

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## *Minutes of Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education Meeting*

*Held* January 13, 2026

Mike French, President, called the meeting to order on January 13, 2026 at 5:37 p.m. The meeting was held at the Oak Hill High School Library, 5063 State Route 93, Oak Hill, OH.

Upon call of the roll the following members answered as present: Mike French, Tyler Evans, Scott Gilliland, and Tim Howard. Joe Elcess absent.

### **007-26 Approve Minutes**

Mr. Howard made the motion to approve minutes for December, 2025. Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Howard yea Evans yea Elcess absent French yea Gilliland yea

### **008-26 Approve Financial Reports**

Mr. Evans made the motion to approve the financial reports, investment report and bills paid for December, 2025. Mr. Gilliland made a second to the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Evans yea Gilliland yea Elcess absent French yea Howard yea

### **Student Recognition:**

#### ***Ohio University Honors Band (Bryce Werntz)***

- *Brooklyn Costilow, 1st Chair Trumpet in Symphonic Band*
- *Ty Irwin, 4th Chair Trumpet in Wind Symphony*
- *Blaise Barger, 6th Chair Trumpet in Symphonic Band*
- *Aidan Isabelle, 1st Chair Alto Sax in Symphonic Band*

### **School Board Appreciation Month - Board Members recognized for their Years of Service:**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <i>Joe Elcess</i>                         | <i>25 Years of Service</i> |
| <i>Michael French</i>                     | <i>25 Years of Service</i> |
| <i>Tyler Evans</i>                        | <i>2 Years of Service</i>  |
| <i>Timothy Howard</i>                     | <i>2 Years of Service</i>  |
| <i>New Board Member – Scott Gilliland</i> |                            |

*Mr. Mantell thanked the Board for their support.*

### **PROCLAMATION 2026:**

*WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Oak Hill Union Local School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and*

*WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and*

*WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and*

*WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and*

*WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and*

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*WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and*

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jason Mantell, Superintendent of Oak Hill Union Local School District, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as School Board Recognition Month. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members for their dedication and service to our children and our community.*

*Signed this 13th day of January, 2026, at the Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting*

James

Jason Mantell, Superintendent  
Oak Hill Union Local School District

*Superintendent's Report - discussed/informed the board of the following:*

- *January 19, 2026*      *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools Closed*
- *February 7, 2026*      *MS/HS Sweethearts Dance*
- *February 16, 2026*      *Presidents' Day - Schools Closed*
- *Winter Sport Update*
- *Calendar Update*
- *In-Service Day prior to students returning.*

## **009-26 Approve Beam Business Services Leadership Coaching Agreement**

Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the leadership coaching agreement with Beam Business Services, LLC, at a cost of \$3,400.00. Mr. French made a second to the motion.

### **Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Gilliland yea French yea Elcess absent Evans yea Howard yea

## **010-26 Approve Personnel**

Mr. Howard made the motion to approve the following personnel:

A. Approved the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

## **Substitute Teachers:**

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Scott Lewis

## **Substitute School Nurses:**

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Deidra Miller

- B. Approved the following retirement:
  - Penny Malone, 8-Hour Bus Driver (Effective June 1, 2026)
- C. Approved the supplemental contract for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications:
  - Melody Antrea, JV Girls Track Coach

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D. Approved the supplemental contract for the 2026-2027 school year pending all certifications:

- Westen Hale, Head Varsity Football

*\*Discussion of the posting of Supplements – Changes for upcoming school year. Jason to research and give recommendations at the next board meeting.*

Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Howard yea Evans yea Elcess absent French yea Gilliland yea

### **011-26 Field Trips/Professional Meetings**

Mr. Evans made the motion to approve the following field trip/professional meetings:

A. Approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.

| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Group:</b>  | <b>Location:</b>  |
|--|--|---|
| February 22-24, 2026   | Oak Hill BPA   | BPA State Leadership Conference<br>Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH |
| B. Approve the following requests for professional meeting and travel for the 2025-2026 school year. |  |   |
| Sonya Davis  | January 26, 2026                                     | Ohio History Workshop –<br>Gallia-Vinton ESC Field Studies                  |
| Nathan Dugan   | February 12, 2026<br>March 6, 2026<br>March 24, 2026 | Teaching American History<br>- Founding through Abolition                   |
| Tori Duncan  | January 26, 2026                                     | Ohio History Workshop –<br>Gallia-Vinton ESC Field Studies                  |
| Andrea Hale  | January 26, 2026                                     | Ohio History Workshop –<br>Gallia-Vinton ESC Field Studies                  |
| Katherine King   | January 29-31, 2026                                  | OMEA State Educator's Conference –<br>Greater Columbus Convention Center    |
| Rhonda Harrison  | April 14-17, 2026                                    | OASBO Annual Conference - Greater<br>Columbus Convention Center             |
| Gretchen Fisher  | April 14-17, 2026                                    | OASBO Annual Conference –<br>Greater Columbus Convention Center             |
| Beth McCorkle  | April 14-17, 2026                                    | OASBO Annual Conference –<br>Greater Columbus Convention Center             |

Mr. Howard made a second to the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Evans yea Howard yea Elcess absent French yea Gilliland yea

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### **012-26 Approve Financials**

Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the following financial items:

- A. Approve the 2025-2026 Amended Appropriations and Estimated Resources.  
*\*Reallocation of Federal Programs.*
- B. Approve the Treasurer to advertise for bids on the purchase of one bus for the 2026-2027 school year.
- C. Approve the membership to the Oak Hill Area Chamber of Commerce for 2026.
- D. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into an Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy (OT/PT) Service Agreement with the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center at an hourly rate of \$80.00 for services provided to students served at Hope Haven for the remainder of the 2025–2026 school year.
- E. Approve payment after the fact:

| <u>Vendor</u>     | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Fund</u>       | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Smith Flower Shop | \$60.00       | HS Principal Fund | 10/15/2025  |

- F. Approve the following donations:

| <u>To:</u>           | <u>From:</u>  | <u>Amount:</u> |
|----------------------|---|----------------|
| Oak Hill High School | Oak Hill United Methodist Church<br>for Coats and Gloves for Students | \$208.00       |

Mr. Howard made a second to the motion.

### **Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Gilliland yea Howard yea Elcess absent Evans yea French yea

### **013-26 Executive Session**

Mr. Howard made the motion to enter into executive session for the current form, RC 121.22 for (1) the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees. Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

*The Board invited Mr. Mantell and Ms. Harrison to enter into executive session.*

*The Board entered into executive session at 5:56 p.m. and exited at 6:21 p.m.*

### **Communication:**

- *Mr. French appreciated the Boards trust in him as President.*

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**014-26 Adjournment 6:22 p.m.**

Mr. Howard made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 absent**

Howard yea Evans yea Elcess absent French yea Gilliland yea

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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President

Attest:

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Treasurer