



# MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Monday, March 25, 2024 (6:30 PM)**

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## 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: 32 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 (**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 Angela Bausch

Karen Hood, Struble Elementary Principal eulogized long-time substitute teacher Angela Bausch. Angela retired from Cincinnati Public Schools in 2012 and became a substitute teacher for Northwest Local School District, primarily working at Struble Elementary, Taylor Elementary and Houston Early Learning Center. She dedicated 60 years of her life to teaching. Angela not only worked as a substitute teacher but also volunteered in kindergarten classrooms and after-school events. She was a sweet and generous person who gave her time and endless energy to support the students and staff. She will be remembered and missed each and every day.

### 5.2 Taylor Elementary Report - Student Buddies

Andrea Childress Assistant Principal of Taylor Elementary introduced their Student Buddies program. The program helps individual students feel like part of the family/community despite the large size of the school. Teacher Tanya Ponting, further explained the program and how it was implemented. The goal is to build positive relationships between students of different grade levels and help the older students learn to be mentors and leaders. School administrators created monthly buddy days with activities to help foster relationships between students. The classroom of a learning buddy's teacher is also their buddy classroom and a place the student can go for a break or a cool down period.

Student learning buddies Kaden Potter (fourth grade) and Michael Yohannes (third grader), Jamari Lampkin (kindergarten), Kylie Farr (fifth grader) and Elaina Gaskins McGill (second grade) shared their experiences in the program, how they've learned to be leaders, formed strong bonds, gained confidence, and made friends with kids in other grades.

#### Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** What's your favorite activity that you've done?

**Mr. Michael Yohannes:** My favorite activity I've done with my buddy Jamari is the word game where we had a word and there was one vowel in each word. The teacher says a word

and we tried to be the first person to say the vowel in the word. We kept playing and had fun.

**Mr. Kaden Potter:** Building bracelets with my buddy.

**Ms. Kylie Farr:** Purchasing the presents for my buddy. I got her a coloring book.

**Mrs. Taulbee:** Laney what grade are you in? You did a good job reading.

**Ms. Elaina Gaskins McGill:** Second grade.

**Mrs. Childress:** One of the considerations we had was putting kindergarten with third grade so that those grades will grow up together and by the time the kids get to third grade they'll have had that experience of being a smaller buddy for the three years before they take on the role of big buddy.

**Mrs. Taulbee:** So will the idea be to have the buddies stay together?

**Mrs. Ponting:** Ideally they would but I don't know how logistically we could possibly make it happen, so a class is buddied with another classroom.

### **5.3 Butler Tech Digital Media Presentation**

Caleb Swelbar, digital media instructor at Northwest High School, and two of his digital media students shared their work with the Board of Education. Digital media is a video, photography, and audio production class. They focus on using high-end industry equipment to teach students how to take quality photos, produce videos like interviews, short films or documentaries, and audio broadcasts like podcasting, radio or creating music.

Northwest High School senior Jake Dearing spoke about his experience in the digital media program. He focuses on video production and cinematic narratives. He shared one of his video projects with the Board.

Colerain High School senior Lily Diebold shared her experience competing in Business Professionals of America and how she was able to use the skills she gained in digital media to help her team earn 7th place in the national competition. Her primary focus is photography where she works with the schools to do sports photography and has started her own senior photography business.

#### **Discussion:**

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** What are your (Jake's) plans for next year?

**Mr. Dearing:** When I graduate I intend to join the United States military.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** What are your (Lily’s) plans for next year?

**Ms. Diebold:** I’m going to Northern Kentucky University to study electronic media and broadcasting.

## 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:

##### **Montfort Heights Elementary**

- Seven students were nominated for the Ohio Library Educational Media Association (OLEMA) award. These students are enthusiastic readers and enjoy being in the school and public libraries.

Ava Crofford	Mia Crofford	Eloise Lecher
Josephine Lecher	Rachel Walton	Cecilia Walton
Nicholas Fromme		

- The following students participated in the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament

Matthew Buffett	Theodore Mattson	Ryden Barrows
Kaitlin Schoenberger	Jonathan Guy	Anthony Guy
Josephine Lecher	Charlie Jones	

##### **Pleasant Run Middle**

- PRMS 8th Grade Had: 12 students who achieved High Honors (4.0 GPA), 37 students who achieved First Honors (3.5 - 3.9 GPA), and 42 students who achieved Second Honors (3.0 -3.49 GPA)
- PRMS 7th Grade Had: 25 students who achieved High Honors (4.0 GPA), 32 students who achieved First Honors (3.5 - 3.9 GPA), and 43 students who achieved Second Honors (3.0 -3.49 GPA)

- PRMS 6th Grade Had: 19 students who achieved High Honors (4.0 GPA), 46 students who achieved First Honors (3.5 - 3.9 GPA), and 30 students who achieved Second Honors (3.0 - 3.49 GPA)
- Congrats to the following Business Professionals of America students. All qualified for BPA Nationals in Chicago, May 10-14. Below is the list of students that competed at state, their event and their results.

	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>State Result</b>
<b>Nate Williamson</b>	Presentation Team	1
<b>Sharae Slaughter</b>	Financial Literacy	3
<b>Lilyana Pawloski</b>	Presentation Team	1
<b>Jordan Samuelson</b>	Presentation Team	1
<b>Cameron Hall</b>	Presentation Team	1
<b>Serenity Williams-Redd</b>	Human Resource Exploration	2
<b>Lydia Bishop</b>	Human Resource Exploration	1
<b>Maura Connelly</b>	Financial Literacy	4
<b>Megan Connelly</b>	Extemporaneous Speech	1
<b>Harlow Baldrick</b>	Prepared Speech	1
<b>Karis Brice</b>	Graphic Design Promotion	2

**Colerain Middle**

- Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Business Professionals of America State Competition and have qualified for the National Competition.

Weston Lies	Ansh Patel	Dylan Roberts
Dylan Staughn	Loralei Fish	Althea Cload
Karli Dearing	Ellie Lawson	Kylie Geers
Aaliyah Broadnax	Anna Ponting	Lloyd Dixon
Jonathan Netherly	Ethan Mattan	Carsen Edelen
Gabi Juarez	Anderson Schoot	Harlem Jackson

Justin Warren

### **Northwest High School**

- Northwest DECA members attended the DECA Competition and will move on to the DECA International Conference in Anaheim California. DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs with a career interest in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition.

Kevin Bolanos Gonzalez was elected one of 5 Ohio State DECA Executive Officers this past weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

The team of Cody Harmon, Kevin Bolanos Gonzalez and Deakon Johnstone placed 4th in Start Up Business Plan and earned a spot at the DECA International Conference in Anaheim California.

The Knight Pop Up Spirit Shop earned Gold Recertification for a School Based Enterprise. Kaliah Smith and Lily McFarland will represent Northwest at the DECA International Conference In Anaheim California.

Layla Powell and Damilia Akemon placed top ten in the Independent Business Plan.

### **Struble Elementary**

- On Thursday, March 21, Grade 4 students traveled to the Cincinnati Museum Center. Students were able to experience the Omnimax Theater, the Natural History & Science Museum, and the History Museum. As students and adults returned from the field trip, they all remarked on how much their interest was piqued and how they could not wait to go back for another adventure. Students showed their Bluejay best and represented the building well.

### **Pleasant Run Elementary**

- Congratulations the following three students for their academic accomplishments:

- Chevy Lay, second grader, has been at the top of the Student IXL Leaderboard for 6 weeks in a row! IXL is the language arts and math skill based learning site.
- Alex Rai, a kindergartner, is such a wonderful student. He always participates and is excited about his learning. Currently, Alex holds the record in his class for having the highest level in Boost, the Core Knowledge Language Arts student support site.
- A fourth grader, Adrianna Ward, wrote an essay and submitted it to a Storyworks contest. She won for her understanding of the story and her excellent answer to the prompt.

### **Colerain Elementary**

- 4th grader Satyam Dahal made it to the 4th Round of the City-wide Spelling Bee
- 18 students received the “Cardinal Fly-By” rewarding excellent SOAR behavior expectations for each grade level during each week of March. These students received the most SOAR points for their grade level.

### **White Oak Middle**

- 246 students were honored via the Straight A’s partnership with the Reds. They all had a 3.6 or higher for the first semester and earned free Reds tickets.

### **Houston Early Learning Center**

- Students have been rehearsing for the upcoming Spring Concert the evening of Wednesday, March 27. Each AM and PM classrooms will be performing 2 vocals with props and movements included. The performance theme is “At the Zoo” and we are excited to show off our musical talents for our families. The school has partnered with Mt. St. Joseph University Lion’s Roar Band and they will be providing musical entertainment for our families and students between our AM and PM concerts.

## **B) Butler Tech Update**

### **6.2 Butler Technology Update by Board Representative**

Board Member Jim Detzel presented Butler Tech updates as follows:

We got the final counts for applications to Butler Tech. There were 2,800 applicants for 1,200 spots so there were 1,600 kids that we had to turn away. We have three

building projects coming up in the next year and a half that will service approximately 700 additional students. That brings it down to about 900 kids that apply for the programs but can't get into them because they're maxed out.

Representatives from Butler Tech recently attended a 4-day policy seminar in Washington D.C. to ask for additional funds for career tech programs. Congress is expected to vote on additional career tech funding sometime this spring.

Thank you to students Lily (Diebold) and Jake (Dearing) for presenting their digital media projects.

### **C) Legislative Update**

#### **6.3 Legislative Update by Board Representative**

No update was available.

## **7.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

### **A) Report from Any Employee Organization**

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

No one was present to speak.

### **B) Community Communications**

#### **7.1 Community Comments**

The Board President asked if there were any community members who wished to speak.

No community members present wished to speak.

## **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 (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) 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

Cupp, Priscilla – PRMS – Custodian II  
Effective: 6/28/2024 (Retirement)

Evans, Willie – Transportation – Bus Driver  
Effective: 3/1/2024 (Personal)

Murphy, Helen – MHE – Custodian II  
Effective: 9/1/2023 (Disability)

Spranger, Sherry – CHS – ED Assistant  
Effective: 5/24/2024 (Retirement)

#### Acceptance of Administrative Resignation and Retirement

Moore, Ali – CMS – Principal  
Effective: 7/31/2024 (Personal)

#### Acceptance of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Anderson, Janet – CHS – Physical Education  
Effective: 5/24/2024 (Retirement)

Athmer, Krista – CHS – Math  
Effective: 8/1/2024 (Personal)

Brueneman, Dea – CE – 2nd Grade

Effective: 5/24/2024 (Revised Retirement Date)

Hester, Calvin – NWHS – Science  
Effective: 6/30/2024 (Position Elsewhere)

Kaufhold, Andrea – PRMS – Chorus  
Effective: 6/30/2024 (Personal)

Kaufman, Miranda – CHS – Science  
Effective: 8/1/2024 (Personal)

Nikoley, Timothy – NWHS – Science  
Effective: 6/30/2024 (Personal)

Approval of Extra Duty Resignations

Ahlers, Allison – CMS – 7/8th Grade Volleyball Coach, Step 2  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Ahlich, Elizabeth – CMS – 7/8th Grade Cheerleading Coach, Step 1  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Berry, Dylan – CHS – Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Fowler, Samuel – NWHS – 9th Grade Football Coach, Step 5  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Hester, Calvin – NWHS – Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Hester, Calvin – NWHS – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Step 3  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Hester, Timothy – CHS – 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 6  
Effective: 6/30/2024

Reeder, Donald “Alex” – CHS – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (1/2), Step 2  
Effective: 6/30/2023

Approval of Classified Change in Status

Rush, Susan– from Preschool Assistant at Houston Early Learning Center, Step 1 to Cafeteria Assistant at Colerain High School, Step 2

Effective: 3/26/2024

Approval of Extra Duty Changes in Status

Ficker, Doug – NWHS – from Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor, Step 4 to Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor, Step 5

Effective: 7/1/2023

Stuchell, Darcy – NWHS – from Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor, Step 3 to Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor, Step 1

Effective: 7/1/2023

Approval of Initial Classified Appointments

Behanan, Terri

Salary: Custodian II, Step 5

Effective: 3/19/2024

(Replacement)

Approval of Guaranteed Substitute Bus Driver at \$24.12 per hour – Effective 3/1/2024

Norton, Judy

Approval of Classified Leave of Absence

Fatora, Amanda – SE – MD Assistant

Effective: 12/1/2023

(Intermittent)

Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence

Darling, Jill – CE – Gifted

Effective: 3/26/2024

(Continuous)

Flannery, Kristie – PRE – Math Specialist

Effective: 3/11/2024

(Intermittent)

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

**Taylor Elementary School**

Elementary Building Leadership Team Member – Latesha Clay, Step 1

Elementary Building Leadership Team Member – Michele Kartye, Step 1

Elementary Building Leadership Team Member – Tanya Ponting, Step 5

**White Oak Middle School**

7/8th Grade Track Coach – Uriel Lopez Corpus, Step 1

Approval of Spring Music Assistants for 2023-24

Yoby, Isaac – CHS (Band)

Yoby, Isaac – CHS (Drama)

Resolution (#2412) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2023

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the positions of:

Assistant Varsity Track Coaches – CHS

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

WHEREAS,

Gazaway, Dawn – CHS – Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 2

Thomas, Eric – CHS – Assistant Varsity Track Coach, Step 5

who does not hold a license issued pursuant to Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, has 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 he/she be employed in the positions for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the pupil activity contract attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approval of Volunteers / Chaperones 2023-2024

Bonham, Amanda – SE  
Branscum, Ashley – SE  
Collins, Annette – SE  
Colson, Bethany – SE  
Conn, Elizabeth – SE  
Quinn, Joelle – SE  
Redford, Christy – SE  
Sanders, Alex – SE  
Zoeller, Casey – SE

**B) General Business**

**8.3 Resolution (#2413) to Advertise and Accept Bids for the Colerain High School Stadium Sewer and Water Improvements project.**

A resolution to advertise and accept bids for Colerain High School Stadium sewer and water improvements. This will address the plumbing issues that closed the restrooms at the stadium last year. It brings the water and sewer lines up to code and provides additional capacity for future expansion.

**8.4 Donations to Northwest Local School District**

Attached is a list of donations for Board approval.

<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Recipient Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.	Colerain Elementary	11/3/23	\$100	Annual company gift to support scholarships, teaching labs, mentoring, cash to support math & science education.
Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation	Northwest High School	1/23/24	\$1,000	Check to support the NWHS football program.
Susan's Getaways	Monfort Heights Elementary	3/25/24	\$450	700 solar eclipse glasses for students and staff

**8.5 Vendor Contracts**

Attached is a list of vendor contracts for Board approval.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Photo Cincy	April 18, 2025	\$595.00	Photo booth for CHS prom 2025.
Ohio High School Athletic Association	22-Aug-2024 21-Aug-2025	\$0 (\$7,500 for failure to fulfill obligation)	Two scheduled football games CHS v. LaSalle for 2024 & 2025 season.
SHP		\$26,000.00	<u>Work to be completed at both Colerain High and Houston Elementary current building locations:</u> SHP to assist with OFCC communications, review of master plan updates, obtaining site surveys, develop initial Program of Requirements, develop conceptual floor plans & site plans, obtaining geotechnical proposals.
The Kleingers Group	Apr-24	\$31,500.00 \$8,500.00 \$8,900.00	<u>Work to be completed at current Colerain High School:</u> Topographic survey. Private utility location services. Title exam / plot easements.
The Kleingers Group	Apr-24	\$19,900.00 \$1,900.00 \$2,900.00 \$4,700.00	<u>Work to be completed at current Houston Elementary:</u> Boundary and topographic survey. Consolidation plat and legal description. Private utility location services. Title exam / plot easements.

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

## C) Curriculum

### 8.6 2024-2025 Elementary ELA Textbook Adoption

The Elementary Literacy Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Curriculum Department, is unanimously recommending adoption of Amplify's K-5 Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) program. CKLA is fully aligned to the Ohio State Standards and Structured Literacy/Science of Reading and has been designated as High-Quality Instructional Materials by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Opportunities for parent review and feedback related to the proposed resource were provided on 1/18/2024.

This item is being presented for approval this evening. It was presented for information at the previous Board meeting.

## **D) Student Services**

### **8.7 CHS Out of State Basketball Tournament School Year 24/25**

The Colerain High School out of state basketball tournament would take place in December 2024 during winter break.

The out of state field trip request form can be viewed online as an ESB attachment.

#### **Discussion:**

- **Mr. Heather:** Where are we with the Colerain plaza and the asphalt/cement combo project that we were going to do? I know you had said something about the weather but it's been so warm recently.

**Mr. McKee:** We want to get to a season where we can pour concrete and we'll have to protect that without students walking through it or making art in it. The asphalt plants typically open up in April, and we'll have to do the asphalt first and then the concrete.

**Mr. Heather:** Then the concrete will be after school ends?

**Mr. McKee:** Yes

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** About the planning work around Colerain High School, can you just talk a little bit about why we're doing that now and why it doesn't mean that we're trying to move kids from Northwest or anything around the master facility plan? Why is it important that we do that work now?

**Mr. McKee:** It all started with having to close the restrooms down because of the failure of sewer pumps. Right now with the elevation of the stadium we have to use sewer pumps to pump the sewage uphill. Those failed. Instead of spending money on sewer pumps that will eventually go away when we move forward with any other kind of construction and also provide the capacity for a potential new fieldhouse, we've opted to think ahead and put in a gravity sewer through the property that we purchased several years ago next to the entrance at Poole Road. Colerain High School is actually five separate plots and the sewer district and the water department will not allow you to run water lines and sewer lines across plots therefore we have to go through the process of combining those plots. We're talking to the athletic department and the boosters and looking at the locations of where they would like to put the fieldhouse. It makes more sense to move the fieldhouse up towards the tennis courts

which requires a little bit more planning involved to make sure that we can move forward with that project and not interfere with the future project of building a new high school.

## **APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS**

### **8.8 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items**

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

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Treasurer recommends the Board of Education approve the adoption of fiscal consent items as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

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

### **8.9 Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 11, 2024**

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

### **8.10 Financial Reports of the Treasurer**

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 2024.

Monthly Finance and Investment Report - February 2024

All Funds Balance - \$93,947,989

General Fund Unreserved Balance - \$24,370,401

	FYTD Actual	Estimate	%
Revenues	\$81,871,657	\$111,824,693	73%
Expenditures	\$94,254,547	\$136,997,744	69%

Investment weighted average return – 4.15%



List of monthly bills - routine, as well as, auxiliary/grant fund payments.

**8.11 FY24 Quarterly Appropriation Resolution (#2414)**

**PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION (#2414)  
Local Board of Education  
Rev. Code Sec 5705.38**

The Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio met in regular session on March 25, 2024, at the office of the Board of Education with the following members present:

Nicole Taulbee	President
Mark Gilbert	Vice President
Jim Detzel	Member
Chris Heather	Member
Nancy Slattery	Member

moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Education, during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2024 the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made and during said fiscal year, as follows:

<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>
001 GENERAL FUND	134,076,098.64
002 BOND RETIREMENT	3,806,597.80
003 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	10,678,723.06
004 BUILDING	730,718.11
006 FOOD SERVICES	4,670,189.83
007 SPECIAL TRUST	423,601.31
008 FOUNDATION	41,000.00
009 UNIFORM SCHOOL SUPPLIES	427,882.37
018 PRINCIPAL	166,000.00
019 LOCAL GRANTS	43,500.00
024 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE SELF INSURED	200,000.00
027 WORKER COMPENSTATION	561,675.28
035 SEVERANCE	999,449.74
200 STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITIES	206,095.96
300 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	1,304,092.08
401 AUXILIARY SERVICES	1,896,217.33
439 PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL	556,826.81
451 DATA COMMUNICATIONS	18,000.00
461 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENTS	-
467 STUDENT WELLNESS & SUCCESS	1,293,219.31
499 MISC STATE GRANTS	50,000.00
507 SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND	6,947,474.51
516 IDEA/PARENT MENTOR	3,219,562.63
536 TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL	187,947.24
551 TITLE III	118,662.27
572 TITLE I - DISADVANTAGE CHILD	3,748,403.96
584 TITLE IV	484,509.63
587 IDEA PRESCHOOL SPEC ED	82,927.04
590 TITLE II-A	463,951.71
599 MISC FEDERAL GRANTS	400,000.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS: \$ 177,803,326.62

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Northwest Local School District has sufficient funds to meet the contract, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to maintain all personnel, programs, and services essential to the provision of an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year, except that if the above expenditure is for a contract, this certification shall cover the term of the contract or the current fiscal year plus the two immediately succeeding fiscal years, whichever period of years is greater.

The quarterly appropriation resolution can be viewed online as an ESB attachment.

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION**

### **A) CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

#### **10.1 2024-25 Textbook Adoption - Advanced and Honors Biology**

The high school biology teachers from CHS and NWHS are unanimously recommending adoption of the following resource for Advanced and Honors Biology for use beginning with the 2024-25 school year:

Science Dimensions Biology (Print and Digital Bundle)  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

An opportunity for parent review and feedback occurred on 3/25/2024.

This item is being presented this evening for information only and we will seek approval for adoption of this resource at the next regular meeting.

### **B) MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **10.2 Neola Board Policy Revisions**

The following 13 new, revised, and/or rescinded Neola Board Policies are being presented for information. They will be presented for approval at the next regular board meeting.

po0100 - Definitions	po2623 - Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services
po2623.02 - Third Grade Reading Guarantee	po3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes
po3140 - Termination and Resignation	po5310 - Health Services
po9800 - Transportation	po8600.04 - Bus Driver Certification
po8640 - Transportation for Non-Routine Trips	po8650 - Transportation by School Vehicles other than School Buses
po8660 - Incidental Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle	po4124 - Employment Contract
po4140 - Termination and Resignation	

## 10.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

### 10.1 Superintendent’s Update

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

Spring break begins this Friday and continues through Friday, April 5. A reminder that the district is closed April 8 for the solar eclipse, no students and staff will report that day. Everyone will return on Tuesday, April 9.

We will once again be hosting a community day at both high schools. This year’s events will be held on April 18 and more communication will be coming out shortly.

The Colerain High School 100 Year Gala was a huge success. Multiple Board members were present. It was a wonderful event for Colerain High School and a great opportunity to celebrate the success they’ve had over the past 100 years.

Houston Early Learning Center periodically gets evaluated by the state for its star rating. It just went through a re-evaluation of its program and maintained its five-star rating. Our preschool continues to be a five-star preschool that sets our students up for success. Students who attend our preschool and move into kindergarten perform very well in our district, we're very proud of that program.

## 11.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

### 11.1 Board Members' Comments

**Mr. Heather:** Want to echo what Darrell (Yater) said about the Colerain 100 Year Gala. It was a wonderful event. Their original goal was to have 400 people and it ended up being 551. All the profits go to the new athletic training facility but there's still a long way to go on getting the money for that.

**Mr. Detzel:** I'd like to echo what Chris (Heather) said. It was a great night and I saw a lot of people that I hadn't seen in years. I think everybody was happy that they were there and hopefully they can do it again next year. I know it's a lot of time and a lot of work but it was well worth it and it was done-up right.

I want to say good luck to our Spring athletic teams. Track season is coming up so I just want to wish good luck to both the high schools and all the athletes.

**Ms. Slattery:** I really enjoyed hearing about the learning buddies program. I think it's a great way to develop citizenship among the school and to let kids know that small acts of kindness can lead to great things. You don't have to do extraordinary things to make a difference in the world. I really enjoyed hearing that presentation.

**Mr. Gilbert:** I want to thank Andrea (Childress) and Tanya (Ponting) for bringing the kids here this evening. I'm friends with Tanya and I know when this started there was just an excitement in her about this. I saw her right after the first meeting and she was just over the moon about it and, like she said, she's very passionate about it.

Thank you to the kids from Butler Tech. I wasn't at the Colerain 100 Year Gala because my son was getting married. One of the digital media students filmed my son's wedding and he did an amazing job. Those guys do great work, an amazing job.

Other than that, everybody have a safe spring break. Come back safe and enjoy the eclipse.

**Ms. Taulbee:** I also wanted to say that the Gala was amazing and thank you to everyone that helped put that on. It was a great time and I also hope that it can continue.

I want to thank Karen (Hood) for coming and her staff that came. It can't be easy to stand up there and speak about someone who meant so much and we know how much Angela meant to your school, so thank you for being here.

Really appreciate the buddy program and the Butler Tech students speaking. Thank you to the curriculum department for allowing parents to come and read through the materials and being transparent with our new books. We appreciate everyone's time.

I wanted to remind people that our boosters organizations, our alumni associations and our high schools all have Facebook pages that share a lot of really cool information.

There are a lot of things that you can support. Both high schools put out quite a bit through those Facebook pages so just remind people to go and follow those and find ways to be involved.

**Discussion:**

- **Mr. Yater:** The April meeting on April 15th will be at Colerain High School. We have multiple presentations that night for celebrations of our staff, as well as a proclamation for Colerain High School.

Just to clarify for the District, Monfort Heights had a donation of the eclipse glasses but the district purchased glasses for the rest of the K-12 students so those will be going home later this week. There will be some instruction along with the glasses so that all of our students are prepared for the event on April 8th, weather permitting.

## **12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **12.1 Executive Session**

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the motion to move into executive session to discuss employment and/or discipline of a public employee and to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent.

#### **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 motion to move into executive session 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

The Board approved a motion to move into executive session at 7:21 PM.

### **12.2 Return from Executive Session**

The Board returned from executive session at 9:32 PM.

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

### **13.1 Board President Called for Adjournment**

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Jim Detzel**) 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: **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 9:34 PM.**

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**President**

**Attest**

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**Treasurer**