

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
OAK HILLS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 2, 2026 – BRIDGETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 P.M. (RECORDS COMMISSION MEETS PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING)
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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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Rich Haffey, at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

I. ROLL CALL BY APPROVED ROTATION

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

Also present: Dan Beckenhaupt and Steve Bain

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beckenhaupt:

- Congratulations to the High School for being named an AP honor roll school.
- Bond issue update - the building requirement program is underway assisting in square footage of the new buildings as well as other infrastructure items.
- One Heart One Hope volleyball fundraiser will be held at the High School on 3/13
- Kindergarten registration is starting on 3/23

Mr. Bain:

- communicated the Main Event sponsored by the Oak Hills Athletic Boosters is 4/18, visit oakhillssports.com for more information

III. 40-26 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Ibold moved, seconded by Mr. Yorgovan, to approve the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on March 2, 2026, as submitted.

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West

NAY: None

Motion Approved

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Principal's Report

Adam Taylor (Principal Bridgetown Middle School) and Matt Page (Assistant Principal Bridgetown Middle School) reviewed report card data, as well as Bridgetown's strategic summary which included goals, literacy action plans, attendance initiatives, and other focus areas. The student advisory period was also reviewed. Lastly, all are invited to the Little Mermaid on March 6th & March 7th. Handouts were distributed.

V.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- January Financial Report

- Bond Issue Update:

-November 4, 2025 will be remembered as a significant day in our district's history with the passage of our \$68.5m bond issue. The bond issue yielded a passage rate of 67%, the highest level of support of any levy or issue in our district's 70 year history.

-Since the passage of the bond issue, the administrative team, along with board representation, has been working with a variety of partners to move forward with next steps, such as selecting an architect and evaluating a potential partnership with a construction manager at risk (all items which have been and will continue to be publicly communicated).

-Bond Issue Rating (think of this as a credit score)

From a financial perspective, the team has had several key meetings including a ratings call with Moody's (last week) and bond pricing today. These meetings have required months of research and correspondence from many parties (legal, financial, insurance, etc). As a refresher, prior to the 2025 bond issue our district held a Aa2 bond rating. If you are thinking of this as a credit rating on a grading scale of (A-F), our Aa2 would represent an A or an A-rating which is very strong. In February the team had a ratings review with Moody's. Moody's could have increased or decreased our rating. This rating is critical because investors use the rating as a tool to evaluate risk in an investment, which impacts interest rates. Based on our financial position, there was concern our rating would be reduced, however our presentation coupled with our strong historical fiscal track record, was enough to maintain our strong rating (which was great news for the bond pricing today)

- *Bond Issue Pricing (determines the interest rate assessed)*

- On February 11, our district entered the municipal market for our \$68.5m bond issue (meaning the district was securing our "mortgage rate" on our 37 year term). I am thrilled to report that the transaction was met with exceptionally strong demand evident by 37 investors participating in today's pricing. Notable institutions participating included Massachusetts Financial, Headwaters Holdings, State Farm, Nuveen, Belle Haven, RedTree Advisors, PIMCO, Northern Trust, and several other major national buyers. As a result of this large demand (which was attributable to our bond rating), our district was able to lower yields by 1 to 5 basis points, producing a savings to our community of over \$100k.
- Our district secured a borrowing cost of 4.85% for the 37 year term - an excellent rate given the current market and long-term projections. Also to note, our rate was comparable to other Ohio public entity bonds, including Olentangy School District, City of Columbus, and Oakwood School District.
- Brian Olson (RBC underwriter) commented that the low rate was largely driven by our official statement which investors view before participation. Our official statement illustrates the sound financial decisions our district has made for many years, and the confidence from investors in our district to continue to be economically strong.

- *Callable Bonds (think of this as having the ability to refinance)*
- The 4.85% rate is exceptional & an additional benefit is that the bonds are callable in 8 years. This means that if rates are reduced after 8 years, our district can refund (refinance) bonds which would save our constituents funds down the road. We refunded our bonds in 2015 from the 1997 bond issue, which netted a savings of \$5m to our community.
- Negotiations will be held with both the certified union and classified union in the spring

VI. DIRECTOR REPORTS-None

VII. CONSTITUENTS MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD (Limit of five minutes per constituent for a total of thirty minutes)
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.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS- None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Recommendations

1. 41-26 Minutes

Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Yorgovan to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 2, 2026 and the Development Session of February 23, 2026 according to ORC 3313.26 and Text 6.06 as attached.

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West

NAY: None

Motion Approved

2. 42-26 Monthly Financial Statement

Mr. Haffey moved, seconded by Mrs. Ibold to approve the Monthly Financial Statement for January, 2026 according to ORC 3313.26 and Text 6.06, as submitted.

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West

NAY: None

Motion Approved

3. 43-26 Donations

Mr. West moved, seconded by Mr. Krugler to approve the Donations as submitted.

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| a) | From: Western Hills Country Club
To: OHHS Drama Club | \$500.00
300-1822-9524-500 |
| b) | From: Kiwanis Club
To: DMS Students | \$1,000.00
018-1822-9577-530 |

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|----|--|---------------------------------|
| c) | From: Mead Foundation
To: AAH | \$20,000
018-1822-9231-500 |
| d) | From: Charity Fund of Western Hills Cheviot lodge 140 F
To: Scholarship | \$1,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| e) | From: The Help Squad
To: Betty Noble Scholarship | \$1,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| f) | From: Morgan Stanley
To: Bill Fisher Memorial Scholarship | \$1,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| g) | From: JF Dulles PTA
To: OHHS Scholarship | \$2,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| h) | From: RRMS PTA
To: OHHS Scholarship | \$800.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| i) | From: Doug & Elisa Ibold
To: Betty Noble Scholarship | \$500.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| j) | From: OHHS PTA
To: Scholarship | \$1,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| k) | From: Oakdale PTA
To: Scholarship | \$1,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| l) | From: COH PTA
To: Scholarship | \$2,000.00
007-1822-9551-500 |
| m) | From: Joe Burrow Foundation
To: DMS Students | \$1,000.00
018-1850-9577-530 |

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, West
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: Ibold
 Motion Approved

4. 44-26 Appropriation Adjustments

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

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| a) Bond Retirement Fund | \$281,410.00 | 002-9225 |
| b) School Bus Safety Grant 2026 | \$17,960.00 | 499-9226 |
| c) Auxiliary Funds (Interest & Final) | \$120,256.48 | 401-9226 |
| d) Ohio School Safety Training Grant | \$32,023.34 | 499-9726 |

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West
 NAY: None
 Motion Approved

Superintendent's Recommendations

1. **45-26 Resolution - OHSAA Membership**

I recommend that the Board approve the Resolution for Ohio High School Athletic Association Membership as attached. Ohio High School Athletic Association membership is for the 2026-27 school year.

2. **46-26 OHLSD Student Trips**

Mr. West moved, seconded by Mrs. Ibold to approve the following Oak Hills Local School District Student Trips as attached.

Oak Hills HS

Dates: 2/28-3/1/26 Group: Baseball Program Destination:
Cincinnati, OH

Dates: 2/25-26/26 Group: Girls Bowling Destination:
Beavercreek, OH

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West

NAY: None

Motion Approved

3. **47-26 Personnel**

Mr. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Krugler to approve the following Personnel actions (a - k) 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 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> Shari Kaufhold	Teacher	DO	Personal
08/14/26			
Darlene Townsley	Teacher	SPR	Retirement
05/31/26(Corrected Date)			

b) Resignation - Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<u>Effective</u> Brenda Jonas	Instructional Asst.	OHHS	Retirement
03/27/26			
Stephen Haas	Custodian	RRMS	Personal
03/02/26			
Brenda Burman	Media Center Aide	SPR	Retirement
05/31/26			

c) Unpaid Family Medical Leave - Certified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<u>Effective</u>			

Emily Wendling	Teacher	COH	Child Care
03/25/26-			
04/29/26			
Sara Loving	Teacher	OHELIC	Child Care
04/14/26-			
05/18/26			

d) Unpaid Leave - Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<u>Effective</u>			
Muhanad Kablawi	Bus Driver	Trans.	Medical
02/11/26-			
03/31/26			

e) Appointment - Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Effective</u>		
Greg Steffen	Instructional Asst.	II-5
02/17/26		
		6.5 hrs. per day/5
days per week		
Autumn McBee	Instructional Asst.	II-5
02/23/26		
		7 hrs. per day/5 days
per week		
Grace Herron	Food Service	IV-0
03/02/26		
		4 hrs. per day/5 days
per week		
Cammy Debaun	Instructional Asst.	II-2
03/04/26		
		7 hrs. per day/5 days
per week		

f) Supplemental Contracts - 2025-2026 School Year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Mariam Soliman	Middle School Boys Track Coach	BMS
Jacob Graff	Middle School Boys Tennis Coach	Middle
Schools		

g) Bridgetown Middle School Music - To be paid \$400.00 for piano accompanist for rehearsals, spring concert & MIP competition, spring 2026.

Name
Julie Marratta

h) Special Programs Leadership Team - To be paid \$1000.00 each for work done 2/1/26-5/22/26.

Name

Vanessa Wellendorf
Cassie Vanderwoude
Jadyn Klosterman
Marisa Groh
Lindsey Sharp
Amy Asper
Chelsey Schneider
Debi Reigers
Stephanie Foster
Alyssa Payne
Melissa Claus
Julie Boles
Kerrie Muench

i) **Event Worker** - To be paid as submitted.

Name

Amy Braun
Samantha Brown

j) **Special Education Nursing Coordinator** - To be paid \$5000.00 for work done in the 2025-2026 School Year.

Name

Holly Reilly

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

Name

Mike Stenger
Cammy Debaun

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West

NAY: None

Motion Approved

X. **CONSTITUENTS MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD** (Limit of five minutes per constituent for a total of thirty minutes) None.

XI. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

A. March Board Development Topics

XII. 48-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Ibold moved, seconded by Mr. West, to move into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. for the consideration of the purchase of property or the sale of property, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive bargaining advantage to a person whose private interest is adverse to the general public interest

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:17 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.

AYES: Yorgovan, Krugler, Haffey, Ibold, West
NAY: None
Motion Approved

XIII. 49-26 ADJOURNED


Mr. West moved, seconded by Mrs. Ibold, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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



President

ATTEST:



Treasurer

SB/es