

Regular Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Lincoln Administrative Center

Monday, August 24, 2026

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; Mr. Chad Redmon, Board Member

Absent: Ms. Jenna Bollinger, Board Member

1 Call to Order

Minutes:

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

1.1 Roll Call

Minutes:

All board members were present except Jenna Bollinger.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Approval of Board Agenda

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		

3 Approval of Board Minutes

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		

Attachments:

[Proposed Minutes 7.22.26](#)

[Proposed Minutes 8.11.26 Special](#)

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 for agenda items.

5 Public Participation (Any Topic)

Minutes:

There was no public participation.

6 Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

Lisa Thoman-Cha

Minutes:

The Treasurer presented the August 2026 financial report.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Chad Redmon

Seconded: Mrs. Christa Graves

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		

Attachments:

[August 2026 Financial Report](#)

7 Superintendent's Report

Robert A. Britton

Minutes:

7.1 CORAS

The Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools

Minutes:

The Board discussed joining CORAS to strengthen advocacy for rural school districts at the state level. Mid-Ohio ESC will cover half of the membership cost.

7.2 League of Innovative Schools

Minutes:

The Superintendent discussed the district's selection for the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools and the professional-development and networking opportunities available through membership.

7.3 Ohio State University Marion Research Project

Dr. Chris Daddis - two year longitudinal study on Adolescent psychology

Minutes:

The Superintendent presented information about a proposed two-year study of adolescent decision-making. Participation would be voluntary and anonymous, with parent and student consent. No action was taken.

8 Personnel - Certified Staff

Minutes:

Motion carried to approve Items 8.1 through 8.2.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones
Seconded: Mrs. Christa Graves

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		

8.1 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.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[MOESC Sub List - August](#)

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

George Barbuto, Faculty Manager
Shane Kokensparger, Faculty Manager
Angela Smith, Study Table Tutor

21st Century Grant BES Afterschool Program Co-Coordination:

Kim Mutchler (Renhill), Robin Showers (Renhill)

21st Century Grant BES Afterschool Program Tutor:

Abbie Adams, Ashton Boyd, Nicole Everhart, Gabrielle Frizzell, Maddie Gahring, Carley Hammers, Amy Hawkins (Renhill), Abbie Klotz, Janet Kohls, Monica Johnson, Jamie Lyons, Josie Lynch, Kim Makeever, Dawn Martin, Mary Ellen Myers, Stephanie Newton, Kenzie Nominee, Tiffany Powers, Shari Shuck, Ashley Vargas Scanu, Ed Warner, Jennifer Weber

Minutes:

9 Personnel - Classified Staff

Minutes:

Motion carried to approve Items 9.1 through 9.7.

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		

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

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Renhill Contract of Services](#)

9.2 Approve the following as Classified Subs for the 2026-2027 school year as per Exhibit.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Classified Sub List](#)

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

Madalynn Schifer, Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach

21st Century Grant BES Afterschool Program Aide:

Angie Kohler (Renhill), Amye Nolen (Renhill), Linda Snyder

Minutes:

9.4 Approve FMLA leave for the following:

Connie Welborn, start of school through August 28, 2026 (return to work 8/31/26)

Minutes:

- 9.5 Employ Nathan Ayyoub as a full time (4 hour) Bus Driver effective date August 17,2026 having completed all State and Board requirements, including a favorable background check, to be paid per the BOSS negotiated agreement.
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Minutes:

- 9.6 Authorize the following as approved van drivers for Bucyrus City Schools:
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Kris Knodel
Shane Kokensparger
Diane Kaple
Russ Slanczka
Carl Rittenhour
Matt Feck

Minutes:

- 9.7 Approve the revised FY27 Central Office Salary Schedules effective 8/1/26 per exhibits.
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Minutes:

Attachments:

[Dist Admin Asst 26-28](#)
[Accounts Payable 26-28](#)
[EMIS 26-28](#)
[Assistant Treasurer 26-28](#)

10 Business

Minutes:

Motion carried to approve Items 10.1 through 10.14.

- 10.1 Approve the following Tax Policy PO6230.001 for Bucyrus City Schools as per exhibit.
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Minutes:

Attachments:

10.2 Approve the Initial FY27 Financial Forecast

Lisa Thoman-Cha

Minutes:

The Treasurer presented and reviewed the FY27 Initial Financial Forecast with the Board.

Attachments:

[Bucyrus Forecast 8-13-2026](#)

10.3 Approve the initial FY27 Appropriations and Estimated Resources (all funds) for submission to the Crawford County Auditor

Lisa Thoman-Cha

Minutes:

Attachments:

[412 Cert FY27 Appropriations](#)

[Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources August 2026](#)

[Appropriation Resolution August 2026](#)

10.4 Accept the FY26 Commercial Paper and Bankers' Acceptances Investment Report pursuant to ORC 135.142(C), per Exhibit.

Lisa Thoman-Cha

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Bucyrus City Schools Commercial Paper and Bankers Acceptances Reports FY26](#)

10.5 Approve the following service agreement with River Education Services, INC. - LEAP Program for the 2026-2027 school year, as per exhibits.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Agreement](#)

[LEAP Calendar 2026-2027](#)

10.6 Approve the following Service Agreement with McWatters Consulting LLC for

the Bucyrus City Schools' 21st CCLC Grant as per exhibit.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Service Contract](#)

- 10.7 Approve the following Service Agreement with Makeever & Associates as per exhibit.
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Professional Surveying Services To provide a boundary lot split survey for the school board office, Bucyrus, Crawford County, OH.

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Makeever Survey Lincoln Rear](#)

- 10.8 Approve the following service agreement with MOESC for SLP Aide Services as per exhibit.
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Minutes:

Attachments:

[Speech Aide Agreement](#)

- 10.9 Approve the districts application and membership to the League of Innovative Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.
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\$3000 for District Membership

Minutes:

- 10.10 Approve the Bus Routes for 2026-2027 School Year as per exhibit.
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Minutes:

Attachments:

[26-27 Bus Routes](#)

- 10.11 Approve the following substitute aide rate for Fairway School for the 2026-2027 school year as per exhibit.
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Minutes:

Attachments:

[Fairway Sub Aide Rates 26-27](#)

10.12 Approve the following Early Completion of Graduation Requirements as per exhibit.

Maggie Marie Van Scoit, with Class of 2026

Minutes:

10.13 Accept the following donations as stated:

Bucyrus City School District Staff Scholarship Fund \$164.40

Hempy Water donated 1 pallet of bottled water to BHS Wrestling Team

American Plastics Team - Husky Brand Totes to Bucyrus Pathways Program, Bucyrus Wrestling & Bucyrus Cheerleading

Minutes:

Attachments:

[Thank you](#)

10.14 Approve the district's membership in the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Chad Redmon moved and Mrs. Morgan Jones seconded to amend the agenda to add Item 10.14, CORAS membership The motion passed unanimously.

\$2,500 for District Membership

Minutes:

11 Discussion

Minutes:

There was no discussion.

12 Executive Session

Reason: 1) Personnel Matters (ORC 121.22(G)(1))

- To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Minutes:

The Board entered into executive session for the reason stated above.

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		

13 Adjourn Executive Session

Minutes:

The executive session was adjourned with no action taken.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Seconded: Mrs. Christa Graves

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		

14 Adjourn

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Christa Graves

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		