

Minutes of the **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** of the **DOVER BOARD OF EDUCATION** of Dover, Ohio, held in the **BOARD ROOM** on **February 9, 2026** at **6:00 P.M.**

Roll Call: Ms. Anne Bruno, Mr. Brian Hanner, Mr. John Maxwell, Mr. Kyle Stemple, and Mr. Mike Studer.

14-26 Mr. Stemple moved and Mr. Studer seconded the Board approve the minutes of the January 12, 2025 Regular and Organizational meetings as presented.

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer, Mr. Hanner

Special presentations by the DHS Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program Seniors took place.

15-26 Mr. Hanner moved and Mr. Maxwell seconded the Board approve the following items as presented by the Treasurer:

- Approve the Financial Report
- Approve the Invoices for Payment
- Approved of February 2026 Financial Forecast

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

16-26 Mr. Maxwell moved and Mr. Stemple seconded the Board approve the following personnel items:

- Approved the hire of **Adam Brately** as Athletic Director at Dover High School with 10 days of Extended Service for the 2026-2027 school year
- Approved the hire of **Britni Toukonen** as Director of Student Services with 10 days of Extended Service for the 2026-2027 school year
- Approved the hire of **Jenna Franks** as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
- Approved supplemental contracts for the 2025-26 school year as listed:
 - **Jessi Garvin**, Varsity Assistant/JV Softball Coach (split stipend)
 - **Carol McCutcheon** Varsity Assistant Tennis Coach
 - **Jennifer Pfeiffer-Ward**, Varsity Assistant/JV Softball Coach (split stipend)
- Approved the hire of the following classified contract employees:
 - **Julia Felgenhauer**, Special Education Assistant at South School, effective February 2, 2026
 - **Judy (Anne) Houze**, Cafeteria Worker at South School, effective February 23, 2026
 - **Deborah (Annie) Osborne**, Bus Driver, effective February 17, 2026
 - **Julie Oswald**, Noontime Assistant at Dover Avenue, effective February 2, 2026
- Accepted the retirement resignation of **Tim Grimm**, Custodian at Dover High School, effective June 30, 2026
- Accepted the resignation of the following teachers, effective at the end of the school year:
 - **Emily Wells**, Intervention Specialist at South School
 - **Katie Shutt**, Third Grade Teacher at East School
- Approved the resignation of the following supplemental contracts:
 - **David Haverfield**, Percussion Instructor
- Approved the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Substitute Teacher: **Bob Von Kaenel**
 - Substitute Classroom Assistant: **Kelie Ward**

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

17-26 Mr. Hanner moved and Mr. Studer seconded the Board approve the following recommendations:

- Approved the following policy:
GCPCA: Severance Pay
- Accepted, with gratitude, the following donations:
\$3,475 from Dover Exchange Club for risers for the elementary music program

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

Ms. Brugger presented the schedule of amounts and rates received from the Tuscarawas County Auditor's Office to the Board and there was discussion regarding the information on the schedule. The schedule did not include the 4.4 mills in the permanent improvement fund that the board reallocated on September 8, 2025.

18-26 Mr. Maxwell moved the Board authorize legal counsel to file an appeal on its behalf in the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals from the February 2, 2026 decision of the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission in which the Commission failed to acknowledge the Board’s September 8, 2025 reallocation of 4.4 mills of its inside millage for permanent improvements, unless the Commission takes action on or before March 1, 2026 acknowledging the Board’s September 8, 2025 reallocation of its 4.4 mills of inside millage. Second by Mr. Stemple

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

19-26 Mr. Stemple moved that the Board join the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) for calendar year 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanner

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

20-26 Mr. Stemple moved that the Board requests assistance from the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2026 and authorizes the Superintendent to complete the necessary application for assistance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanner

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

21-26 At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Studer moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conferencing with the board’s attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action; no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stemple.

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

At 8:13 p.m., the Board was called back into open session.

22-26 At 8:14 pm., Mr. Maxwell moved and Mr. Studer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer

Board President

Treasurer