

Board of Education
Belpre City School District
Minutes for Annual Organizational Meeting
January 08, 2026

Stone Administration Building/Early Learning Center

5:00 p.m.

I. Welcome: President Pro Tem – Mr. Fred Meredith

Roll Call for Meeting:

Roll Call for meeting: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith and Mrs. O'Donnell was absent

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office

III. Organization of 2026 Board of Education

RES.2026-001 Nominations for the office of Board President

1st Nomination of: Fred Meredith Made by: Mike Miller

2nd Nomination of: _____ Made by: _____

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.

Fred Meredith was elected President of the Board for 2026.

RES2026-002 Nominations for the office of Board Vice President

1st Nomination of: Cathy O'Donnell Made by: Mollie Haught

2nd Nomination of: _____ Made by: _____

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.

Cathy O'Donnell was elected Vice President of the Board for 2026.

RES.2026-003 Selection of Meeting Dates, Times and Location

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Haught, to adopt the following resolution:

To set the Regular Meetings of the Belpre City Board of Education for 2026 on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Stone Administration Building/Early Learning Center, Belpre, Ohio.

2026 Board of Education Meeting Dates

February 19	September 17
March 19	October 15
April 16	November 19
May 21	December 17
June 25	
July 16	
August 20	

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.

RES.2026-004 Approval of Appointment of Board Members to Committees for 2026

Motion by Mr. Lorentz, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the appointment of board members to the following committees:

- Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Liaison: **Cathy O'Donnell**
- Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Liaison: **Mollie Haught**
- Athletic Committee (2): **Mike Miller and Fred Meredith**
- Negotiating Committee (2): **Fred Meredith and Mollie Haught**
- Personnel Evaluation Committee for the Superintendent (2): **Mike Miller and Larry Lorentz**
- Personnel Evaluation Committee for the Treasurer (2): **Fred Meredith and Cathy O'Donnell**
- District Policy Committee (2): **Cathy O'Donnell and Mollie Haught**
- Buildings and Grounds Committee (2): **Fred Meredith and Mike Miller**
- Finance Committee (2): **Larry Lorentz and Mike Miller**

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.

RES.2026-005 Standing Authorizations

Motion by Mrs. Haught, seconded by Mr. Lorentz, to approve the following standing authorizations for 2026:

- Advance on tax settlement by the Treasurer.
- Investment of inactive funds by the Treasurer.
- To pay all bills, provided that funds are available, and to report monthly to the Board of Education those bills that are paid by the Treasurer.
- Superintendent to employ, by letter of intent, certified and non-certified employees subject to Board approval at the next regular or special meeting.
- Superintendent authorized to approve Professional Meetings.
- Superintendent authorized to approve Professional Development.
- Superintendent authorized to approve volunteers.
- Authorize the Administration Office staff to purchase consumable items such as certificates, plaques, flowers (or donation, as requested, in lieu of flowers), etc. These expenditures for board related matters are to be made from the Board Service Fund; Central Office expenditures from the Superintendent's and Treasurer's Supply Accounts.
- Appoint the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent from January 2026 Belpre City Organizational meeting to the January 2027 Belpre City Organizational Meeting.
- Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to utilize the services of law firms as deemed appropriate to the serve the district.
- Authorize the Board President and Treasurer to have access to the safe deposit box at The Peoples Banking and Trust Company.
- To approve classified employees above their contracted salary to perform other approved work, assignments, as needed, at the employee's current pay rate.
- To approve faculty members to attend meetings, classroom coverage, class overload, Statewide Remediation/Testing, Summer School Teachers and Homebound Tutoring as per the Master Agreement between Belpre Education Association and Belpre City Board of Education.
- To approve faculty members to host college education students, to be a cooperating teacher for field experience students and professional internship and to be site coordinators for field experience.
- Designate the Marietta Times, The Parkersburg News and Sentinel as the official newspapers of record for the Belpre City School District.
- Authorize Treasurer as designated agent to attend Ohio Sunshine Law/Public Records training on behalf of the Board of Education members as per the requirement in R.C. 109.43

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.

RES.2026-006 Approval of Adjournment of the Organizational Meeting

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Haught, to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:06 p.m.

On Roll Call, Ayes: Mrs. Haught, Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Miller, Mr. Meredith. The President declared the motion carried.