



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, October 21, 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: 5

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: **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 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

A) Student Achievement Liaison Report

5.1 Student Achievement Liaison Report by Board Representative

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

Northwest Local School District

- The Northwest Local School District had 37 high school juniors who scored at the Advanced Performance Level on their first District Common Assessment for American Government.
- Teachers across the District are designing engaging learning experiences that allow students to collaborate and discuss academic content. Providing opportunities for students to process rigorous academic content together is a key component of the District’s Model of Instruction. Second grade students at Colerain Elementary worked collaboratively to write interesting facts they’ve learned about writing and calligraphy in Asia’s ancient civilizations. Kindergarten students at Pleasant Run Elementary investigated items from nature using microscopes while on a field trip to Glenwood Gardens, and completed an obstacle course simulating a fire and explored a fire truck with the Colerain Fire Department.

Colerain High School

- Congratulations to junior Ashley Heibel who participated in the Cincinnati Art Club’s annual Plein Air Competition at Spring Grove Cemetery on September 21st. Her on-the-spot artwork won first prize which earned a trophy that is currently on display at CHS, \$500, and a full tuition scholarship to a 3- or 6-week Interlochen Visual Arts Camp next summer.
- Senior Layla Klotz was named as a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Layla is one of the top 50,000 students who entered the

competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Houston Early Learning Center

71 students were recognized for having perfect attendance. HELC families and staff took the “Stay in the Game” pledge in September, committing to work together to improve student attendance.

Taylor Elementary

Taylor Elementary School celebrated 46 students who earned the Trait of the Month Award for September. The Trait of the Month for September was Helpful. These students went above and beyond in their classrooms and at Taylor to earn this award.

Monfort Heights Elementary

36 fifth grade students applied to become Musketeer Mentors. These students will attend an orientation next week and begin mentoring shortly thereafter. Musketeer Mentors will be charged with supporting students and staff throughout the school by helping in classrooms and working with students. This program provides a fantastic opportunity for student leadership and service.

Pleasant Run Middle School

8th grade student Taelyn Griffin was recognized for being a remarkable young woman who balances both academic excellence and leadership in extracurricular activities. Her dedication to learning and her drive to succeed are evident in the way she approaches every challenge with focus, discipline, and a desire to excel. Beyond the classroom, Taelyn shines as the cheer captain, leading the team with energy, enthusiasm, and responsibility. She exemplifies excellence and sets a high standard for others to follow.

Struble Elementary

This month, 33 students earned a Blue Jay Breakfast celebration with their families for being role models and for following “The Blue Jay Way”. In addition to breakfast, these students also received a special certificate and a t-shirt.

Northwest High School

Members of the NWHS football team volunteered at Frisch's Cruise-In Car Show on Saturday. Proceeds from the event are designated for local charities.

B) Butler Tech Update

5.2 Butler Technology Update by Board Representative

Board Member Jim Detzel presented Butler Tech updates as follows:

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Butler Tech Aviation Hangar was held at the Middletown Airport on October 17th. Representatives from the governor's office and Butler County Commissioners were present at the event.

The Board plans to host a future meeting at one of the Butler Tech sites.

C) Legislative Update

5.3 Legislative Update by Board Representative

Board Member Chris Heather presented legislative updates as follows:

The Ohio legislature remains on recess through election day. This November Kentucky will be voting on whether or not to allow a voucher program similar to the one we have in Ohio.

6.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A) Report from Any Employee Organization

6.1 Employee Comments

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

Nathan Bellows (Bus Driver and Trainer): During the training process we teach our bus drivers all of the safety rules and regulations but to educate the students about bus safety we depend on the parents, principals and administrators quite a bit. One of the major points of emphasis this year is the Place of Safety. When the school bus pulls up to a stop there is a designated place of safety about 20 steps away from the bus. It acts as a meeting place for the students and they're asked to be in there about 5

minutes before their scheduled pickup time. Students are to stay in their place of safety until the bus comes to a complete stop, the driver opens the door, does a safety check and gives the signal that it's safe to board the bus. We need the parents' help in making sure their students are within their Place of Safety when waiting for the bus. With winter coming, many parents will have their children wait inside their vehicles and while, to a parent, the vehicle may seem like a safe spot, we strongly encourage parents not to do that. As I approach the stop I count how many students are there and as they're loading I count them in my rearview mirror; That way I know how many students should be getting on the bus and if there's a little kid who slipped on the snow bank or got stuck in the door I know to go find them.

The same rules are in effect after school, during drop off. Students are to go to their Place of Safety and wait there until the bus leaves. I know at the end of a long day when a kindergartener sees mom or dad across the street they'll often take off running, but for us as bus drivers that creates a lot of nervous moments as we watch them try to run across the street before we've been able to fully check every direction. We would love to see the parents step up to help ensure their child's safety at the bus stop by encouraging them to stay in their Place of Safety.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Next year, are we able to have a school bus and driver at the open house for each elementary school and middle school to speak to parents and students about bus safety? I know we have one at the back to school event but I think it would be helpful to have one at the open house as well.

Mr. Bellows: I'm all for it, we've received that feedback from the Principal at Taylor Elementary as well. I don't think you'd have a shortage of drivers willing to do that.

B) Community Communications

6.2 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 community members were present to speak.

7.0 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

7.1 Adoption of Superintendent’s Consent Items

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Education approve the adoption of 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

7.2 Personnel Items

Acceptance of Classified Resignations and Retirements

Cassidy, Donna - CHS - Cafe Assistant
Effective: 10/10/2024 (Personal)

Goley, Lyesa - CHS - Cafe Assistant
Effective: 10/7/2024 (Personal)

Hayes, Vicki - Transportation - Bus Driver
Effective: 8/5/2024 (Personal)

Robinson, Tamara - SE - MD Assistant
Effective: 10/9/2024 (Personal)

Approval of Certified Resignations and Retirements

Nelson, Melissa - HESC - Behavior Specialist
Effective: 8/1/2025 (Retirement)

Stolz, Taylor - NWHS - Physical Education
Effective: 6/30/2025 (Personal)

Approval of Extra Duty Resignations

Anderson, Zyair - CMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach (1/2), Step 3
Effective: 7/1/2024

Harshaw, Shemiah - NWHS - Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach,
Step 1
Effective: 6/30/2024

Approval of Classified Changes in Status

Greve, Deanna - from 7.5 hour Cafe Assistant at Colerain High School, Step 11 to
Cafe Manager at Taylor Elementary, Step 1
Effective: 10/28/2024

Kahle, Katie - from 6.5 hour Cafe Assistant at Colerain High School, Step 9 to 7.5
hour Cafe Assistant at Colerain High School, Step 9
Effective: 10/28/2024

Pouncy, Brittany - CSO - from full-time Accounting Department Specialist, Step 12
to part-time Accounting Department Specialist, at \$39.18 per hour, up to 24 hours per
week
Effective: 10/28/2024

Approval of Driver in Training at \$16.22 per hour – Effective 10/18/2024

Cooper, Keturah

Approval of Guaranteed Bus Driver at \$21.63 per hour – Effective 10/18/2024

Cave, Kristi

Approval of Initial Classified Appointments

Caldwell, Maria

Salary: MD Assistant, Step 12

Effective: 10/15/2024

(Replacement)

Cotton, Bruce

Salary: ED Assistant, Step 5

Effective: 10/15/2024

(Replacement)

Deavers, Tina

Salary: Technician, Step 5

Effective: 12/02/2024

(Replacement)

Hunter, Tokayus

Salary: Bus Driver, Step 2

Effective: 10/7/2024

(Replacement)

Klein, Robin

Salary: MD Assistant, Step 5

Effective: 10/15/2024

(Replacement)

Rudd, Katrina

Salary: Cafe Assistant, Step 2

Effective: 10/21/2024

(Replacement)

Singley, Kimberly

Salary: MD Assistant, Step 3

Effective: 10/21/2024

(Replacement)

Washington, Autumn

Salary: Office Personnel 4, Step 4

Effective: 10/28/2024

(Replacement)

Approval of Classified Leaves of Absence

Major, David - Transportation - Bus Driver

Effective: 10/17/2024 - 1/20/2025

(Medical)

Sowders, Randy - CSO - Maintenance

Effective: 9/20/2024

(Intermittent)

Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence

Baily, Elizabeth - PRMS - Teacher

Effective: 10/9/2024

(Continuous)

Fortkamp, Scott - WOMS - Teacher
Effective: 9/13/2024 (Intermittent)

Hoyt, Chelsey - PRE - Teacher
Effective: 11/7/2024 - 10/20/2025 (Childcare)

Vigar, Meghan - WOMS - Reading Specialist
Effective: 8/1/2024 (Intermittent)

Approval of Extra Duty Changes in Status

Boner, Kristen - SE - Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor - from three mentees to four mentees (mentee moved buildings)
Effective: 10/15/2024

Vigar, Meghan - WOMS - Ohio Resident Educator Program Mentor - from three mentees to two mentees (mentee moved buildings)
Effective: 10/11/2024

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

Colerain High School

9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach - Payge Smith, Step 3
Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach - Abby Meyer, Step 6
Head Varsity Boys Bowling Coach - Robin Stephens, Step 5
Head Varsity Swimming Coach - Hannah Poe, Step 5

Colerain Middle School

7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach – Andrew Duch, Step 6
7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Ayman El Qasem, Step 4
7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Marc Knott, Step 6
7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Timothy Hester, Step 6

Pleasant Run Middle School

7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach – Dan Hoard, Step 6

Transitions Academy

KISR Liaison - Melinda Taylor

White Oak Middle School

7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - Kenneth Merchant, Step 6

Resolution (#2451) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coaches Effective 7/1/2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the positions of:

7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coaches - PRMS
7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - WOMS
7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach - CMS
7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coaches - PRMS
7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coaches - WOMS
7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach - CMS
7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach - PRMS
7/8th Grade Wrestling Coaches - WOMS
9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - CHS
Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coaches (½) - CHS
Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach - CHS
Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach (½) - CHS
Assistant Varsity Swimming Coach - CHS
Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coaches - CHS
Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - CHS
Head Varsity Girls Bowling Coach - CHS
Head Varsity Wrestling Coach - CHS

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

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

WHEREAS,

Anderson, Zyair - CMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach, Step 3
Arnold, Kevin - CHS - 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 6
Arnold, William - CHS - Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (½), Step 6
Brown, Kobe - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 3
Cargile, Robert - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 3
Coldiron, Jenna - CHS - Head Varsity Girls Bowling Coach, Step 6
Crooks, Brandon - CHS - Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Step 5
Flagg, Desean - CHS - Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (½), Step 6

Hampton, Hunter - CHS - Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, Step 6
Hollandsworth, Daniel - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach, Step 6
Jones, Logan - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach, Step 2
Kimmey, James - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Step 6
Kostoff, Brett - CHS - Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Step 6
Miller, Brian - CHS - Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Step 4
Morton, Eric - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Step 5
Newell, George - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 3
Sherman, Markayla - PRMS - 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Step 1
Strader, Kendall - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Step 3
Terry, Nicholas - CHS - Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, Step 6
Thompson, Nora - CHS - Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach (½), 2
Ventura, Joe - CM - 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Step 6
Washington, Adolphus - CHS - Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach,
Step 2
Wendelken, Blake - WOMS - 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach, Step 6
Williams, Kristi - CHS - Assistant Varsity Swimming Coach, 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 Extra Duty Contract for 2024-25 Effective 11/1/2024

Colerain Elementary

Elementary Building Leadership Team Member - Natalie Crain, Step 1

Resolution (#2452) to Hire for Non-Licensed Coach Effective 9/9/2024

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of:

Dance Team Sponsor - CHS

WHEREAS, the position has been offered to the current employees of the Northwest Local School District who have a license issued under Section

3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and no such person whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for the position has applied for and accepted the position; and

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

WHEREAS,

Johnson, Mario - CHS - Dance Team Sponsor, 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 is qualified for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that he be employed in the position for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the pupil activity contract attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

Approval of Fall Music Specialists for 2024-25

Page, Halee - CHS

Picchioni, Elyssa - CHS

Approval of Athletic Event Workers for 2024-25

Merkle, Jeff

West, Kevin

Approval of Volunteer for 2024-25

Reuter, Katherine - CMS

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

Certified

Building Substitute: Long-term Teacher Assignment - \$140 daily rising to \$200 on Day 41+

Approval of Revised KISR Building Liaison Job Description

The job description may be viewed on the ESB online attachment with today’s date.

Approval of Revised KISR Building Liaison Salary Schedule

The salary schedule may be viewed on the ESB online attachment with today’s date.

Discussion:

- **Mr. Gilbert:** Is the KISR! stipend an increase to our expenses or is it funded by the KISR! program?

Mr. Yater: It’s funded through the KISR! (Kids In School Rule!) program which is funded by Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services.

B) General Business

7.3 Donations to Northwest Local School District

Name of Donor:	Donation Description:	Building:	Donation Amount:
Colerain Boosters	Basketball Lockers/Paint/Lighting/ Flooring	Colerain High School	\$18,500.00
Johnson Investment Counsel Inc	Monetary	Monfort Heights Elem.	\$5,000.00
Ameritas	Money for student incentives	Struble Elementary	\$4,000

7.4 Vendor Contracts

In compliance with ORC 3313.33; the following vendor contracts were presented for Board approval.

Vendor:	Description:	Length:	Total:
Michael Nicht	Accompaniment for concerts, choral assisting	1 year	\$1,000.00

HCESC	Membership for the Greater Cincinnati Business Advisory Council	1 year	\$20,972
Finney Law Firm, LLC	Assistance with expulsion hearings	1 year	\$3,750.00
SHP	Weigel Preschool Building Bidding & Construction Administration	1 year	\$27,000.00

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

8.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL CONSENT ITEMS

8.1 Adoption of Fiscal Consent Items

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Mark Gilbert**) 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

8.2 Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - October 7, 2024

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

8.3 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 2025.

Monthly Finance and Investment Report - September 2024

All Funds Balance - \$112,249,701

General Fund Unreserved Balance - \$32,394,465

	FYTD Actual	Estimate	%
Revenues	\$45,476,675	\$112,772,916	40%
Expenditures	\$24,897,501	\$107,624,633	23%

Investment weighted average return – 4.52%

List of monthly bills - routine, as well as, annual property insurance, textbooks, technology supplies, student/staff software, WOMS curb project, CHS sewer/water line, CE & CM building projects, CMS vestibule, and auxiliary/grant fund payments

The September 2024 financial reports may be viewed on the ESB online attachment with today's date.

Discussion:

- **Mr. Heather:** Who manages our investments?

Mrs. Amy Wells (Treasurer): The District uses RedTree Investment Group and STAR Ohio as our investment advisors. STAR Ohio follows the federal rate so when interest rates are high we're able to maximize an investment rate of return. For other investments, such as t-bills, we use RedTree.

- **Mr. Heather:** Is it all insured? Do we have any stocks?

Mrs. Amy Wells (Treasurer): We do not have any stocks. Some investments are collateralized, which is insurance through the banking system and the t-bills are backed by the federal government. All of our investments are compliant with the Ohio Revised Code which specifies the types of investments we're permitted to make as a public entity.

9.0 APPROVAL OF OTHER ITEMS

9.1 Resolution (#2453) Authorizing Execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in Connection with the Construction of a Project Consisting of Certain Classroom Facilities as Part of the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program

The Superintendent asked the Board of Education to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a project agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

Resolution No. 2453

Authorizing Execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in Connection with the Construction of a Project Consisting of Certain Classroom Facilities as Part of the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 3318.01 to 3318.20, inclusive, of the Revised Code of Ohio (the “Classroom Facilities Act”), the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (“OFCC”) has prepared a project agreement (the “Project Agreement”) to be entered into by and between OFCC and this Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) of the Northwest Local School District (the “District”) for the construction of segment one of a project, consisting of certain classroom facilities as part of the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program and such Project Agreement has been presented in draft form to this Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education desires to proceed with the execution of the Project Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education to the Northwest Local School District, Counties of Hamilton and Butler, State of Ohio.

SECTION 1. That, in order to facilitate the timely and efficient construction of, and completion of, the classroom facilities project, it is necessary for the Board of Education to execute the Project Agreement, and accordingly, the President and/or Treasurer of the Board of Education, collectively or individually, be and the same hereby are authorized to execute, on behalf of this Board of Education, the Project Agreement, for the construction of the classroom facilities project identified therein. The President and/or Treasurer of this Board of Education, collectively or individually, are hereby authorized to execute the Project Agreement on behalf of this Board of Education with such changes not substantially adverse to this Board of Education as the officials executing the same may approve and to which bond and/or construction counsel of this Board of Education may approve as to legal form. In addition, the President, the Treasurer, the Superintendent, and the Business/Operations Manager are hereby authorized, individually or in any combination, to undertake such actions as necessary and/or as

required by the OFCC to effectuate the Project Agreement in furtherance of the purposes of the Classroom Facilities Act. 46655287 DS/BNR

SECTION 2. That this Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education; and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Mark Gilbert)** Moved, Member **(Jim Detzel)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in Connection with the Construction of a Project Consisting of Certain Classroom Facilities as Part of the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program 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

9.2 Resolution (#2454) Authorizing the School District to Earmark Dollars to the Maintenance Fund (Fund 034)

The Superintendent asked the Board of Education to approve a resolution authorizing the school district to earmark dollars to the maintenance fund.

**Resolution No. 2454
Authorizing the School District to Earmark Dollars to the Maintenance Fund
(Fund 034)**

WHEREAS, the District hereby elects to earmark the following dollar amount for the next 23 years in order to satisfy the Maintenance of Completed Facilities as specified in Section IV. A. Maintenance Fund of the attached Project Agreement.

Fiscal Year	Amount
2025	\$1,169,941
2026	\$1,169,941
2027	\$1,169,941
2028	\$1,169,941
2029	\$1,169,941
2030	\$1,169,941
2031	\$1,169,941
2032	\$1,169,941
2033	\$1,169,941
2034	\$1,169,941
2035	\$1,169,941
2036	\$1,169,941
2037	\$1,169,941
2038	\$1,169,941
2039	\$1,169,941
2040	\$1,169,941
2041	\$1,169,941
2042	\$1,169,941
2043	\$1,169,941
2044	\$1,169,941
2045	\$1,169,941
2046	\$1,169,941
2047	\$1,169,941
TOTAL	\$26,908,652

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District, Hamilton County, Ohio that the Resolution, as granted, be hereby accepted in accordance with the specifications outlined in Section IV. Maintenance of Completed Facilities of the attached Project Agreement.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Gilbert**) Moved, Member (**Chris Heather**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District to Earmark Dollars to the Maintenance Fund (Fund 034) 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

9.3 Resolution (#2455) to Advertise and Accept Bids for the Weigel Preschool Alterations Project.

The Superintendent asked the Board of Education to approve a resolution to advertise and accept bids for the Weigel Preschool alterations project.

Resolution No. 2455

A Resolution Expressing an Intent to Advertise and Take Bids for a Capital Improvement Project at Weigel Consisting of Alterations Necessary to Accommodate the District Preschool Program. This Resolution is Authorizing the Treasurer and Superintendent Pursuant to Applicable Laws to Proceed with Commencement of Such Process as Needed to Solicit Construction Bids

WHEREAS, the Northwest Local School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for capital improvement projects at Weigel and wishes to approve the specifications for the renovations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education of the Northwest Local School District authorizes the Treasurer to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per drawings and specifications submitted by SHP for the following:
Alterations converting office spaces into classroom spaces to accommodate the District preschool program.

Discussion

- **Mr. Heather:** Where will the Central Supports Office go?

Mr. Yater: We are currently looking for and working with Colerain Township to find space where we'll be able to relocate some of our central office administration. We've also been working with our central office team to look at how we can downsize our footprint.

Mr. Heather: Across from Joseph Toyota at Compton Rd and Colerain Ave there's a building just about this size that's totally empty with a For Lease sign on it. I don't know if that would work.

Mr. Yater: The For Lease sign is for the lot in front of it. That building is currently occupied with a couple of local businesses. We've been in contact with the Township about trying to identify a space, we've toured some spaces but we don't have a definite place yet. When we get closer to having a definitive place we'll be able to negotiate the lease terms and consult with the Board.

- **Mrs. Taulbee:** Have we looked at the schools, is there any available space there?

Mr. Yater: We've already started to take some staff and put them in schools where there's extra space.

- **Mr. Detzel:** When this building is under construction do you think there will be any opportunity for the students in Butler Tech's construction program to participate in the project to get real world work experience within the school district?

Mr. Yater: We will send the project out for bid and we can work with the selected contractor to see if there is an opportunity for that. Whatever happens will have to go through the project's contractor.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Chris Heather**) Moved, Member (**Jim Detzel**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the resolution expressing an intent to advertise and take bids for the Weigel Preschool Alterations project and authorizing the Superintendent and Treasurer pursuant to applicable laws to proceed with commencement of such process as needed to solicit construction bids'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

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

10.0 APPROVAL OF FISCAL ITEMS

10.1 Accept the FY25 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

The Treasurer asked the Board of Education to accept the FY25 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for \$238,752,543.84 as approved by the Hamilton County Budget Commission.

The attachment containing the full certificate can be viewed as an online attachment in ESB.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Mark Gilbert)** Moved, Member **(Jim Detzel)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Treasurer recommends the Board of Education accept the FY25 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as listed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

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

11.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A) Curriculum and Instruction

11.1 2025-26 New Course - AP Research

The Curriculum Department, in collaboration with the teachers and administrators at Colerain High School and Northwest High School, recommended the addition of a new course, AP Research, to the high school program of study for the 2025-26 school year. According to the College Board, this course "aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments". This course would be added as an elective course and would be offered to 11th and 12th grade students who have completed the AP Seminar course. The course would reside in the English Department but the skills developed through this course will complement any of the Honors, Advanced Placement, and CCP courses across content areas.

This item was presented for information only and will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

11.2 2025-26 High School Program of Study

The Curriculum Department presented the proposed 2025-26 High School Program of Study for information. The High School Program of Study has been developed in collaboration with administration, counselors, and teachers at CHS, NWHS and Transitions Academy. Approval of the 2025-26 HS Program of Study is required prior to beginning the course selection process with students.

A list of substantive changes that have been made to the document can be viewed as an ESB attachment with today's date.

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

12.1 Superintendent's Update

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

On Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm we're going to be holding the State of the District address at Colerain High School. This is our annual update to the community about where we are as a district. We're going to focus on our One Plan and the strategies and data around it. It'll really give the community an opportunity to understand not just the goals around the One Plan, but the strategies and monitoring that we're doing to realize those ambitious goals. It will be filmed by Waycross so those who can't attend will be able to watch it at their convenience and receive the updates.

Senate Bill 29 will go into effect on October 24th. This is a new law that pertains to the monitoring of student activity on school-issued devices. When students are on their school-issued devices their activity is being monitored and this law requires the District to officially notify families of the kind of monitoring that's taking place. Then, next summer we'll have to notify families of all the different programs that have access to student data, even educational programs like our testing software where our teachers can give assessments and get data on how the students are doing. The notice parents will receive on the 24th will be the mandated notification that the law is going into effect. If a student's activity triggers any kind of concern in terms of search history then we'll notify the parents and a counselor will meet with the student to follow up on any concerning behavior or search history. It's something that we already do, and now it's been codified into law. The notification sent out this week will sound impressive but it's what we're already doing, we're just notifying people formally due to Senate Bill 29.

Discussion:

- **Mrs. Taulbee**: How many buses did we have canceled last week?

Mr. Chris McKee (Business Director): The week prior to the last Board meeting we had to cancel 20 buses and the past two weeks we've had 12 buses canceled each week.

Ms. Susan Bunte (Human Resources Director): We currently have 57 routes and we have 56 drivers with one in pending status. We have four guaranteed subs out of 10 with three in pending status. Of our seven van driver positions we have six drivers currently with one in pending status. We had one driver resign last week.

13.0 OTHER BOARD ITEMS

13.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Heather: In Ohio when a law is passed it doesn't go into effect for 90 days unless it's an emergency law so Senate Bill 29, or any other law that goes into effect October 24th, would have been passed on July 24th.

Mr. Detzel: No comments.

Ms. Slattery: I got to visit a couple of the schools this week and got to see the CKLA program in action; it was very impressive, the students seemed very engaged in it. In the Collaborative Learning one of the questions that they were going to discuss amongst each other was should legislative people get to serve for life. I would have loved to have heard their response to that but we had to move on. It was a very, very good experience.

Mr. Gilbert: No comments.

Mrs. Taulbee: I also visited Pleasant Run and I'm visiting some of the other schools this week. I enjoy going into the classrooms. I think it's a great way to see what the kids are doing and to see some of the curriculums that we've talked about here in action. Thank you Nate (Bellows) for being here and continuing to get our kids to school safely.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

1.1 Board President Called for Adjournment

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jim Detzel**) Moved, Member (**Chris Heather**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ‘The Board President recommends to adopt the agenda as presented’. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**

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

The meeting ended at 7:04 PM.

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