - PRMS - Teacher Effective: 1/23/2025	(Continuous)
Gregory, Keri - TE - Teacher Effective: 2/5/2025	(Continuous)
Klein, Leslie - CHS - Teacher Effective: 12/18/2024	(Intermittent)
Kolbinsky, Melissa - WOMS - Teacher Effective: 10/29/2024	(Intermittent)
Kuhlman, Kimberly - CE - Teacher Effective: 12/30/2024	(Intermittent)
Lindley, Clayton - WOMS - Teacher Effective: 12/2/2024	(Continuous)

Mitiska, Melissa - CE - Teacher
Effective: 1/7/2025

(Continuous)

Moore, Amanda - TE - Teacher
Effective: 1/6/2025

(Medical Leave)

Neal, Jeff - WOMS - Teacher
Effective: 2/7/2025

(Intermittent)

Piening, Matthew - Enrollment - Supervisor
Effective: 1/27/2025

(Continuous)

Approval of Home Instructors

Beall, Jennifer
Eckhart, Maria

Approval of Certified Change of Status

Hasty, Zania - from Bachelor's with 1 year of service, Step 3 half-time to Bachelor's with 1 year of service, Step 3, full-time.
Effective: 1/23/2025

(District Needs)

Approval of Tutor Change of Status

Kresyman, Lauren - from Bachelor with 150 semester hours 9 years of experience, Step 10 to Bachelor's with 150 semester hours and 7 years of experience, Step 8
Effective: 8/1/2024
Verification)

(Employment

Approval of Extra Pay for Advisory Committee at \$30.00 an hour - Effective 9/1/2024

Bernhardt, Emma
Boys, Sarah
Chilenski, Jennifer
Clay, Latesha
Enderle, Dede
Ficker, Doug
Flack, Julie
Forcum, Nicole
Gillian, Shawn
Hammer, Ann
Heckman, Madeline

Henderlight, Jull
Hendricks, Laura
Johnson, Tracy
Mahlenkamp, Jenny
Martini, Kerry
Pott, Roger
Sauer, Jenna
Schnedl, Michelle
Strong, Theresa
Laura Young

Approval of Extra Pay for Spring School at \$30.00 an hour - Effective 2/1/2025

Bridgman, Becky
Gilker, Barb
Holsinger, Kaylanne

Jacknewitz, Emily
Leigh, Brandon

Approval of Extra Pay for After School Tutoring at \$30.00 an hour - Effective 1/7/2025

Alford, Kim
Baumann, Alex
Bramley, Erin
Bratfish, Morgan
Brunner, Tiana
Carroll, Annie
Clay, Latesha
Conners, Emily
Cummings, Lauren
Debevec, Olivia
Derrick, Dianna
Dubey, Kelli
Dykhuizen, Jill
Fitzgerald, Lawanda
Gebhart, Ted
Geiger, Emily
Gerwe, Jill
Haskins, Christie

Johnson, Ellen
Johnson, Tracy
Jones, Angela
Lawson, Taylor
Martin, Avery
McGuire, Jenna
McMillian, Stephanie
Meiser, Taylor
Merchant, Ken
Miller, Kristen
Pleasant, Lindsey
Quan, Liberty
Schloemer, Hannah
Schutte, Maggie
Sherman, Meryl
Stockmeier, Shelby
Villarreal, Maria
Ward, Heather

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

Colerain Elementary School

Kids in School Rule! Tutor - Lori Skipton, Step 2

Colerain High School

Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - Lisa Brewer, Step 6
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - Kelsey Gerhardt, Step 4
Assistant Varsity Track Coach - Kimberly Shay, Step 4
Head Varsity Softball Coach - Emily Schwaeble, Step 6
Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - David Lewis, Step 5
Head Varsity Boys Track Coach - Delano Allen Jr., Step 6
Kids in School Rule! Tutor - Sugandh Chaturvedi, Step 2

Colerain Middle School

7/8th Grade Track Coach - Tracy Adkins, Step 6

7/8th Grade Track Coach - Patrick Albrinck, Step 6
7/8th Grade Track Coach - Marc Knott, Step 6

Northwest High School

Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - Emma Campbell, Step 3
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - Taylor Steinke, Step 3
Head Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - Steven Knull, Step 6

Pleasant Run Middle School

7/8th Grade Track Coach - Rochelle Grafft, Step 6
7/8th Grade Track Coach - Danny Hoard, Step 6
7/8th Grade Track Coach - Abigail Seger, Step 6
7/8th Grade Track Coach - Gabriel Warner, Step 6

White Oak Middle School

7/8th Grade Track Coach - Uriel Lopez Corpus, Step 2
7/8th Grade Track Coach - Qujuan McGlothin, Step 2
Kids in School Rule! Tutor - Qujuan McGlothin, Step 2

Resolution (#2507) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the positions of:

7/8th Grade Track Coach - CMS
7/8th Grade Track Coach - WOMS
9th Grade Baseball Coach - CHS
Assistant Varsity Baseball Coaches (½) - CHS
Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach - CHS
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - NWHS
Assistant Varsity Track Coaches - CHS
Head Varsity Girls Track Coach - CHS
Head Varsity Softball Coach - NWHS
Head Varsity Track 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 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,

Bouldin, Andre - CHS - Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 5
Clark, Steven - CMS - 7/8th Grade Track Coach, Step 2
Fowler, Samuel - NWHS - Head Varsity Track Coach, Step 6
Green, Brennan - CHS - 9th Grade Baseball Coach, Step 1
Hooker, Sally - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, Step 3
Johnson, Tristen - CHS - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (½), Step 3
Lehman, Jeremy - CHS - Assistant Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, Step 1
Linnabary, Benjamin - CHS - Head Varsity Girls Track Coach, Step 6
Scherz, Kevin - CHS - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (½), Step 2
Shuford, Ebony - NWHS - Head Varsity Softball Coach, Step 3
Thomas, Eric - CHS - Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 6
Titmuss, Keagan - CHS - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (½), Step 4
White, Paul - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Track Coach, Step 3

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that they be employed in the positions 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 Supplemental Change in Status

Sexton, Molly - CHS - from Spring Music Leader to Winter Music Leader for 2024-25. (Revised Date)

Approval of Athletic Event Workers for 2024-25

Messinger, Justin

Schatz, Gary

Approval of Volunteers for 2024-25

Baker, Scott - CHS
Grear, Robert - CHS
Gross, Michael - NWHS

Schwaeble, Ronald - CHS
Snyder, Jacob - WOMS

Resolution (#2508) of Job Abandonment

Resolution recognizing that Calesha Whiston has abandoned her position with the Northwest Local School District Board of Education effective November 20, 2024. The District has attempted to be in contact with Ms. Whitson to have her fulfill her contractual duties to the Board. However, Ms. Whitson 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. Whitson from the District's employment rosters and other systems.

Resolution (#2509) of Job Abandonment

Resolution recognizing that Taylor Stolz has abandoned her position with the Northwest Local School District Board of Education effective January 28, 2025. The District has attempted to be in contact with Ms. Stolz to have her fulfill her contractual duties to the Board. However, Ms. Stolz 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. Stolz from the District's employment rosters and other systems.

Approval of Substitute Rates of Pay through The Center for Collaborative Solutions for 2024-25

Long Term – Classified

Assistant MD/ED Substitute - \$16.74 hourly

Approval of Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Military Recruit Award Bonus - (District Reimbursement)

Blum, Sara

Ross, George

B) General Business

9.3 Vendor Contracts

In compliance with ORC 3313.33; attached is a list of vendor contracts for Board approval.

<u>Vendor Contracts</u>			
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mt. Healthy City Schools	REVISED - TI services provided to Mt. Healthy students attending OLG & St. John schools	1 year	\$118,464.67 (OLG - \$100,530.28 St. John - \$17,944.39)
Forever Kings Inc.	Boyz II Kings Program at Colerain Middle School	1 year	\$5,500
Jeffrey K. Nieman	Music Services, stage combat, choreography	1 year	\$250
North College Hill City Schools	Title I services provided to NCH students attending OLG	1 year	\$138,869.70
<i>Paid for Auxiliary or Federal Non-Public grant monies.</i>			
<i>Additional cost to the current fiscal year's July 1st budget.</i>			

9.4 Donations to Northwest Local School District

Below is a list of donations for Board approval.

<u>Donations</u>			
<u>Name of Donor:</u>	<u>Donation Description:</u>	<u>Building:</u>	<u>Donation Amount:</u>
Annie C. Casey Foundation & AASA	Conference expenses for Superintendent	Central Support Offices	\$1,200.36
LaGena Montgomery	Library books	Struble Elementary	\$60
Donors Choose	Headphones and Lysol wipes	Pleasant Run Middle	\$100
Ameritas	Monetary	Pleasant Run Middle	\$500

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Can you talk a little bit about what Forever Kings is and what that organization is about?

Mr. Yater: It is a group that will come in and do after school mentorship for minority boys at Colerain Middle School.

Mrs. Taulbee: Is it being offered at all of the middle schools?

Mr. Yater: It is only at Colerain Middle School. It's a program that they're piloting with their Title funds.

- **Mr. Heather:** What does it mean when an employee abandons their position?

Mr. Yater: It could mean a couple of things, it could be that an employee has stopped coming to work and stopped responding to their immediate supervisor, they're just not coming to work anymore so that would be job abandonment. Or, it could be someone who is legally bound by a contract but did not fulfill that contract and so it's an abandonment of their contract.

10.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

10.1 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 (**Nicole Taulbee**) 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**

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

10.2 Minutes - Tax Budget Hearing - January 11, 2025

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

10.3 Minutes - Organizational Meeting - January 11, 2025

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

10.4 Minutes - Regular Meeting - January 11, 2025

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

10.5 Minutes - Special Work Session - January 23, 2025

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

10.6 Financial Reports of the Treasurer - December 2024

In accordance with Section 3313.29 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio, record needs to be made that the Treasurer submitted a financial statement of receipts, expenditures, balances and investments in the regular funds of the Board of Education for the period of the fiscal year 2025.

Monthly Finance and Investment Report - December

All Funds Balance - \$93,557,164

General Fund Unreserved Balance - \$17,464,261

	FYTD Actual	Estimate	%
Revenues	\$54,610,692	\$112,740,387	49%
Expenditures	\$51,139,274	\$111,582,752	46%

Investment weighted average return – 4.27%

List of monthly bills - routine, as well as, CHS sewer/water lines. WOMS water and storm sewer repair, PRE compressor, FY24 financial, compliance, internal controls and federal audit, student software, transportation repairs, custodial supplies, Waycross and auxiliary/grant fund payments.

10.7 Accept, Approve Fund and/or Appropriate Fund

Accept, Approve Fund and/or Appropriate Fund.

FUND/SCC	FUND NAME AND AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE OF THE FUND
0109501	CFAP SEGMENT I STATE	CE Project
0109502	CFAP SEGMENT I LOCAL	CE Project
0109503	CFAP SEGMENT I STATE - Interest	CE Project

0109504	CFAP SEGMENT I LOCAL - Interest	CE Project
0109505	CFAP SEGMENT I STATE - CE Demo	CE Project
0109506	CFAP SEGMENT I LOCAL - CE Demo	CE Project
0069502	CFAP SEGMENT I LOCAL - Food Svcs	CE Project
4619501	HSTW FY25 CMS \$2,000.00 PRMS \$2,000.00 WOMS \$2,000.00	HSTW SW Ohio, which began its work in this region in 1998, is closing on June 30, 2025, and is disposing of remaining funds with grants to support districts/schools with programs/projects that support key practices from the Making Schools Work Model.
0340000	FACILITIES MAINTENANCE FUND	

11.0 APPROVAL OF OTHER ITEMS

11.1 Neola Board Policies Updates

The following 44 new, revised, or rescinded Neola Board Policies are being presented for approval; they were presented for information at the January 11, 2025 regular board meeting.

po0142.1 - Oath	po0151 - Organizational Meeting
po0152 - Officers	po0152 - Presiding Officers
po0155 - Committees	po0164 - Notice of Meetings
po0165 - Board Meetings NEW	po0165.1 - Regular Meetings RESCINDED
po0165.2 - Special Meetings RESCINDED	po0166 - Agendas NEW
po0167.2 Executive Session RENUMBERED	po0167.7 - Personal Comm. Devices RENUMBERED

po7073 - Board Officers RESCINDED	po1011 - Definitions
po1130 - Conflict of Interest	po2265 - Protections of Individual Beliefs NEW
po3113 - Conflict of Interest	po4113 - Conflict of Interest
po4120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co or Extra Curricular Activities	po4121 - Criminal History Record Check
po5131 - Student Transfers	po5136 - Personal Communication Devices
po5136.01 - Electronic Equipments	po5200 - Attendance
po5500 - Student Conduct	po5780 - Student Parent Rights
po6110 - Grant Funds	po6110 - Internal Controls
po6112 - Cash Management of Grants	po6114 - Cost Principles
po6220 - Budget Preparation	po6320 - Purchasing and Bidding
po6325 - Procurement and Federal Grants	po6460 - Vendor Relations
po6550 - Travel Payment	po7310 - Disposition of Surplus Property
po7450 - Property Inventory	po7530.01 - Board Owned Technology
po7530.02 - Staff Use of PCD	po7540.03 - Student Tech Acceptable Use
po7540.04 - Staff Tech Acceptable Use	po7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence NEW
po8310 - Public Records	po9160 - Public Attendance at School Events

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the new, revised or rescinded Neola Board Policies as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**

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

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** At the January meeting you mentioned an open enrollment policy being presented in February but it's not on here, would that be expected at the next February meeting?

Mr. Yater: With Neola, we have the ability to present a draft policy to the Board.

Mrs. Taulbee: And so that will be at the next meeting? You mentioned February.

Mr. Yater: We can bring it whenever the Board so desires.

- **Ms. Slattery:** I requested that they send out a survey to the teachers, principals and community members to gather feedback about open enrollment.

Mrs. Taulbee: And when is that survey going out?

Mr. Yater: We don't have the survey built yet so we do not have a timeline. We'll be using our new Thought Exchange platform for that.

Mrs. Taulbee: Open enrollment is open for some districts right now. I think we need to establish and follow a timeline. In the January meeting we were told that the policy would be presented to the board in February.

Ms. Slattery: We don't have that on tonight's agenda and I did specifically send out an email to each board member asking if there was anything they would like to have put on the agenda and I received nothing back.

Mrs. Taulbee: So at the next meeting I'm assuming we'll have either the policy or the survey results.

Mr. Yater: We can have the policy on the agenda whenever the board would like to have it.

Mrs. Taulbee: And I think you said the board would have to vote on the policy as well.

Mr. Yater: It has to, at minimum, be on the agenda once as information and once for a vote. The timeline between the two can be one meeting, two meetings or however long the board wants to go between information and approval.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** What are your thoughts on the survey? Would we review the survey or would you present the survey results and then the policy after? What's the plan there?

Mr. Yater: We can do whatever the board would like us to do in terms of timeline and which comes first.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Do we have a plan for that?

Ms. Slattery: My plan would be to do the survey first because if generally people aren't interested in it there's probably no point in writing up a policy.

Mrs. Taulbee: Darrell (Yater) has mentioned before that surveys don't really give us a good idea of how people feel and we don't get much of a response.

Ms. Slattery: It's everybody's responsibility to look at that and decide, and if it's not important enough for them to respond to the survey then I think we have their answer - they don't care.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Can we agree to a date of when the survey will go out?

Mr. Yater: I will work with the team at Thought Exchange to see when it would be possible to get something out. Is it something that the board would like to see internal and external constituents? One or the other? Both? What would you like to see?

Ms. Slattery: Internal and external.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Are you going to provide an example of what the policy is and what it stands for as part of the survey around grades and a contract and the requirements of it?

Mr. Yater: The policy would just be acknowledging open enrollment, the actual details of what those requirements would come after the policy is adopted, it's not part of the actual policy. What I'll do is work to put together a sample survey and get it to all board members for feedback before we send it out to the community. That way we can make sure that you're getting the information you need.

Mrs. Taulbee: I just think 90% of the people aren't going to even know what it means and some of what I've heard already is misconception more than truth.

Mr. Yater: We can contextualize what open enrollment is when we put the survey together. I'll make sure that all five board members are able to see it and give feedback before we actually finalize and send it out.

Mrs. Taulbee: Can we see the survey by next Friday (February 21)?

Mr. Yater: Yes, we can put that as the timeline. Because we're on-boarding the new Thought Exchange platform I want to make sure that all of the lists are uploaded and synced in the system so that when we get the feedback we're able to disaggregate it by group so we can say the parents said this versus community members. We'll work with them to see if we can get a draft survey for you by next Friday. Once it's approved it can go out pretty simultaneously.

Mrs. Taulbee: Then the survey goes out and we'd give people a week or two to respond?

Mr. Yater: We typically get less engagement the longer it's out and Thought Exchange has told us with their platform that shorter is better so probably one, maybe two weeks to get as much engagement as possible.

Mrs. Taulbee: And from there, if we're moving forward the policy would be shared at the next board meeting?

Mr. Yater: We'll share the data with the board so you can determine if you want the policy coming to you or not, but we'll get the survey out as soon as possible.

11.2 Resolution in Support of Full Implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan

Resolution #2510

In Support of Full Implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan

Whereas, the methodology for the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) (otherwise known as the Cupp-Patterson School Funding Plan) was developed by school funding experts and practitioners, and

Whereas, the development of the FSFP was to create a funding mechanism that would be fair and equitable for all districts statewide, and

Whereas, the overriding aim of the crafters of the FSFP was to meet the criteria contained in Ohio's Constitution which calls for a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

Whereas, the FSFP has had the overwhelming support of the education community and many lawmakers from around the state, and

Whereas, the Governor and the General Assembly prudently devised a six-year phase-in of the FSFP in order minimize the stress on state resources, and

Whereas, the first four years of the FSFP (along with appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology) have been successfully implemented, and

Whereas, the final two years of implementation of the FSFP have not yet been accomplished, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the Northwest Local School District Board of Education urges the 136th General Assembly to implement the final two-year phase-in of the FSFP, and

Further be it resolved, that the board urges that the phase-in include appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology.

We urge this action in order that districts across the state may receive the full benefits of the FSFP and that lawmakers may examine the effectiveness of the FSFP when fully implemented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Nicole Taulbee**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend the Board approve the Resolution In Support of Full Implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**

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

11.3 Other Personnel Item

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

Colerain High School
Head Varsity Baseball Coach - Thomas Taulbee, Step 4

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'he Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the other personnel item as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 3 - 0**

Nancy Slattery	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Nicole Taulbee	Abstain

12.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL ITEMS

12.1 Resolutions Approving the Filing of Original Complaints before the Board of Revisions

Resolution (#2511) Approving the filing of original complaints pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.19(A)(1)(d) before the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting the total valuation of the real property commonly known as 3295 ROCKER DR., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45239, HAMILTON CO. PARCEL No. 510-0083-003-00 be increased to the sale price in the amount of \$20,450,000 for the tax year 2024.

WHEREAS, the subject property commonly known as 3295 Rocker Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, Hamilton Co. Parcel No. 510-0083-0073-00 appears to have been sold in an arms-length entity sale on May 5, 2023 for \$20,450,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property occurred prior to the tax lien date of January 1, 2024 and the price of said sale exceeds the value of the subject property as assessed by the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor by both 10% and \$554,000; and

WHEREAS, the record owner of the subject property is BURGUNDY APARTMENTS LLC; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the filing of an original complaint requesting that the total valuation of the subject property be increased to the sale price for the tax year 2024, with the basis of the complaint being the determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list pursuant to R.C.

5715.19(A)(1)(d); and WHEREAS, this Resolution fulfills all requirements under R.C. 5715.19(A)(7)(a)-(d), including the identification of the parcel(s) subject to the complaint by street address and parcel number, the name of at least one record owner, the basis of the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution Regarding Valuation of Real Property was mailed to the tax-mailing address of the subject property and the street address of the subject property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution, included the intent of the Board of Education in adopting this Resolution, the proposed date of the adoption, and the basis for the complaint under R.C.

5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and accordance with R.C. 5715.19, that the Board of Education is authorizing the filing of an original complaint with the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting an increase in the total valuation of the subject property to the sale price for tax year 2024.

Resolution (#2512) Approving the filing of original complaints pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.19(A)(1)(d) before the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting the total valuation of the real property commonly known as

2232 W KEMPER RD., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45240, HAMILTON CO. PARCEL No. 590-0414-0002-00 be increased to the sale price in the amount of \$7,452,000 for the tax year 2024.

WHEREAS, the subject property commonly known as 2232 W Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45240, Hamilton Co. Parcel No. 590-0414-0002-00 appears to have been sold in an arms-length entity sale on October 30, 2023 for \$7,452,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property occurred prior to the tax lien date of January 1, 2024 and the price of said sale exceeds the value of the subject property as assessed by the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor by both 10% and \$554,000; and

WHEREAS, the record owner of the subject property is SADDLE CREEK APARTMENT HOLDING LLC; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the filing of an original complaint requesting that the total valuation of the subject property be increased to the sale price for the tax year 2024, with the basis of the complaint being the determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list pursuant to R.C.

5715.19(A)(1)(d); and WHEREAS, this Resolution fulfills all requirements under R.C. 5715.19(A)(7)(a)-(d), including the identification of the parcel(s) subject to the complaint by street address and parcel number, the name of at least one record owner, the basis of the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution Regarding Valuation of Real Property was mailed to the tax-mailing address of the subject property and the street address of the subject property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution, included the intent of the Board of Education in adopting this Resolution, the proposed date of the adoption, and the basis for the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and accordance with R.C. 5715.19, that the Board of Education is authorizing the filing of an original complaint with the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting an increase in the total valuation of the subject property to the sale price for tax year 2024.

Resolution (#2513) Approving the filing of original complaints pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.19(A)(1)(d) before the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting the total valuation of the real property commonly known as 3084 W GALBRAITH RD., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45239, HAMILTON CO. PARCEL No. 510-0060-0021-00, be increased to the sale price in the amount of \$4,800,000 for the tax year 2024.

WHEREAS, the subject property commonly known as 3084 W Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239, Hamilton Co. Parcel No. 510-0060-0021-00 appears to have been sold in an arms-length sale on March 30, 2023 for \$4,800,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property occurred prior to the tax lien date of January 1, 2024 and the price of said sale exceeds the value of the subject property as assessed by the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor by both 10% and \$554,000; and

WHEREAS, the record owner of the subject property is A2B BUDGET HOTEL LLC; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the filing of an original complaint requesting that the total valuation of the subject property be increased to the sale price for the tax year 2024, with the basis of the complaint being the determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list pursuant to R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d); and WHEREAS, this Resolution fulfills all requirements under R.C. 5715.19(A)(7)(a)-(d), including the identification of the parcel(s) subject to the complaint by street address and parcel number, the name of at least one record owner, the basis of the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution Regarding Valuation of Real Property was mailed to the tax-mailing address of the subject property and the street address of the subject property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution, included the intent of the Board of Education in adopting this Resolution, the proposed date of the adoption, and the basis for the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and accordance with R.C. 5715.19, that the Board of Education is authorizing the filing of an original complaint with the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting an increase in the total valuation of the subject property to the sale price for tax year 2024.

Resolution (#2514) Approving the filing of original complaints pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.19(A)(1)(d) before the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting the total valuation of the real property commonly known as 9260-9355 ROUND TOP RD., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45251, HAMILTON CO. PARCEL No. 510-0104-0012-00, be increased to the sale price in the amount of \$11,578,000 for the tax year 2024.

WHEREAS, the subject property commonly known as 9260-9355 Round Top Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45251, Hamilton Co. Parcel No. 510-0104-0012-00 appears to have been sold in an arms length entity sale on October 24, 2023 for \$11,578,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property occurred prior to the tax lien date of January 1, 2024 and the price of said sale exceeds the value of the subject property as assessed by the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor by both 10% and \$554,000; and

WHEREAS, the record owner of the subject property is WOODMERE APARTMENT HOLDING LLC; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the filing of an original complaint requesting that the total valuation of the subject property be increased to the sale price for the tax year 2024, with the basis of the complaint being the determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list pursuant to R.C.

5715.19(A)(1)(d); and WHEREAS, this Resolution fulfills all requirements under R.C. 5715.19(A)(7)(a)-(d), including the identification of the parcel(s) subject to the complaint by street address and parcel number, the name of at least one record owner, the basis of the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution Regarding Valuation of Real Property was mailed to the tax-mailing address of the subject property and the street address of the subject property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution, included the intent of the Board of Education in adopting this Resolution, the proposed date of the adoption, and the basis for the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and accordance with R.C. 5715.19, that the Board of Education is authorizing the filing of an original complaint with the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting an increase in the total valuation of the subject property to the sale price for tax year 2024.

Resolution (#2515) Approving the filing of original complaints pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5715.19(A)(1)(d) before the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting the total valuation of the real property commonly known as 12001 CHASE PLAZA DR., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45240, HAMILTON CO. PARCEL No. 591-0027-0057-00, be increased to the sale price in the amount of \$7,500,000 for the tax year 2024.

WHEREAS, the subject property commonly known as 12001 Chase Plaza Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45240, Hamilton Co. Parcel No. 591-0027-0057-00, appears to have been sold in an arms-length sale on June 1, 2023 for \$7,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the subject property occurred prior to the tax lien date of January 1, 2024 and the price of said sale exceeds the value of the subject property as assessed by the Hamilton County, Ohio Auditor by both 10% and \$554,000; and

WHEREAS, the record owner of the subject property is ROSE HOTELS LTD & COLONIAL COUSINS LLC; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the filing of an original complaint requesting that the total valuation of the subject property be increased to the sale price for the tax year 2024, with the basis of the complaint being the determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list pursuant to R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(d); and WHEREAS, this Resolution fulfills all requirements under R.C. 5715.19(A)(7)(a)-(d), including the identification of the parcel(s) subject to the complaint by street address and parcel number, the name of at least one record owner, the basis of the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution Regarding Valuation of Real Property was mailed to the tax-mailing address of the subject property and the street address of the subject property at least seven calendar days prior to the adoption of this Resolution, included the intent of the Board of Education in adopting this Resolution, the proposed date of the adoption, and the basis for the complaint under R.C. 5715.19(A)(1)(a)-(f);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and accordance with R.C. 5715.19, that the Board of Education is authorizing the filing of an original complaint with the Hamilton County, Ohio Board of Revision requesting an increase in the total valuation of the subject property to the sale price for tax year 2024.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Mark Gilbert)** Moved, Member **(Nicole Taulbee)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Treasurer recommends the Board approve the resolutions approving the filing of original complaints before the Board of Revisions as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**

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

12.2 Resolution (#2516) Ratifying and Authorizing Annual Reporting and the Recording of Notices of Federal Interest Related to Expenditures of Federal Pandemic Assistance Funds

WHEREAS, the Northwest Local School District (the “District”) was the recipient of federal funds to assist in managing the collateral effects of the COVID-19 pandemic via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, and the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund, among others (the “Federal Pandemic Assistance”); and

WHEREAS, the District utilized a portion of such Federal Pandemic Assistance to make HVAC (and related) improvements at various District properties (the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the expenditures of Federal Pandemic Assistance on the Improvements, the District is obligated to comply with federal recording and reporting requirements, including the recording of notices of federal interest for certain District properties (the “Recording Requirement”) and the submission of annual real property status reports to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (“ODEW”) as the applicable state educational agency (the “Reporting Requirement”); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) of the District now desires to ratify and authorize the recording of notices pursuant to the Recording Requirement and the submission of annual reports pursuant to the Reporting Requirement for affected District properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District, Counties of Hamilton and Butler, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. This Board of Education hereby ratifies the recording of and authorizes the future recording of any required notices of federal interest in the real property records for certain District properties in compliance with the Recording Requirement.

SECTION 2. This Board of Education hereby ratifies the submission of and authorizes the future submission of annual reporting forms to ODEW regarding certain District properties in compliance with the Reporting Requirement.

SECTION 3. That the Treasurer of the District, the Superintendent, and the President of the Board of Education, individually or in any combination, are hereby authorized to take any and all future actions necessary in order to comply with the Recording Requirement and the Reporting Requirement.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Chris Heather)** Moved, Member **(Mark Gilbert)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'he Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the resolution as listed.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**

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

13.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

13.1 Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Darrell Yater presented the Superintendent’s Update as follows:

That state’s bi-annual budget will start going through the legislature soon and we will continue to share updates with the board and the community. The district is advocating to move the fair school funding formula forward. We also want to recognize one of our Taylor teachers, Olivia Debevec who was the Local 12 teacher of the week, congratulations to her. We have a lot of great teachers and staff doing great things every day and we appreciate when they get recognized. I also want to acknowledge Colerain Township, Chris (McKee) and I have been working with them on the Safe Routes to School grant application. If they’re awarded the grant it would expand sidewalk access to some of our buildings. The Colerain Township trustees have passed the resolution necessary to apply for the grant so hopefully we get approved for that with the township and those projects can move forward.

A reminder that on Friday we have an inservice day. Our teachers will be doing a lot of the work that we talked about earlier during the One Plan update where they're collaborating, sharing ideas and analyzing data on what next steps are important. Monday is a holiday so all the kids will get a four-day weekend, our staff get a three-day weekend.

14.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

14.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Taublee: I just want to say that I took a oath to be responsible to the citizens and the students of the district and last year a teacher was viciously attacked and I asked if we could come to the building to support the staff and as a board was told that we were not allowed to be there. Recently, I've encouraged that we meet with staff to understand successes and challenges and I think it's important that the board meets with all levels of staff at the district to engage and better support our district administration. I think it helps with setting the goals and policies that we have to set. Most recently with the fieldhouse meeting for Colerain High School, I think it would be important to have board members there to observe, just as we have for teacher and transportation negotiations. We've all seen the survey results that were sent from Colerain High School so I think we can all agree on the importance of this project moving forward. It's not to engage in the operations of the district but to observe and to better support all levels of our district. I'm here to help move the district forward for my children and for many generations to come and I think that having the board engaged throughout the district, in transportation, walking buildings and being participants in these meetings will help push us forward and also help with transparency which we very desperately need.

Mr. Gilbert: No comments.

Mr. Heather: There is a Colerain High School fieldhouse project in the works, it's going to greatly improve the conditioning for all of our athletes. The facility we're using now is a shed that, when I ran track at Colerain High School, we stored our hurdles and pole vault equipment in. We need to build something that is attractive and makes kids want to come out for the teams and workout and get conditioned so we win games. The funds raised at this year's CHS Gala will benefit the fieldhouse fund, they need to raise \$300,000-\$400,000. We hope everyone can make it to the Gala on March 15th at 6:30 pm, tickets are \$75/person. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.colerainboosters.com/>

Mrs. Slattery: I would like to offer congratulations to Doug Ficker for his great work in teaching government and making the Constitution popular again. Thank you to the band liaisons and the dedication that they have, if you've seen the list of events they have coming up they do a lot of work. Hopefully we can all make it to an event and support them. With the One Plan, it was great to hear the update. Obviously we still have some work to do, but it sounds like we have some very committed administrators, principals and building team leaders who are dedicated to this so hopefully we continue to see improvements.

As board members we're here to govern and the administrators are here to administer and I think sometimes we've gotten into this pattern where if we don't want to see what mom says we're going to go ask dad. We might not even exhaust the channels that we

have to settle a problem before we say let me go to the other guy because I might get a better answer there. In my opinion, in this District we need to work on that. We need to use all the proper channels that we have to solve problems and not try to pit administration and the board against each other, and as a board we need not to overstep our bounds and try to be administrators. We hire staff to administer for us, we have the superintendent, we have the treasurer, we also have school principals and other members of the administration. They were hired to do a job and if we try and do their job for them then they can't do it, and then we give mixed messages to the community and create a whole cycle of distrust and that's what I would like to prevent. I'm not saying that people can't ask questions to the board but please make sure you follow the proper channels. I've had people send things to me and they haven't even spoken to the appropriate person yet. We really need to encourage people to speak to the appropriate person and let them do their job because that's what they're hired for. We're here to oversee and if there's issues then that's when we should step in, but we can't do their job for them. We need to let them do their jobs.

15.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 Executive Session

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations to state statutes.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**

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

The Board approved a motion to move into executive session at 8:22 PM.

15.2 Return from Executive Session

The Board returned from executive session at 8:39 PM.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

16.1 Board President Called for Adjournment

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Nicole Taulbee**) 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**

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

The meeting ended at 8:41 AM.

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President

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Treasurer