

**REGULAR MEETING MILLCREEK-WEST UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**November 13, 2023**  
**LIBRARY**

President Heather Jones called the regular meeting of the Millcreek-West Unity Board of Education to order at 6:03 p.m. in the library, with all board members present at roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Wyse presented the first reading of NEOLA Policy Updates Vol 42.1. Mr. Wyse also discussed the tentative school calendar for 2023-2024 and gave an opportunity for public input. Lastly, he presented the board with a calendar of proposed meeting dates for 2024 and gave opportunity to the Board to comment. -Attachments in board notes

Lastly, Mr. Wyse spoke about the Substitute Levy that did not pass at the November 7th election. He explained to the Board that he believes the main reason that it failed was that voters did not understand that it was a levy *renewal* and that the district was not asking for new money. The levy had originally been passed as a \$300,000 emergency levy in 2004 and renewed over the subsequent years as such. The Emergency levy was renewed as a Substitute levy in 2019 at a reduced rate of \$250,000. When you renew a Substitute Levy, it is described in the ballot language as a substitute of a Substitute and does not state that it is a renewal. Mr. Wyse said we will need to make that clear to the voters in the coming months as we prepare to put the Substitute Levy back on the ballot in the Spring of 2024. He also told that Board that he would like to present that renewal at a reduced amount of under 3 mills, for a five-year period, to bring in around \$225,000 per year.

Mr. Riley gave the H.S. monthly principals' report. Mr. Mansfield gave the elementary report.  
-Attachments in board notes

President Jones welcomed visitor Dawn Layman, newly elected Board Member.

13-24 Mr. Mahlman made the motion to approve the following consent agenda supported by Mr. Chester.

1. Approve the October 2023 Financial Statements and the minutes from the October 2023 Board of Education meeting. Attachment in board notes
2. Approve the FY24 Fall Five-Year Forecast and Assumptions to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30, 2023. Attachment in board notes
3. Approval to purchase 2014 Chevy Express Passenger Van: \$25,277.50
4. Approve the Special Education Waiver provided by the NwOESC to expand the age limit requirements for the NwOESC Special Education Unit at Edon Northwest Local Schools.
5. Approve a change in the school calendar to allow for an early release at 1:00 pm on April 8th, 2024, to allow students and staff member to view the solar eclipse safely from their homes.
6. Approved the following employments:
  - Michelle Van Dam - Substitute Part-Time Multi-Task Aide and Bus Driver - pending completion of all requirements for both positions.
  - Laura Rings - Full time Cafeteria Worker - effective November 13, 2023.

- Patricia Hart - Tutor
  - Rick Custar - Intervention Assistance Team
  - Tony Gerig - Varsity Baseball Coach
  - Nate Meuschke - JV Baseball Coach
  - Jeremy Hartman - Assistant Baseball Coach
  - Nate Massie - Varsity Track Coach
  - Conner English - Assistant Track Coach
  - Corey Eisel - Assistant Track Coach
  - Desiree Arps - Volunteer Track Coach
  - Shawn Blaisdell - JH Track Coach
  - Justin Wyrick - JH Track Coach
  - Tom Schaper - Varsity Softball Coach
  - Natalee Schaffner - JV Softball Coach
  - Maddie Schaper - Assistant Softball Coach - pending receipt of all background checks and credentials.
  - Kiley Nafziger - Driver Assistant Duties
  - Vicki Rhodes - Resident Educator Mentor - 1st year
7. Approval to compensate Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team members at \$28/hour for hours worked outside of their regular schedule for FY24:
- Elementary Team Members - Angie Dunson, Elizabeth Horton, Johnnie Tule, Amy Welling, and Jason Mansfield.
  - High School Team Members - Karen Cheezan, Amber Metzger, Jen Yoh, and Steve Riley.
8. Approve the following Graduate Study Reimbursements:
- Damon Drewes - EDUC659 - Workshop - Resilient Teaching - through Augustana University, Defiance, OH. Three Semester hours - Summer 2023.

Vote: Heather, yes; Randy, yes; Sarah, yes; David, yes; and Brian, yes. Motion declared.

14-24 Mrs. Carothers made the motion to approve the “Resolution to Proceed for the Substitution of a Substitute Levy” in excess of the ten mill limitation. Mr. Wieland seconded the motion.

## **MILLCREEK-WEST UNITY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. #14-24**

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTIAL SUBSTITUTION OF A SUBSTITUTE TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

**WHEREAS**, a five-year substitute tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for the necessary requirements of the school district (the “2019 Substitute Levy”) was approved by the electors of Millcreek-West Unity Local School District (the “District”) on May 7, 2019, which 2019 Substitute Levy was first placed on the 2019 tax list and duplicate for first collection in 2020;

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education desires to substitute a portion of the 2019 Substitute Levy for a substitute tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.199 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Millcreek-West Unity Local School District (the “Board of Education”):

**SECTION 1.** That the amount of revenue which may be raised in this District by all tax levies which this District is authorized to impose, when combined with all revenues to be received from the State of Ohio and the Federal Government, will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the District.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.199 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that a substitute tax be levied in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of this District, for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the District, which substitute tax levy shall substitute in part the 2019 Substitute Levy. The proposed substitute tax levy shall be a substitute tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.199 of the Ohio Revised Code. The tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the District and the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the District. The District is located entirely within Williams County.

**SECTION 3.** That the question of the passage of said substitute tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the District at an election to be held on March 19, 2024. If approved by the electors, said substitute tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2024 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2025, and shall be in effect for a period of five years.

**SECTION 4.** That in the initial year the substitute tax levy is in effect, the tax levy shall generate proceeds in the amount of \$225,000, and in each subsequent year the substitute tax levy is in effect, the substitute tax levy shall generate a specified amount of revenue equal to the sum of following: (a) the dollar amount of proceeds derived from the Substitute Levy in the prior year and (b) the dollar amount equal to the product of the taxable value of all taxable real property in the District in the then-current year, excluding carryover property, multiplied by the annual levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of valuation, that was required to produce the annual dollar amount of the levy in the prior year, provided this amount shall not be less than zero.

**SECTION 5.** That the Treasurer of this Board of Education be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the Williams County Auditor at least one-hundred (100) days prior to said election as required by law requesting that said County Auditor certify to this Board of Education all certifications required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, which may include the total current tax valuation of the District, calculation of the annual tax levy in mills for each one dollar of taxable value which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in Section 4 hereof, and the levy's rate expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of appraised value required to produce the annual amount set forth in Section 4 hereof, in accordance with Sections 5705.199, 5705.195, and 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 6.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules of this Board of Education adopted in accordance therewith.

Vote: Mr. Chester, yes; Mr. Wieland, yes; Mrs. Carothers, yes; Mrs. Jones, yes; and Mr. Mahlman, yes.  
Motion carried.

**#15-24** With no further business for the board to attend to, Mr. Wieland made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Mahlman seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

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Board President

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Treasurer

