



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, December 9, 2024 (6:30 PM)

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Request all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

2.1 Call of the Roll

BOARD MEMBERS

Nicole Taulbee
Mark Gilbert
Jim Detzel
Chris Heather
Nancy Slattery

Number in Attendance: 175

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 Recognition of Fall Competitive Music and Athlete Groups and Participant's Notable Accomplishments

Student Services Director Jake Kuhnline facilitated the recognition of the fall competitive musicians and athletes from Colerain Middle, White Oak Middle, Pleasant Run Middle, Northwest High School and Colerain High School. The following students were recognized for their achievements while participating in a sport or competitive music group:

Colerain High School

Max Gregory	Miguel Bartolon	Haley Johnson
Alex Diesel	Anya Julian	Grace Phillips
Jackson Lambrinides	John Metheny	Brandon Griffith
Jack Boerger	Hayden Danielson	Katie Ossenschmidt
Michael Casagrande	Saheed Davis	Quentin Hart
Zain Conn	Keegan Garr	Riley Carraher
Aaron Byrne	Cooper Krieg	Ryan Wilson
Jordan Jackson	Elise Maynus	OliviaMussig
Elijah Jordan	Zoe Fiebig	Neenah Burton
Diakaria Sy	Elizabeth Safro Benson	Lauren White

Northwest High School

Ahmahd Thompson	Hezekiah Kelley	David Pineda
Kevin Bolanos	Kinxton Hill	Daniel Perez
Gonzalez	Meyli Ventura	Ricardo Camacho
Youssef Elkhalili	Emmalyn Ginandt	Cam Quarles
Mike LaCue	Jael Hill	Jostin Padilla
Travontay Thomas	Jayla Elam	Ryan Frey
Jordan Bailey	Jasmine Rodriguez	Gabby Morris
Parker Seibel	Ellie McNett	Vien Nguyen
Tobias Price	Pierre Akili	Lily McFarland
Jaylen Lily	Dylan Frey	Khanh Nhien Truong

Ava Haines
D'Asyia Cotton

Samiah Riley
Lauryn Adams

Colerain Middle School

Anya Julian
Luke Thielen
Cali Clippard

Xavier Price
Daniel Sipe
Lloyd Trotter

Alexandria Stephens
Rilee Blanchard

Pleasant Run Middle School

Camden Adams
Amya Green
Madalynn Lycans
Jordan Samuelson
Christian Brown
Jeremiah Allen
Braxton Ashurst
Jaden Brown
Wyatt Cordray

Mekhi Daniels
Alexander Donald
Isaiah Freeland
Shawntez Garrett
Dontae George
JaReek Hale
Nicolis Kititko
Eden Kofi-arthur
Colton Lawson

Joshua Mills
Julius Moon, Jr
Easton Morgan-Green
Bently Pfaller
Braylon Reynolds
Jeremiah Rhodes
Braden Stumpf
Christian Brown

White Oak Middle School

Donovan Enterline
Shiane Carraher
Robert Wagner
Clara Mei McCoy
Mallory Schrott

Alec Baverman
Beck Baverman
Cole Gregory
Brady Frye
Landon Frye

Haydon Frye
Liam Oswald
Quintin Williams
Braden Murray
Selena Shine

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:

Monfort Heights Elementary

- Fifth grade students at Monfort Heights Elementary mentor kindergarten students throughout the school year. During the week of November 25th, the fifth grade mentors worked with kindergarten students to create “talking turkeys”. The

collaborative activity reinforced the science standard that “objects vibrate to produce sound”. The students had a great time and deepened their understanding of this important science concept through this engaging learning experience.

Colerain Elementary

- Kindergarten students learned about fruits with seeds during their CKLA unit on plants. Students read a story about Johnny Appleseed and, as a culminating activity, made their own applesauce. After eating the applesauce, the students graphed the number of students who liked or disliked the taste of the applesauce. The students had a great time cooking and learning at the same time.
- The third grade students participated in Education Day at the University of Cincinnati. Students were able to visit booths from the different programs that the university offers, speak to college students, and had the opportunity to attend a UC Women’s Basketball game.

Struble Elementary

- The kindergarten students hosted Wave Nation - Newport Aquarium in the building on November 25th for a presentation about sharks. Students had the opportunity to meet a live Coral Cat Shark and learn all about its characteristics, habitat, diet and how they can help to protect and conserve its environment.
- The kindergarten and first grade students welcomed guests into the building on November 25th and 26th for “Special Persons Day”. Guests enjoyed a special student concert and then completed math, literacy, and writing activities with students in the classrooms.
- Third grade students were able to share their creativity with their school family on Tuesday, November 26th with a balloon parade. Students created their own balloons to accompany the book, “Balloons Over Broadway”. The parade was a hit with students and staff members.

Houston Early Learning Center

- Teacher Mrs. Day turned read-aloud into an interactive, real world experience for her students. After reading “The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza” students made their own pizzas for snack time, personalizing them with the items that they liked best from the story.

Colerain High School

- Adrianna Spaulding has received the Monnett Scholarship from Ohio Wesleyan University which has a total value of \$132,000 or \$33,000 annually. She was also awarded the Faculty Scholarship from the University of Findlay, which is worth

\$76,000 or \$19,000 a year. Adrianna has worked hard to earn these opportunities to further her education and has multiple options for where she wants to continue her education after graduation.

- Ryan Wilson received Advanced scores on all of his End of Course Exams and has earned a score of 3 or better in four different AP courses. He also completed nine college credit hours prior to his senior year. At the end of his senior year, Ryan will have earned nearly two full years of college credits through his participation in the College Credit Plus program.
- Grace Phillips was recently named as the Northwest Exchange Club's Student of the Month. The Northwest Exchange Club holds interviews to determine its monthly winners. This recognition is based on academics, leadership, school activities, and community service. Grace will be honored with a recognition breakfast at the Clovernook Country Club and will be presented with a plaque and US Savings Bond.

Taylor Elementary

- The fourth grade students wrapped up their learning on The Middle Ages with various activities including creating their own castles.

White Oak Middle School

- A Pizza with the Principal party was held on November 1st to celebrate the 40 students selected as Warriors of the Month.

Pleasant Run Elementary

- Six students entered into the PTA Reflections content. The Ohio PTA Reflections Program is a creative arts initiative designed to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves through the arts. This year's PTA Reflections theme is "Accepting Imperfection". The team at PRE would like to thank the following students for representing themselves and their school: Josephine Quansah (KDG), Alisha Chauwan (Gr. 1), Hailey Mattan (Gr. 2), Gabriella Snow (Gr. 2), Claude Vaillant Bin Pack (Gr. 3), and Mawuto Effoe (Gr. 4)

Pleasant Run Middle School

- Amya Green is a shining star and a true leader in the classroom and exemplifies respect, not only towards her own teachers but also to every teacher and staff member she encounters. Her positive energy uplifts everyone around her, making her a joy to have in class. Amya is the epitome of responsibility and dependability—always on top of her work and setting an excellent example for her peers.

Colerain Middle School

- Congratulations to the first semester student ambassadors. These students voluntarily serve their school by assisting in the office or library each day in place of taking a second elective course. These students are outstanding representatives of Colerain Middle School and are viewed as leaders among their peers:

Carolyn Thielen
Leslie Juarez Mejia
Lewis Doerman
Natalie Johnson
Mia Mattan

Lillian Stuerenberg
Amanda Baro
Clark Suen
Ryan Green
Rilee Blanchard

Leah Abraha
Abigail Mitchell
Teah Wethington
Ta Mela Ledford

B) Butler Tech Update

6.2 Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

Board Member Jim Detzel presented Butler Tech updates as follows:

Jon Graft has announced that he is stepping down as Butler Tech Superintendent at the end of the school year. He will be transitioning to a legislative position at Butler Tech and will continue to oversee the three building projects. The search for a new superintendent is ongoing.

C) Legislative Update

6.3 Legislative Update by Board Representative

Board Member Chris Heather presented legislative updates as follows:

We have received updated voucher information from the state. Last year just over 150,000 students received state assisted vouchers and this year it increased to 154,000.

7.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A) Report from Any Employee Organization

7.1 Employee Comments

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

No employees were present to speak.

B) Community Communications

7.2 Community Comments

The Board President acknowledged audience members who completed a “Request to Address the Board” card and read the NWLSD Board Policy, Public Participation at Board Meetings (169.1), which can be viewed through the following link:
<http://go.boarddocs.com/oh/nwlsdhamiltonoh/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJML8T555E8f>

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

No one was present 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 (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Nancy Slattery**) 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

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Last week we only had 5 bus routes cancelled which is great. I had some parents tell me they were notified their bus was cancelled only 10 minutes before it was scheduled to arrive. Can you tell me what we’re doing to keep that from happening again?

Mr. Chris McKee: Michelle (Dean), the Transportation OP, sends out those communications. We had an issue that morning and the message was not sent out. We’ve reminded all transportation employees that we need to get that communication out as early as possible.

- **Mr. Heather:** When will the modifications to the new administrative office be completed?

Mr. Yater: Early to mid January, which will allow the work to begin at the Weigel campus at the beginning of February.

A) Personnel

8.2 Personnel Items

Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Graber, Ruth - CSO - Field Manager Effective: 12/5/2024	(New Position)
Mara, Pamela - Transportation - Bus Driver Effective: 11/22/2024	(Deceased)
Molden, Rylie - PRE - MD Assistant Effective: 1/10/2025	(Personal)
Turner, Donna - SE - Cafe Assistant Effective: 12/31/2024	(Personal)

Acceptance of Administrative Resignation and Retirement

Robison, Lisa - HESC - Supervisor of Food Services
Effective: 2/1/2025 (Personal)

Acceptance of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Duwel, Jennifer - PRMS - Math
Effective: 8/1/2025 (Retirement)

Rabold, Christine - CHS - Library/Media
Effective: 6/1/2025 (Retirement)

Approval of Extra Duty Resignations

Sharpe, Tiia - MHE - Kids in School Rule Tutor
Effective: 6/30/2024

Stockmeier, Shelby - MHE - Kids in School Rule Tutor
Effective: 6/30/2024

Super, Bethany - MHE - Kids in School Rule Tutor
Effective: 6/30/2024

Walton, Elizabeth - CHS - Kids in School Rule Tutor
Effective: 6/30/2024

Approval of Classified Changes in Status

Behrmann, Robin - from 4.5 hour Cafe Assistant, Step 3 at Colerain Middle School to
7 hour Cafe Assistant, Step 3, at Colerain Middle School
Effective: 1/6/2025

Lathrop, Nicole - from 7 hour Cafe Assistant, Step 5 at Colerain Middle School to
4.5 hour Cafe Assistant, Step 5 at Colerain Middle School
Effective: 1/6/2025

Tobias, Michael - from Custodian II, Step 10, at Colerain High School to Lead
Custodian, Step 10, at Colerain High School
Effective: 1/2/2025

Approval of Substitute Bus Assistant at \$16.22 per hour – Effective 11/20/2024

Fambro, Taliza

Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence

Estes, Cody - TE - Custodian
Effective: 11/7/2024 (Continuous)

Hellkamp, Debbie - WOMS - Custodian II
Effective: 12/2/2024 (Continuous)

Obermeyer, Melissa - HELC - OP5
Effective: 12/5/2024 (Continuous)

Rieber, Tracy - WOMS - Cafe Assistant
Effective: 12/13/2024 (Continuous)

Rieger, Denise - CSO - Department Specialist
Effective: 11/26/2024 (Continuous)

Approval of Interim Administrative Appointment

Graber, Ruth - HESC - Interim Supervisor of Food Services
Salary: XA7-01, Step 1, (158 days)
Effective: 12/6/2024 (Replacement)

Approval of Initial Certified Appointment

Weingart, Chad (Replacement)
Salary: Teacher, Bachelor's with 150 semester hours and 10 years of experience (116 days), Step 11
Effective: 11/20/2024

Approval of Home Instructor – Effective 10/1/2024

Ponting, Tanya

Approval of Certified Change in Status

Beall, Jennifer - from Teacher, Master's with 6 years of experience, Step 7 to Long Term Substitute, \$351.81 a day
Effective: 11/7/2024 (Licensure)

Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence

Albrinck, Patrick - CMS - Teacher
Effective: 1/13/2025 (Intermittent)

Bryant, Sarah - PRE - Teacher
Effective: 11/25/2024 (Intermittent)

McGlothin, Arlinda - CE - Teacher Effective: 10/3/2024	(Continuous)
Moore, Amanda - TE - Teacher Effective: 11/14/2024 - 1/3/2025	(Child Care)
Saylor, Kimberly - CE - Teacher Effective: 11/25/2024	(Intermittent)
Stroube, Margaret - CHS - Teacher Effective: 12/17/2024	(Child Care)
Whitaker, Karen - PRE - Teacher Effective: 10/29/2024	(Intermittent)

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

Northwest High School

9th Grade Wrestling Coach - Gage Starrett, Step 1
Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (½) - George Hood, Step 1

Resolution (#2461) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the positions of:

- 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - NWHS
- 9th Grade Wrestling Coach - CHS
- Assistant Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach - NWHS
- Head Varsity Baseball Coach - NWHS
- Head Varsity Boys Bowling Coach - NWHS
- Head Varsity Girls Bowling Coach - NWHS
- Head Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach - NWHS
- Head Varsity Wrestling Coach - NWHS
- Wrestlettes Sponsor - 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,

Carpenter, Chelsea - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach, Step 3

Carpenter, Dexter - NWHS - Head Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach, Step 6

Johnson, Terrence - NWHS - Head Varsity Boys Bowling Coach, Step 6

Johnson, Terrence - NWHS - Head Varsity Girls Bowling Coach, Step 6

Maitre, Marc - NWHS - 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 3

Martin, Tyrell - NWHS - Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Step 5

Terry, Christopher - CHS - 9th Grade Wrestling Coach, Step 5

Wells, Ronald - NWHS - Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, Step 6

Wells, Ronald - NWHS - Wrestlettes Sponsor, Step 6

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 Winter Music Assistants for 2024-25

August, Sabrina - NWHS

Bishop, Hunter - NWHS

Approval of Winter Music Leaders for 2024-25

Hunt, Lisa - NWHS

Marratta, Matthew - NWHS

Wullenweber, Susan - NWHS

Approval of Spring Music Assistant for 2024-25

Marratta, Matthew - NWHS

Approval of Spring Music Leader for 2024-25

Sexton, Molly - CHS

Approval of Athletic Event Workers for 2024-25

Atwood, Charles
August, Sabrina
Bergquist, Nancy
Bronson, Dasai
Chappell, Tiahna

Cotton, Khaylen
Erhardt, Haillie
McGinnis, Cortez
Saunders, Corey

Approval of Volunteer for 2024-25

Covarrubias, Jason - CHS

B) General Business

8.3 Vendor Contracts

Vendor:	Description:	Length:	Total:
Greg Detweiler	choral clinician	1 year	\$500.00
Gary A Speck	band clinician	1 year	\$50.00
Buddy Rogers Music	School Maintenance Agreement for Band Instruments	1 year	\$15,960.00
Julie Marratta	Accompanist	1 year	\$3,000.00
Felipe Morales-Torres	choral clinician	1 year	\$500.00
HCESC	Bilingual SLP for evaluation	1 year	Not to Exceed \$1,503.00
BoneFish/Fifth Third Bank	Banking Fraud-Cyber Security Protection, 3rd Party Payment Processor	Ongoing	Expected to be cost neutral

ThoughtExchange	Engagement360. Exchanges, surveys, analytics, data, integrations.	Ongoing	This year's funds to come from Hanover contract being replaced. \$52,200 (+ 3% increase each year).
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Paid for Auxiliary or Federal Non-Public grant monies.

Additional cost to the current fiscal year's July 1st budget.

8.4 Donations to Northwest School District

Attached is a list of donations for Board approval.

Name of Donor:	Donation Description:	Building:	Donation Amount:
Tyton Partners	Gift Card	Central Support Offices	\$30.00 and \$40.00
Smithfield Food Groups	96 Hotdogs (12 packs of 8 franks)	Pleasant Run Middle	\$24
Skyline Chili	80 Hotdog buns	Pleasant Run Middle	
Walmart Supercenter	\$50.00 Gift Card	Pleasant Run Middle	\$50.00
Target	\$50.00 Gift Card	Pleasant Run Middle	\$50.00
Panera Bread Finneytown	2 lite coffee totes and 2 of hazelnut coffee totes	White Oak Middle	\$75.96
Krogers	30 - 12 packs of variety donuts (Kroger brand)	White Oak Middle	\$90

8.5 Resolution to Award Contract - Weigel Renovation to Preschool

Resolution No. 2462

A Resolution Approving the Selection of Kramer & Feldman, Inc. (“Contractor”) as the Low Bidder for the Construction of the District’s Weigel Elementary School Alterations Project (“Project”) and Authorizing District Personnel to Enter into a Contract, in Compliance With All Necessary Conditions, with the Contractor for the Project.

Rationale:

1. The District engaged the services of SHP (“Architect”) to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates of cost among other professional design services for the Project.
2. The Architect, in collaboration with the District, issued the Project for public, competitive bid in accordance with Ohio law and Board policy, and sealed bids were received and publicly opened on December 4, 2024.
3. The Architect tabulated the received bids for the Project and advised the District on the acceptance or rejection of any or all bids, alternates, and budget considerations.
4. Kramer & Feldman was identified as the lowest, most responsive bidder with the following submission:

Base Bid	\$648,772.00
Alternate 1: Corridor	\$17,735.00
Total Bid	\$666,507.00

5. The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend the selection of Kramer & Feldman, Inc. as the lowest and most responsive bidder and seek to enter into a contract with Kramer & Feldman, Inc., in compliance with all necessary conditions, to construct the Project in an amount not to exceed \$666,507.00 dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE the Northwest Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board accepts the recommendation of District personnel and approves the selection of Kramer & Feldman, Inc., as the lowest and most responsive bidder for the Project.
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and any other necessary officials, to enter into an agreement with Kramer & Feldman, Inc., in compliance with all necessary conditions, to construct the Project in an amount not to exceed \$666,507.00 dollars.
3. All formal actions of this Board of Education concerning or related to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of this Board, and of any of its committees, that resulted in formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this Resolution.

9.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

9.1 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**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 Taulbeet	Yes
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

9.2 Minutes - Special Work Session - November 14, 2024

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

9.3 Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - November 18, 2024

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

9.4 Minutes - Special Work Session - December 2, 2024

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

9.5 Accept, Approve Fund and/or Appropriate Fund & Name Change of Existing Fund

Fund/FCC	Fund Name and Amount	Description/Purpose of Fund
499 9502	Ohio EPA OEEF Grant \$28,948.00	NWHS's science department is creating a student curated science museum within their hallway of the high school. This grant will enable the department to expand the size and scope of display space, storage capacity for student generated materials, broaden the scope of exhibits, and fund eld trips for touring local museums and collecting

		specimens at a local park. With expanded display space students will have increased opportunities to create, curate, and collaborate on a variety of exhibits covering topics from mineralogy, geology, paleontology, biology, ecology, and more. These exhibits will also be used as outreach materials to middle and elementary school students and community members as traveling and open house events. Northwest High School's science department will also develop professional development for educators wishing to replicate the project.
008-9400	Side by Side Faith & Community Scholarship	** Existing Fund title change request only; The benefactor of the Nolte/Beck Faith & Community Scholarship requested a name change for their scholarship to the Side by Side Faith & Community Scholarship

9.6 FY25 Quarterly Appropriation Resolution \$164,217,046.62

The treasurer recommended the Board accept the FY25 quarterly appropriation as listed.

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION (#2463)
Local Board of Education
Rev.Code Sec. 5705.38**

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, 2025 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:

FUND TITLE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
001 GENERAL FUND	109,967,114.99
002 BOND RETIREMENT	3,871,110.30
003 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	11,487,483.66
004 BUILDING	16,058,902.00
006 FOOD SERVICES	4,667,823.60
007 SPECIAL TRUST	421,543.62
008 FOUNDATION	13,500.00

009 UNIFORM SCHOOL SUPPLIES	644,150.07
010 FACILITIES	1,181,625.00
018 PRINCIPAL	111,173.35
019 LOCAL GRANTS	39,300.00
024 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE SELF INSURED	200,000.00
027 WORKER COMPENSATION	590,684.20
034 FACILITIES	-
035 SEVERANCE	1,600,000.00
200 STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITIES	199,200.00
300 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	1,306,335.02
401 AUXILIARY SERVICES	2,316,574.08
439 PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL	669,488.88
451 DATA COMMUNICATIONS	19,000.00
467 STUDENT WELLNESS & SUCCESS	579,073.07
499 MISC STATE GRANTS	65,368.33
507 SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND	516,362.54
516 IDEA/PARENT MENTOR	3,078,913.51
536 TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL	7,670.03
551 TITLE III	119,799.56
572 TITLE I - DISADVANTAGE CHILD	3,622,489.65
584 TITLE IV	318,931.89
587 IDEA PRESCHOOL SPEC ED	50,453.76
590 TITLE II-A	492,975.51
599 MISC FEDERAL GRANTS	-
 GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	 \$164,217,046.62

10.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND OR DISCUSSION

A) Miscellaneous

10.1 Proposal for 2025 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The superintendent presented the proposed 2025 Board of Education Meeting dates and asked for feedback before they're brought back for approval at the next regular meeting on January 6th.

The proposed meeting dates can be viewed as an ESB attachment.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** I'd like to make a suggestion based on what I heard from other districts while attending the OSBA Capital Conference last month. Some districts have a couple of board members arrive at the meeting location 30 minutes early to be available to community members to ask questions or give feedback. Is that something we're interested in doing?

Mr. Detzel: Is this something community members are asking for or would we just do it and see who shows up?

Mrs. Taulbee: The people I spoke to at OSBA said there are times when 10 people come and other times no one shows up. It's just an opportunity for people to ask questions or voice concerns.

Mr. Detzel: I think it's a great idea. That way if people have questions/comments they don't have to stay to the end of the meeting or make a public comment.

Mr. Heather: It's worth a try to see how it goes.

Mrs. Taulbee: Can we work on how we'll communicate that?

Mr. Yater: It can be added to the document that lists the meeting dates.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

11.1 Superintendent's Update

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

I want to recognize the students' music and athletic accomplishments. School is so much more than report cards and grades; the athletic and fine arts programs provide a well-rounded experience for our students. It's not just for those who participate but the students who rally behind them at games at pep rallies, and it creates that inclusive school culture that we really strive for. Tonight was recognizing not just the athletes and the performers but the culture they create in the schools. We really appreciate that and celebrate that.

Second, an announcement for our families that we have been approached by Colerain Township to be part of the Safe Routes to School grant. Colerain Township will be applying to ODOT to get funds to add additional sidewalks. It's something that we know is desperately needed throughout the community. In order to qualify for the grant they need the partnership of the district and part of that partnership is a parent survey. Our principals will be pushing the survey out to our parents and we ask that families take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey so we can get enough participation to qualify for

the grant. We want to work with the Township to create more safe routes to school by installing more sidewalks. We encourage everyone's participation.

The next couple of weeks there will be a lot of winter concerts happening at all of the schools. We encourage everyone to attend a concert this holiday season, you'll be blown away by the students' talent.

We have a winter break coming up. Friday, December 20th is the last day for students and they won't return until January 6th. Between now and then, attendance is really important. Important things are going to be happening every day at school so we need to make sure that we continue to stress that the students are showing up, being present and pushing hard towards that finish line. It matters, attendance matters every day.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** I wanted to comment on the proactive communication that came out last week about weather and what would happen if the weather took a turn. I appreciate that being sent out and I think that it's good to get ahead of those things and remind parents of how those decisions are made.

At the athletic work session (CHS Athletic Director) Matt Stoinoff made a comment about conducting a parent survey about athletic facilities, do you have the results to share?

Mr. Yater: I'm sure the building has that, but I don't have the results here tonight. I can work on getting a copy.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Any update on the Pleasant Run Middle School football field?

Mr. Yater: We have a follow up meeting with the athletic directors coming up where we're processing all of the information that came up in the work session so more information is coming.

Mr. Detzel: Are we looking to put the field at Pleasant Run Middle?

Mr. Yater: We are going to continue to work with them on options. That meeting will be to discuss what the options might be.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Last meeting we had to approve the lease of the new administrative office so that the project wasn't held up but the construction interviews were scheduled for October 23rd, then delayed to November 21st, and now December 12th. What can you tell us about that and how that's not going to hold up the project?

Mr. Yater: The interviews are part of the project and OFCC did push them back a couple of times. Part of the issue with the property at the Houston location is that we have a sewer line that runs through the property.

Mr. McKee: Sometimes those schedules do get pushed back but we do have room in the schedule for things like that. We will pick up on some of those schedule items and make that time up. I don't foresee any problems getting back on schedule.

- **Mr. Gilbert:** I have a question about the sidewalk project. How much latitude will Colerain Township have in saying where the sidewalks will go?

Mr. Yater: There's not a lot of detail yet about where the sidewalks would be. Colerain Township is conducting the survey and we've provided a lot of information to them about where students are walking to school. All of that will go into the decision making.

Mr. Gilbert: I hope they look at Springdale Road down where it dips. I come through in the mornings and I see kids walking from the apartment complex and I think about how dangerous it can be, especially in the winter when somebody can lose control down that hill.

12.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

12.1 Chairperson Pro Tempore

The superintendent asked the Board to nominate a Chairperson Pro Tempore to bridge the gap between now and the January 6th business meeting.

The Board of Education appoints Nancy Slattery as Chairperson Pro Tempore.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board of Education appoints Nancy Slattery as Chairperson Pro Tempore'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried 4 - 1**

Nicole Taulbeet	No
Mark Gilbert	Yes
Jim Detzel	Yes
Chris Heather	Yes
Nancy Slattery	Yes

12.2 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Heather: Thank you to my fellow board members. This is a thankless job but I'm glad to do it. I'm a little concerned that in the athletics recognition part of tonight the White Oak player of the year was wearing a LaSalle shirt and said he's transferring next year. That's concerning, and hopefully when we start winning the transfers will slow down.

Mr. Detzel: I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I want to congratulate Ryan Wilson from CHS for having almost two years of college credits when he graduates this spring. It's so great that these kids can do that through the College Credits Plus program. Congratulations to all the athletes that were recognized tonight, it takes a lot of hard work to do all of that.

Ms. Slattery: Congratulations to all the athletes. I'm really excited to hear about the EPA grant that NWHS received, I'm interested to see where we go with that.

Mr. Gilbert: Thank you to all the parents who brought their kids to be recognized tonight. I really appreciate the coach that gave a narrative about each kid, I can tell he really enjoys what he does. I want to wish everyone a happy holiday.

Mrs. Taulbee: Thank you to the parents and everyone who attended tonight. I also want to thank all the principals, administrators and everyone who put together the report card work session last week, it was very informative. Taylor Elementary, where we are tonight, and every other school are doing great things and it's great to see progress being made. I got to participate in Struble Elementary's Special Person Day and it was awesome to see how proud everyone is of their kids.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 Executive Session

The Board approved a motion to move into executive session to consider the discipline of a public employee.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the motion to move into executive session'. 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 entered executive session at 7:40 PM.

13.2 Return from Executive Session

The Board returned from executive session at 8:33 PM.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

1.1 Board President Called for Adjournment

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Nancy Slattery**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board President asked for a motion and a second to adjourn'. 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 8:34 PM.

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