

Regular Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Lincoln Administrative Center

Thursday, February 20, 2025

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Present: Mrs. Lisa Thoman-Cha, Treasurer; Mr. Robert Britton, CEO/Superintendent ; Mr. Randy Blankenship, President; Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member; Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member; Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member; Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member

1 Call to Order

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attachments:

1.1 Roll Call

Minutes:

All Board of Education members were present.

Attachments:

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship held a moment of silence for Carrie Robertson before leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attachments:

2 Approval of Board Agenda

Result: Approved

Motioned: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		

Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		
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Attachments:

3 Approval of Board Minutes

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Proposed Minutes 1.15.25 Regular Meeting](#)

[Proposed Minutes 1.15.25 Organizational Meeting](#)

4 Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation (Agenda Items Only)

(Please speak to the Treasurer prior to the start of this meeting.)

Minutes:

There was no public participation.

Result: Approved

Attachments:

5 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

Lisa Thoman-Cha

Minutes:

The Treasurer discussed finalizing W-2s and all federal, state, and city submissions. She also noted that the 1095 forms have been submitted, and, per new IRS regulations, they will be provided in paper format for 2024, with future years available upon request. Additionally, she plans to collaborate with the county auditor to develop a district 'What's Your Story' initiative, outlining the history of levies, bond issues, and other financial milestones.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[February 2025 Financial Report](#)

6 Superintendent's Report

Robert A. Britton

Minutes:

Mr. Britton thanked Sheryl and Brian for their leadership over the past week in supporting staff and students through a difficult time. He also commended the staff, welcoming the students back into the building. He highlighted the "Scholarship for Success" at the Success Center on March 6th and the Pioneer Board dinner.

Attachments:

6.1 Save the date, designate attendees:

"Scholarship for Success" at the Success Center - March 6, 2025 - 5 pm

Pioneer Board Dinner - March 26, 2025 - 5 pm

Attachments:

6.2 Alternative Programming, Middle School Opportunity Unit

Loni Porinchok, Director of Student Services

Minutes:

Mrs. Porinchok shared a plan to expand the high school alternative education program to the middle school, providing a structured environment for at-risk students. The discussion also covered curriculum tools, student goal-setting, and the importance of elective participation for middle school students.

Attachments:

[MS Opportunity Unit](#)

6.3 Elementary Update

Sheryl Hernandez, Principal and Brian Thiel, Assoc. Principal

Minutes:

Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Thiel gave the elementary school updates.

Attachments:

7 Personnel - Certified Staff

Minutes:

Motion passed 7.1 - 7.5

Result: Approved

Motioned: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

- 7.1 Approve the following contract extension for District Superintendent with Robert A. Britton for August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029; as per Exhibit.
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Attachments:

[Superintendent Contract Extension](#)

- 7.2 Approve the following contract extension for District Treasurer with Lisa Thoman-Cha for August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029; as per Exhibit.
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Attachments:

[Treasurer Contract Extension](#)

- 7.3 Approve the following Limited Supplement Contracts as stated and pending certification and completion of all State and Board requirements.
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Landry Amstutz - Volunteer Track Coach

Matt Feck - Middle School Assistant Track Coach

Nick Kohler - Middle School Assistant Track Coach

Attachments:

7.4 Approve the Substitute Teacher List from the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, as per Exhibit.

Approve the ongoing updated list of certificated / licensed substitutes, screened / hired through the Mid-Ohio ESC, who have named Bucyrus as the employing district, and authorize the District Treasurer to pay the substitutes on the Mid-Ohio ESC list between meetings.

Attachments:

[MOESC Sub List](#)

7.5 Approved a leave of absence without pay for the following as per Exhibit.

Jennifer Thayer - May 8-19, 2026

Nicholas Kohler - May 8-19, 2026

Attachments:

[Appendix J - Thayer](#)

[Appendix J - N.Kohler](#)

8 Personnel - Classified Staff

Minutes:

Motion passed 8.1 - 8.5

Result: Approved

Motioned: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

8.1 Approve changes to Renhill Contract of Services, as per Exhibit.

Attachments:

[RENHILL Contract of Services](#)

8.2 Approve the following as Classified Subs for 2024-2025 school year as per Exhibit.

Attachments:

[Classified Sub List](#)

8.3 Approve the following Limited Supplement Contracts as stated and pending certification and completion of all State and Board requirements.

Rob Berry - Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
Kyle Blankenship - Assistant Varsity Track Coach
Mark Burke Jr. - Volunteer Baseball Coach
Dylan Goff - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Dave Jones - Assistant Varsity Track Coach
Gavin Lewis - Volunteer Baseball Coach
Mike Middleton - Head Varsity Softball Coach
Harley Robinson-Koge - Middle School Assistant Track Coach
Brian Seybert - Volunteer Track Coach
Kyle Shull - Volunteer Softball Coach
Chris Stake - Assistant Varsity Track Coach
Josh Stratton - Volunteer Softball Coach

Attachments:

8.4 Approved a leave of absence without pay for the following as per Exhibit.

James Cotsamire - April 1-2, 2025

Attachments:

[Appendix J - Cotsamire](#)

8.5 Approve request for Family Leave Medical Act (FMLA) for the following:

Marianne Markley - leave February 10, 2025 - March 25, 2025 (~ 6 weeks)

Attachments:

9 Business

Minutes:

Motion passed 9.1 - 9.9

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

- 9.1 Approve the following meeting schedule for 2025 Regular Board of Education Meetings, as per Exhibit.
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Attachments:

[2025 Meeting Schedule](#)

- 9.2 Approve Integrated Systems Technologies (IST) for equipment purchases for the Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program with designated grant funds, as per Exhibit.
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Advanced Technologies Consultants (ATC), Inc; Buckeye Educational Systems; or Integrated Systems Technologies (IST)

Attachments:

[FANUC America CERT Program & Products Sole Source Letter](#)

- 9.3 Approve the following limited service agreements with Mid Ohio ESC for services as per Exhibits.
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Attachments:

[SLP Agreement - MOESC](#)

[CPI Training Agreement - MOESC](#)

- 9.4 Approve the NEOLA Board Policies: October 2024 Recommendations, as per Exhibits.
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po0155 Technical Correction

po0163 Technical Correction

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po0165 New

po0165.1 Rescind

po0165.2 Rescind
po0166 New
po0167.2 Renumbered
po0167.7 Renumbered/Revised
po0173 Rescind
po4120.08
po4121
po5131
po5136
po5136.01
po5200
po5500
po5780
po6220
po6320
po6460
po7530.01 V1
po7530.02
po7540.03
po7540.04
po7540.09
po8310
po9160

Attachments:

- 9.5 Approve OHSAA Governing Board Resolution for Continued Membership, as per Exhibit
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Attachments:

[2025-2026 Membership Renewal - OHSAA](#)

- 9.6 Approve the following Curriculum Guides for Bucyrus Secondary School 2025-2026 as per Exhibits.
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Attachments:

[2025-2026 Bucyrus Middle School Curriculum Guide](#)
[2025-2026 Bucyrus High School Curriculum Guide](#)

- 9.7 Approve the following dates for Kindergarten Screening:
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August 4, 5, and 6 of 2025

Attachments:

9.8 Approve Request for Early Completion of Graduation Requirements, as per Exhibit.

Kaiden James Eaton

Attachments:

[5464 F1/ Early Completion of Graduation Requirements](#)

9.9 Accept the following donations as stated:

Bucyrus City School District Staff Scholarship Fund \$217.40

Attachments:

[Financial Detail Report](#)

10 Executive Session

To consider the appointment; employment; dismissal; discipline; promotion; demotion; compensation of a public employee or official; or the investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual (unless public hearing is requested), as per ORC 121.22.

Minutes:

Adjourned to executive session at 6:29 p.m., and the following were present

Mr. Blankenship

Mr. Chad Redmon

Mrs. Graves

Mrs. Jones

Mr. Britton

Mrs. Thoman-Cha

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

11 Adjourn Executive Session

Minutes:

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

12 Discussion

Minutes:

There was discussion about the Athletic Council and sports expansion within the Bucyrus City School District. The Board also considered ways the district could honor the memory of Carrie Robertson. Mr. Britton noted that Sheryl Hernandez is in communication with staff regarding this effort.

Attachments:

13 Public Participation (Any Topic)

Attachments:

14 Adjourn

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Ms. Jenna Bollinger

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Randy Blankenship, President	X		
Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member	X		

Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member	X		

Attachments: