

Organizational Meeting

Board Meeting

Lincoln Administrative Center

Monday, January 12, 2026

5:30pm - 6:00pm

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; Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member

Absent: Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member

1 Meeting Called To Order

Minutes:

President Pro-Tem Randy Blankenship called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call of the 2026 Board of Education

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship - Present

Mrs. Graves - Present

Mr. Redmon - Present

Ms. Boillinger - Absent

Mrs. Jones - Present

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Mr. Britton advised the Board that approval of the appointment of Bricker & Graydon and Pepple & Waggoner as General Legal Advisors for Calendar Year 2026 was added as an agenda addendum. Mr. Blankenship noted that Item 6.15 referenced Calendar Year 2023 and clarified that the approval is for Calendar Year 2026.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

| Voter | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Mr. Randy Blankenship, President | X | | |
| Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member | X | | |
| Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member | X | | |
| Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member | X | | |

2.1 Approve Addendum items to Board Agenda

Approve the appointment of Bricker & Graydon and Pepple & Waggoner as General Legal Advisors for Calendar Year 2026.

Minutes:

3 Oath of Office - Newly Elected Members

Jenna Bollinger

Morgan Jones

Chad Redmon

Minutes:

The oath of office was administered to Morgan Jones and Chad Redmon. Jenna Bollinger was absent and will be administered the oath of office at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Attachments:

[Member Oath](#)

4 Election of Officers

Minutes:

Mr. Redmon nominated Randy Blankenship for Board of Education President, and Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Chad Redmon

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

| Voter | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Mr. Randy Blankenship, President | X | | |
| Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member | X | | |
| Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member | X | | |
| Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member | X | | |

4.1 Officers:

President

Vice President

Minutes:

Mrs Jones nominated Christa Graves for Board of Education Vice-President, and Mr. Redmon seconded the nomination.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

| Voter | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Mr. Randy Blankenship, President | X | | |
| Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member | X | | |
| Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member | X | | |
| Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member | X | | |

5 Oath of Office

Minutes:

5.1 Oath of Office for President of the Board

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship took the Oath of Office for Board of Education President.

Attachments:

[President Oath of Office](#)

5.2 Oath of Office for Vice President of the Board

Minutes:

Mrs. Graves took the Oath of Office for Board of Education Vice-President.

Attachments:

[Vice President Oath of Office](#)

6 Business

Minutes:

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Mr. Chad Redmon

| Voter | Yes | No | Abstained |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Mr. Randy Blankenship, President | X | | |
| Mrs. Christa Graves, Board Member | X | | |
| Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member | X | | |
| Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member | X | | |

6.1 Approve the proposed Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as per Exhibit.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[2026 Regular Meeting Schedule](#)

6.2 Authorize the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent for the Bucyrus City School District.

Minutes:

6.3 Employment Offers

Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions, including MOESC employees, on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

The Authorization provided by the resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

Minutes:

6.4 Resignations

Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed

effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of this Board.

Minutes:

- 6.5 Authorize the Superintendent to approve all Field Trips, not overnight.
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Minutes:

- 6.6 Authorize the Superintendent as the Director of Federal and State Grants.
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Minutes:

- 6.7 Appoint Lisa Thoman-Cha, Treasurer, the district's public record compliance officer for the fiscal year 2026-2027. The Treasurer shall attend required compliance trainings and provide evidence of completion if requested by The Auditor of State.
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Minutes:

- 6.8 Authorize the Treasurer to request advance payments of taxes collected from the Crawford County Auditor.
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Minutes:

- 6.9 Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds in accordance with the State Auditor's Compliance policy, and O.R.C. §3315.01.
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Minutes:

- 6.10 Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills subsequent to Board approval.
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Minutes:

- 6.11 Authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds with subsequent Board approval.
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Minutes:

6.12 Appoint a Legislative Liaison for OSBA Federal Relations Network.

Minutes:

Mr. Redmon was appointed.

6.13 Appoint Representatives to Athletic Council.

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship and Mrs Graves were appointed.

6.14 Appoint (2) Two Board Representatives for BEA Negotiations.

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Jones were appointed.

6.15 Appoint an Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer for the Bucyrus City Schools - Calendar Year 2023.

It is the responsibility of this officer to oversee that there is no discrimination when it comes to employment of staff members for the Bucyrus City School District and that opportunities are open to all. Bucyrus City Board of Education recommends that the Board approve the Superintendent and Student Services Director, as the Equal Opportunity Compliance Officers for the Bucyrus City School calendar year 2023.

Minutes:

Agenda item updated to Calendar Year 2026. The Equal Opportunity Compliance Officers will be Mr. Britton and Mrs. Porinchok.

6.16 Approve Resolution Declaring Expenditures of Public Funds, as per Exhibit.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Resolution Public Purpose Expenditures Food Recognition](#)

6.17 Annual Records Commission Hearing as per O.R.C. 149.42, as per Exhibits.

Minutes:

The annual records commission meeting was held prior to the organizational meeting.

Attachments:

[Records Commission No Records for Disposal Jan 12 2026](#)

6.18 OSBA Membership

Approve membership into the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2026.

Minutes:

7 Adjourn

Minutes:

The Board of Education adjourned the organizational meeting at 5:41 p.m.