

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
OAK HILLS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 8, 2024 – J.F. DULLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
6:00 P.M. (RECORDS COMMISSION MEETS PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING)  
WWW.OAKHILLS.K12.OH.US**

**OAK HILLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT:**  
All students attending the Oak Hills Local School District achieve success by graduating with individual skills for career and college readiness and global competence.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. OPENING EXERCISE**

**III. ROLL CALL BY APPROVED ROTATION**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Rich Haffey, Lisa Ibold, Sam Yorgovan, Mischelle Philpot, Bart West

Also present: Jeff Brandt, Steve Bain

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mr. Brandt congratulated the following:

**Athletic Winter Recognitions**

1. GMC Co-Coaches of the Year:
  - a. Laura Fightmaster – Girls' Swimming
  - b. Robin Hoernschmeyer – Girls' Bowling
  - c. Andrew Bridges – Boys' Bowling
2. State Qualifiers/Placer:
  - a. Zoe Wuerdeman – 2024 Div 1 OHSAA Girls' Diving, State Qualifier, 22<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - b. Andrew Stakauskas – 2024 Div 1 OHSAA Boys' Swimming, State Qualifier, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly
  - c. Chazz Tallarigo – 2024 Div 1 OHSAA Boys' Wrestling, State Qualifier
  - d. George Gigous, Joe Herzner, Tanner Iles, Peyton Lipps, Brady Sabin, Casey LeCount, Dawson Wagel – 2024 Div 1 OHSAA Boys' Bowling, team State Qualifier, 13<sup>th</sup> Place
  - e. Bri Graves – 2024 Div 1 OHSAA Girls' Wrestling, State Runner-Up 100lb Weight Class

- Mr. Brandt also thanked the volunteers and the committee of the One Heart One Hope fundraiser.

**V. 48-24 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2024, as submitted.**

**AYES - Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot, West, Haffey**

**NAY - None**

**Motion approved.**

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bain reported:

- Condolences to the family of Brigid Kelly, former Hamilton County Auditor who recently passed away.
- The March financial report
- Ohio Auditor of State Award:
  - The district received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for financial reporting for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Less than 4% of public entities audited by the Auditor of State receive this recognition. Mr. Bain thanked the entire 850 staff members for this district award.

**VII.**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**Principal’s Report**

- Beth Riesenberger, Principal of J.F. Dulles, reported on the following:
  - Recycling Program – 120 4<sup>th</sup> graders participate
  - STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math educational model in which students problem solve and collaborate, which also provides career path opportunities.
  - eKids – students participate in the club which discusses coding and other electronic initiatives.
  - Students presented on all items stated in the Principal’s report.

**VIII.**

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

- None

**IX.**

**CONSTITUENTS MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- None

**Public Participation at Board Meetings**

All meetings of the board and board-appointed committees are open to the public. In order for the board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty minutes (maximum of five minutes per person) of public participation may be permitted at each regular meeting. The board reserves the right to limit public comments to residents of the district and to terminate abusive language, profane or disruptive speech. Staff members or others may be invited to address the board. Each person addressing the board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted five minutes until the total of thirty minutes is used. Repetitive comments are discouraged. No person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Agendas are available to all those who attend board meetings. The first section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated and is reserved only for comment on items listed on the meeting agenda. The second section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated and is open for any public comment. Noted within each agenda shall be a short paragraph outlining the board’s policy on public participation at board meetings.

**X.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**XI. 49-24**

**MINUTES**

**Mr. West moved, seconded by Mrs. Ibold, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2024 and the Development Session of March 11, 2024 according to ORC 3313.26 and Text 6.06 as submitted.**

AYES - Yorgovan, Philpot, West, Haffey, Ibold

NAY - None

Motion approved.

**XII. 50-24**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Yorgovan, to approve the Monthly Financial Statement for March 2024 according to ORC 3313.26 and Text 6.06 as submitted.**

AYES - Philpot, West, Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan

NAY - None

Motion approved

**XIII. 51-24**

**DONATIONS**

**Mr. Haffey moved, seconded by Mrs. Ibold, to approve the following Donations as submitted.**

- |    |   |                         |
|----|---|-------------------------|
| a) | From: Oakdale PTA<br>To: OHHS Scholarship Fund                    | \$1,000<br>007-9551-500 |
| b) | From: Delynn & Michael Miles<br>To: J. Miles Memorial Scholarship | \$500<br>007-9551-500   |

c)	From: The Greater Cincinnati Foundation To: Kay Hyler Memorial Scholarship	\$11,306.87 007-9551-500
d)	From: Westside Community Band To: DMS Band & Orchestra	\$500 300-1820-9586-530
e)	From: The Mead Foundation To: OHHS Adopt-A-Highlander	\$15,000 018-1820-9231-500
f)	From: OHAEF To: Overcomer Scholarship	\$1,500 007-9551-500
g)	From: OHAEF To: OHLS D Fire Victims Donations	\$1,500 018-1820-9578-570
h)	From: OHAEF To: OHHS Adopt-A-Highlander	\$3,164 018-1820-9231-500
i)	From: Thomas C. Mason To: Pat Mason Scholarship Fund	\$500 007-9551-500
j)	From: Ohio Arts Council To: COH Student 018	\$500 018-1820-9580-520
k)	From: James & Donna White To: Marvin & Mary White Memorial Scholarship	\$825 007-9551-500
l)	From: Shiloh United Methodist Women To: Delhi MS Family Assistance Fund	\$500 007-1820-9515-530
m)	From: Eagles Aerie 2197 Charity To: OHHS Drama Club Scholarship	\$2,500 007-9551-500
n)	From: Oak Hills High School PTA To: OHHS Scholarship Fund	\$10,000 007-9551-500
o)	From: Oak Hills High School PTA To: OHHS Student 018	\$620 018-1820-9531-500
p)	From: Delhi Middle School PTA To: OHHS Scholarship Fund	\$1,000 007-9551-500
q)	From: Oak Hills Athletic Boosters To: OHHS Scholarship Fund	\$1,000 007-9551-500

**AYES** - West, Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot

**NAY** - None

Motion approved

#### XIV. 52-24

#### APPROPRIATIONS ADJUSTMENTS

**Mrs. Ibold moved, seconded by Mr. Yorgovan, to approve the following appropriation adjustments as submitted.** (Fund 018, 200, 300, 400 or 500 are not tax supported funds)

a)	Ohio K-12 Network Connectivity	\$9,462.87	451-9224
b)	Ohio School Safety Training Grant	\$33,028.97	499-9724
c)	J.F. Dulles - Student 018	\$6,000	018-9579-540
d)	OHHS Band	\$8,000	300-9506-500
e)	Bridgetown MS - Student 018	\$5,000	018-9576-510

AYES - Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot, West

NAY - None

Motion approved

XV. 53-24

**YOUTH ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS**

**Mr. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the youth organization agreements for facility utilization as submitted.**

AYES - Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot, West, Haffey

NAY - None

Motion approved

XVI. 54-24

**PERSONNEL**

**Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Haffey, to approve the following Personnel actions**

**(a. - p.) as submitted.** Employment is conditional upon a satisfactory criminal records check as required by law. These persons are deemed employed only on a conditional basis until the satisfactory criminal records check has been performed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (or the Federal Bureau of Investigation in cases where the individuals have not resided within the State of Ohio during the previous five years), and the District has received a certified copy of the satisfactory records check. For those individuals whose employment would be considered as casual, on an as-needed or volunteer basis, approval is similarly contingent upon a satisfactory criminal records check. By making this recommendation, I have confirmed with the Human Resources Department that all names listed have proper licensure (permits, etc.) to perform their duties as required by the Ohio Department of Education & the State of Ohio. By making this recommendation, I have confirmed with the Human Resources Department that all names listed have proper licensure (permits, etc.) to perform their duties as required by the Ohio Department of Education & the State of Ohio.

**a. Resignation - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Holly Asman	Teacher	COH	Retirement	05/31/24
Kristin Perica	Teacher	OAK	Personal	05/31/24
Gage Branson	Teacher	OHHS	Personal	08/08/24

**b. Resignation - Classified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Larry Smith	Custodian	RRMS	Personal	04/05/24
Katie McDonald	Secretary	RRMS	Personal	04/12/24

**c. Unpaid Family Medical Leave - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jaimie Beerck	School Psychologist	SPR	Child Care	04/09/24-05/21/24
Sarah Kamp	Occupational Ther.	COH	Child Care	03/07/24-04/09/24
Caitlyn Schlimm	Teacher	COH	Child Care	04/24/24-05/03/24

**d. Unpaid Leave - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jaimie Beerck	School Psychologist	SPR	Child Care	05/22/24

**e. Sabbatical Leave - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Leigh Cullum	Teacher	JFD	Doctorate Program	08/09/24-05/23/25

**f. Appointment - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kasey Keesy	Teacher	II-0	08/09/24

**g. Appointment - Classified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amanda Fischer	Secretary	I-3	04/02/24 5.75 hrs. per day/5 days per week

**h. Custodian Placement**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
James Dean	III-0
Greg Gunther	III-0

**i. Oak Hills High School Drama - "Drowsy Chaperone"** - To be paid as follows for work done on the spring musical, January 3 - March 10, 2024.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Julie Marratta	Pit Orchestra	\$450.00
Kevin Sweatman	Pit Orchestra	\$450.00
Alexander Moore	Instructor & Pit Orchestra	\$1000.00
Christina Walls	Co-director & Choreography	\$1500.00

**j. Extended School Year Services** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid \$30.00 per hour.

Name  
Jennie Magro Espelage  
Emily Havens

**k. Event Worker** - To be paid as submitted.

Name  
Dave Weisker

**l. Substitute Custodian** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid per substitute custodian hourly rate.

Name  
Julie Thompson  
Walter McMurray

**m. Substitute Bus Driver** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid per substitute bus driver hourly rate.

Name  
Ray Adkins  
Dennis Edwards

**n. Substitute Bus Aide** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid per substitute bus aide hourly rate.

Name  
Donna Schmidt

**o. Substitute Crossing Guard** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid per substitute crossing guard hourly rate.

Name  
Donna Schmidt

**p. Substitute Food Service** - To be hired on an as needed basis and paid per substitute food service hourly rate.

Name  
Donna Schmidt

AYES - Yorgovan, Philpot, West, Haffey, Ibold

NAYS - None  
Motion approved.

**XVII. CONSTITUENTS MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- None

**XVIII. BOARD DISCUSSION**

- 1997 Bond Issue Maturity / Ohio Facility Construction Commission (OFCC)
  - Mr. Bain followed up on the presentation from the March Development Session and reviewed the following items:
    - o The March development presentation is available (Treasurer's page ohlsd.us).

- o The district's 1997 Bond Millage (Rapid Run Middle School) will mature 12/31/25.
- o The final assessment to our constituents for this obligation will be June, 2025.
- o The district would like to ask the OFCC to assess all district buildings.
- o As a procedural measure, OFCC requires the district to pass a resolution with a date of a future bond issue, however, the resolution doesn't formally bind the district to place an issue on the ballot as additional action steps would be required by the board of elections in 2025.
- o The last time the State of Ohio provided a facility/building assessment was nearly 30 years ago and the assessment aligns with the district's strategic plan of being a destination district.

- Mr. West and Mr. Haffey mentioned that the state would contributed approximately 60% on a bond issue.

**XIX. 55-24**

**TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATION (upon conclusion of Board discussion)**

**Mr. Bain recommended that the Board approve the resolution of intent to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission program as attached.**

**Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Haffey to approve the resolution of intent to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission program as submitted.**

**AYES** - Philpot, West, Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan  
**NAY** - None  
 Motion Approved

**XX. 56-24**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Yorgovan, to move into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.** for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individuals unless such person request a public hearing.

**AYES** - West, Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot  
**NAY** - None  
 Motion Approved.

**The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. and the President announced they had met** for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individuals unless such person request a public hearing.

**XXI. 57-24**

**ADJOURNED**

**Mr. Yorgovan moved, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

**AYES** - Haffey, Ibold, Yorgovan, Philpot, West  
**NAYS** - None  
 Motion approved.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**President**

**ATTEST:**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Treasurer**

SB/sls