RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS MINUTES
OF
ADENA LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2026
HELD AT 5:30 P.M.

The Adena Local Board of Education met for a Regular Meeting on March 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the library media center with the following members responding to roll call: Mr. Josh McQuiniff, Mr. Brady Ratzlaff, Mr. Tim Newberry, Mr. Brice Acton and Mr. Roy Robinson

Mrs. Williams, elementary principal, recognized Courtney Hines and Amber Grigsby for their contributions to the district, citing a steadfast commitment to exemplary services and leadership for students, staff and the community. Mrs. Williams also reported a positive attendance rates the last month even with flu season happening.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for the retire/rehire and Mrs. Stephanie Fischer; there were no participants.

BRIEFINGS

There was no briefing provided by the Adena Education Association.

Mrs. Danni Willliams gave an update outlining growth rates of the elementary, PBIS initiatives to encourage positive behaviors in students; she also is implementing a fun PBIS system for staff as well.

Mr. Denny Hammond updated the board about upcoming testing dates, PBIS initiatives and future scheduling ideas.

Mrs. Stacy Forby updated the board on math curriculum choices and ODEW's delayed process in identifying approved vendors to choose from for state compliance purposes.

Mr. Blaine Parker thanked the board for his one-year work anniversary and outlined the audio upgrades being done at the wellness center.

(26-31) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Newberry, seconded by Mr. Ratzlaff, to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-32) TREASURER'S ITEMS

Moved by Mr. McQuiniff, seconded by Mr. Acton, to approve the following treasurer's items:

Approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Accept the financial report:
Payroll (reconciliation, outstanding checks)
General (reconciliation, outstanding checks, monthly checks issued, cash summary)

Approve the severance payment to Joshua Anderson: $9,759.42; 23.32 days

Approve accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission

Discussion: Mr. Morton discussed the need to practice cautious spending throughout the construction of the wellness center to ensure fiscal responsibility is being practiced. Also discussed was the concern of economic impact with the Iranian conflict in relation to crude oil pricing. Futures are showing a material increase pricing effect regardless of a quick resolution to the matter. The district needs to monitor potential price hikes for goods and services as a result.

Roll call: Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-33) CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Newberry, seconded by Mr. McQuiniff, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Approve Neola Policy 5330.05.

Approve amendment to the agreement between Best Life Therapy and Adena Local School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Addition of teletherapy facilitation services at twenty-one dollars per hour ($21.00).

Approve the addition of students, attending Ross County Christian Academy and Fayette Christian School, to the Non-Public School Transportation resolution for reimbursement of transportation, as previously approved on July 15, 2025.

Approve the contract between Hillsboro City Schools and Adena Local School District for the admission of an Adena student with disabilities for educational purposes for the 2025–2026 school year.

Approve Board of Education/Governing Board Resolution authorizing 2026-2027 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). High School Membership Dues: $50/sport.

Approve Master Service Agreement between META Solutions and Adena Local Schools from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Includes Schedule I Core Services Summary of Costs and Schedule II Summary of Costs.

Approve youth outpatient treatment educational component agreement with The Recovery Council TRC Connections.

Approve Field Maintenance (football, baseball & softball) program for the 2026 Season.

Approve the proposal from Farley Floors for the installation of volleyball canisters and lids in the Wellness Center in the amount of $2,000.00.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Adena Health and Adena Local Schools to operate an ODH-funded School-Based Health Center, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, unless extended by mutual written agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with thirty (30) days' written notice.

Personnel

Approve resignation notification with intent to retire from the following.

Wes Smith	Teacher	Effective end of 25-26 school year
Lisa Halcomb	Student Aide	Effective May 22, 2026

Approve the following as a substitute for the 2025-2026 school year, pending background check.

Jessica Moody	Cafeteria

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following individual as a volunteer for the 2025-2026 school year, under the direct supervision of the building principal and/or the Board's designee responsible for the program, and subject to completion of all state and local requirements and criminal background check.

Mike Davis	Volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach

Approve employment of the following individual under a one-year limited supplemental contract for the 2026-2027 school year, for the positions noted compensation per the negotiated agreement, subject to completion of all state and local requirements.

Jamie Harris	High School Cheer Advisor

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-34) CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Moved by Mr. Acton, seconded by Mr. Ratzlaff, to approve the estimate from Zimmerman School Equipment in the amount of $68,550.72 for the purchase and installation of classroom furniture as part of the Classroom Furniture Replacement Project, effective July 1, 2026, with completion scheduled for Summer 2026.

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-35) WEIGHT EQUIPMENT

Moved by Mr. Newberry, seconded by Mr. McQuiniff, to approve the estimate from StrayDog Strength in the amount of $110,995.09 for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Wellness Center.

Discussion: Mr. Scott Hurtt stated that all options quoted by the different vendors were good, but Stray Dogs ultimately is the lowest and best to accommodate the needs of the students and community members who will be using it. He is anxious to get buy-in from students once the equipment is available.

Roll call: Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-36) CHANGE ORDER – JAY CAR CONSTRUCTION

Moved by Mr. McQuiniff, seconded by Mr. Ratzlaff, to Approve Change Order 1A-7 fo additional concrete for the gymnasium floor at the Wellness Center in the amount of $3,774.00.

Discussion: Dr. Unger added this is required for the additional pillars needed for the volleyball courts for the wellness center.

Roll call: Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-37) CHANGE ORDER – JAY CAR CONSTRUCTION

Moved by Mr. Ratzlaff, seconded by Mr. Acton, to approve Change Order 1A-8 for material, equipment, and labor to delete Corridor #123 per the attached proposal, resulting in a deduction of $9,913.00.

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-38) CHANGE ORDER – FILLMORE CONSTRUCTION

Moved by Mr. Acton, seconded by Mr. McQuiniff, to approve Change Order 2A-1 to delete all work associated with Alternate #8 fencing from the contract, resulting in a deduction of $78,800.00, and to incorporate previously approved Allowance Authorization #2A-AA1 into the contract.

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-39) SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISION 2026-2027

Moved by Mr. Newberry, seconded by Mr. Ratzlaff, to approve revision to the 2026-2027 District School Calendar.

Discussion: Dr. Unger stated this is the calendar that received the majority of votes when sent to staff members.

Roll call: Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-40) DOCK DAYS – AMANDA DEMPSEY

Moved by Mr. Newberry, seconded by Mr. Ratzlaff, to approve a leave of absence, resulting in dock days, for Amanda Dempsey beginning March 18, 2026, with an anticipated return date of April 30, 2026.

Discussion: none

Roll call: Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

(26-41) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Ratzlaff, seconded by Mr. McQuiniff, to enter into executive session to discuss the consideration of the employment and compensation of a public employee, and preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other items and conditions of employment.

Time entered was 6:22 p.m. Time out was 7:54 p.m..

The above topics were discussed.

Roll call: Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

Dr. Unger presented the board on subjects that included NEOLA policy recommendations for the next meeting, gym floor proposals, fencing prices, and an MOU for Adena Health systems.

(26-42) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mr. Newberry, that the Board adjourn.

Roll call: Mr. Ratzlaff, yea; Mr. Newberry, yea; Mr. Acton, yea; Mr. McQuiniff, yea; Mr. Robinson, yea

PRESIDENT

TREASURER