The following actions were taken by the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center Governing Board at their regular meeting held May 27, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kelly Hug. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

- •OSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Mr. Brian Baker reported on several legislative items of interest. The House Education Committee held its third hearing on HB 114, which would alter age requirements for kindergarten admission. The committee passed the bill. The committee held its third hearing on HB 145, which would raise the minimum number of school hours. The House Education Committee also held its second hearing on HB 155 which would prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion in public schools. The committee also reintroduced HB 42 which would require certain agencies to collect and report data concerning the citizenship or immigration status of persons with whom they come into contact. The Senate Judiciary Committee held its third hearing on SB 62, which would allow civil penalties for illegally passing a school bus if the driver cannot be identified. SB 62 directs fees and fines related to illegally passing a school bus to the bus safety grant fund at ODEW. Additionally, the bill designates the month of August as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month."
- •CFO/TREASURER: Mrs. Lorenzen thanked Sarah Kirkingburg and Brandi Nafziger for their work in completing the contract and salary notification information for board approval. Despite the busy season with contract renewals, salary notices, retirements, and resignations, they managed everything well. She noted that two remaining district service agreements for 2025–26 will be expected to be ready for next month's agenda. All approved 2025-26 agreements have been entered into ODE's online portal, which requires both NwOESC and district approval by June 15 for state deductions to begin in July. An energy rate of .05443 per KWH has been secured by joining the Ohio School Council's Power4Schools consortium. The contract will go into effect July 1 for a two-year period. She will be finalizing 2024–25 program costs for district distribution by June 6, with help from staff to ensure accuracy. Districts have reviewed their service data, and final invoice payments will be due by June 23.
- •DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mrs. Jill Gilliland shared that Chad Rex, Corey Todd, Larry Davis, Lisa Bailey, and she had a great time at the annual Employer Recognition Luncheon hosted by the NwOESC Work Transition Classes at Four County Career Center. It's always fun to spend time with students and hear about their school year! NwOESC is enrolling students in our new elementary MD classroom at Archbold, and at the elementary autism classroom at the IEC. While we do not currently need to open a classroom at Archbold Middle School, we will continue to communicate with district administrators about student needs and could utilize this classroom in the future. Mrs. Gilliland shared two student success stories. A preschool student at Edgerton was highlighted. Her mother wrote a letter outlining her progress this school year and thanking her teacher (Dawn Herman) and classroom paraprofessional (Sarah Herman). A middle school student at Edon in Mrs. Brooke Haines class was highlighted. The student has made great strides in using her communication device. These are just a few of the countless success stories happening thanks to the teamwork of our fabulous educators, their families, and students!
- •DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Hunter reported that last week, Mike Altman, one of the ESC's designated Al Champions, participated in a "train-the-trainer" session hosted by Magic School, an Al company that has recently partnered with OESCA. This initiative is designed to support the integration of AI tools into Ohio classrooms. With this training, Mike is now prepared to assist local teachers and administrators in exploring and implementing Magic School's platform. His leadership will be key in quiding districts through this emerging area. The deadline for Ohio educators to complete the state-mandated Science of Reading modules is approaching on June 30, 2025. Across the NwOESC, the majority of educators have already completed the requirement. For those still in progress, supervisors have provided personalized reminders. Special recognition goes to Dorothy Lambert for her exceptional coordination and support—her efforts have been vital in ensuring that everyone stays on track. Earlier this month, Mr. Hunter had the privilege of serving as a judge for the annual "Hicksville Shake" competition, which highlights students' soft skills. The event challenged participants to think on their feet, respond to complex questions, engage in professional conversations, and demonstrate a confident handshake. The students represented Hicksville Schools with poise and professionalism. Lastly, Mr. Hunter reported that he attended the Spring OESCA Conference, which offered valuable opportunities to connect with ESC colleagues from across the state. The event was filled with energizing discussions and forward-thinking ideas, providing fresh inspiration and new strategies to bring back to the team for the upcoming school year.

•DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS: Mr. Chad Rex reported that the May 16 Technology Leaders meeting was attended by 30 participants, maintaining a strong average across the nine-month meeting cycle. He highlighted the value of this consistent engagement, emphasizing the dedication of these professionals. He noted that work on Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs), as required by Senate Bill 29, is ongoing and will become a major focus over the next two months. Mr. Rex stated that an approved list of vendors—those with whom the Northwest Ohio ESC has DPAs—will be posted by August 1st. He clarified that only tools from these approved vendors may be used with student data considered as personally identifiable information (PII). Mr. Rex also mentioned a collaboration with ESC Supervisor Michelle Kruse to create a webpage for the Defiance County Multi-Agency Planning group, which the ESC will host. This project is scheduled to begin soon. In addition, Mr. Rex attended the Al Summit in Toledo on May 1st, and an Ohio Cyber Reserve seminar on May 9th. He also announced that Remind, the ESC's current communication platform since 2020, is being phased out by its parent company, Parent Square. Mr. Rex noted that he has begun discussions with the company to understand their new system and is in the process of developing a transition plan and obtaining a quote. On the operations side, Mr. Rex stated that the ESC has been working with José Salinas, Director of OMEC, and representatives from DataServ to design a new one-year agreement for a Zoom-based phone system. He added that OMEC's fax line will also be transitioned to an eFax solution through Current Office. Mr. Rex introduced the development of an On-Board Instructor service designed to support member districts with bus driver training. He credited Mr. Larry Davis and the transportation supervisors' network for their contributions in shaping this initiative. Mr. Rex also expressed thanks to several staff for the completion of recent IEC maintenance-operational projects.

Approved the Following Consent Items:

- Minutes from the regular Board Meeting and Audit Finance Committee Meeting held April 29, 2025
- Financial Transactions appropriation modifications, transfers and advances, and monthly financial reports.

AGREEMENTS

Approve the following service agreements and MOUs:

- META Solutions to provide to NwOESC/OMEC, Service Support for the period of 7/1/25-6/30/26.
- -NWOCA to provide to NwOESC, On-Site Technical (Rent-A-Tech) Services for the period of 7/1/25-6/30/26.
- -Williams County Commissioners/Williams County Common Pleas Court-Juvenile/Probation Divisions to provide NwOESC, Attendance Officer Services for the period of 8/1/25-6/15/26.
- -NwOESC to provide to Anthony Wayne Local Schools, Instructional Services at the Liberty Education Center for the 2024-25 school year.
- -NwOESC to provide to Pettisville Local Schools, Extended School Year Services for the period of 6/2/25-6/27/25.
- -NwOESC to provide to Wauseon Exempted Village Schools, Occupational Therapy & Other Related Services Evaluations (New Horizons Academy) for the period of 8/15/24-6/15/25.
- -To approve Annual Service Agreements with the following districts for the 2025-26 school year per R.C. 3313.845:
 - Evergreen Local Schools
 - Hicksville Exempted Village Schools
 - Napoleon Area City Schools
 - Wauseon Exempted Village Schools
- -Authorizing the execution and delivery of a master electric energy sales agreement between the district and Power4Schools' endorsed electric supplier, Engie Resources LLC for the period of July 2025 June 2027.

Ratify the following service agreement:

-Northern Buckeye Education Council to provide to Ohio Migrant Education Center, IP Telephony Managed Services (Zoom Native) and IPTMS Hardware for the period of 5/27/25-5/27/26.

•Approved Recommendation Items:

- -Approved the Independence Education Center/Northwest Ohio Opportunity School Calendar for 2025-26 as presented at the April 29, 2025 meeting.
- -Approved the following policy recommendations:

Bylaw 0131.1	Technical Corrections	Revised
Bylaw 0171	Review of Policy	Rescind
Policy 1422.01	Drug-Free Workplace	New
Policy 1613/ 3213/4213	Student Supervision and Welfare	Revised
Policy 2340	Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips	Revised
Policy 2460	Special Education	Revised
Policy 5223	Released Time for Religious Instruction	New/Revised
Policy 5330	Use of Medications	Revised
Policy 5350	Student Health, Wellbeing, and Suicide Prevention	Revised
Policy 5751	Parental Status of Students	Revised
Policy 5780.01	Parents' Bill of Rights	New
Policy 7421	Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Shower Rooms, and Changing Rooms	New
Policy 8142	Criminal History Record Check for Contracted School Services	Revised
Policy 8452	Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	Revised

⁻Approved Resolution to Rescind Prior Board Action(s) and Adopt Special Education Model Policies and Procedures – V1.0 2025

•Approved Personnel Consent Items:

•LEAVES

FMLA and Disability

•RETIREMENTS

Franks, Sherryann, Bus Driver, Effective 7/31/2025 Ray, Cheryl, Paraprofessional, Effective 5/31/2025 Kruse, Amy, Intervention Specialist/VI, Effective 5/31/2025 Whitney, Kathy, Paraprofessional, Effective 7/31/2025

•RESIGNATIONS

Donnelly, Amara, Paraprofessional, Effective 5/31/2025

Ellerbrock, Mindy, Speech Language Pathologist, Effective 7/31/2025

Fausnaugh, Betsy, School Psychologist, Effective 6/30/2025

Mason, Shalyn, Paraprofessional, Effective 7/31/2025

McClellan, Jacob, School Psychologist, Effective 6/30/2025

Radabaugh, Jacque, Paraprofessional, Effective 6/1/2025

Smallman, Kim, Job Trainer, Effective 7/31/2025

Yeager, Julia, Intervention Specialist, Effective 7/31/2025

Weber, Julie, Social Media Coordinator, Effective 7/31/2025

•EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONTRACTS

Certified

Administrative

Name	Contract	Length
Leatherman, Michelle	ADM-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Storrer, Jenna	ADM-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026

Bell, Heidi	ADM-2 YR	7/1/2022-6/30/2024 *correction
Bell, Heidi	ADM-3 YR	7/1/2024-6/30/2027

Certified Limited		
Name	Contract	Length
Recker, Emma	CERT-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Suman, Katie	CERT-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026

Classified Limited

Name	Contract	Length
Chovan, Amy	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Croskey, Lyndsey	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Fryman, Elizabeth	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Hendricks, Krista	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
McAuliffe, Christine	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Shepherd, Carrie	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Smith, Meridian	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Spurgeon, Amy	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Street, Jessica	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026
Weis, Ashley	CLASS-1 YR	8/7/2025-7/31/2026

CONTRACTS **Certified Limited**

Name	Contract	Length
Ayers, Grace	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Ball, Madison	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Barranco, Corina	CERT-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Blair, Nicole	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Deuel, Jenny	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Elton, Grace	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Haines, Brooke	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Hawkins, Kayla	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Hug, Skeat	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Kitchenmaster,	05554375	=///000= 0/00/0000
Jenifer	CERT-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Morris, Alexis	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Patton, Paige	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Richmond, Karli	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Rutledge, Stacy	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Snyder, Taylor	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Wagner, Staci	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026
Wolf, Phillip	CERT-1 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2026

Wolff, Kristin	CERT-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Baker, Sarah	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Beck, Amy	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Buckland, Danielle	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Burton, Angie	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Englehart, Jamie	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Estrada-Guerrero,	OLIVI Z IIV	0/1/2020 1/01/2021
Taylor	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Karcher, Donald	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Kersey, Kaitlin	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Lind, Terry	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Nelson, Natalie	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Prigge, Cailyn	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Radabaugh, lan	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Samlow, Alexis	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Schubert, Katherine	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Smiddy, Kristen	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Stein, Jason	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Waidelich, Abby	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Yenser, Katelyn	CERT-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Altman, Melissa	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Beck, MaryBeth	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Chafins, Sarah	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Cook, Adam	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Donaldson, Kathryn	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Fogt, Sara	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Gleckler, Liza	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Hills, Bowen	CERT-4 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2029
James, Elizabeth	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Kaiser, Sabrina	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
McCann, Lindsey	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Olnhausen, Lynnette	CERT-4 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2029
Pavel, Catlyn	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Roehrig, Jackie	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Rosebrock, Annette	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Russell, Bethany	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Sidle, Shanna	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Strauss, Hayley	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029
Wells, Jenna	CERT-4 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2029

Classified Limited

Name Contract Length

Bailey, Lisa	CLASS-1 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Avina, Josephine	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Beaverson, Jeri	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Beers, Lauren	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Blanchard, Heather	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Blevins, Crystal	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Bolich, Cynthia	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Brown, Shaylee	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Caudill, Courtney	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Cavanaugh, Kimberly	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Coburn, Alicia	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Crosser, Leiah	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Davis, Larry	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Decker, Mackenzi	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Etue, Sarah	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Gifford, Chantel	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Gilsdorf, Jodi	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Hartman, Carolee	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Hazelton, Ashley	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Herman, Sarah	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Hill, Kaytlyn	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Hounshell, Rebecca	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Jackson, Alayna	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Jacobs, Mandi	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Johnson, Jennifer	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Johnson, Kristin	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Keefer, Breanna	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Kirkingburg, Sarah	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Kroeckel, Alexis	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
LaGrange, Theresa	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Link, Sara	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Lutz, Rebecca	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
MacKinnon, Nicole	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Mason, Jaimie	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Mays, Ryan	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
McQuillin, Rodney	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Mefferd, Sarah	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Morris, Cari	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Myers, Janet	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Nichols-Ewing,	CI ACC CVD	7/4/2025 2/22/22
Jennifer	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Niese, Amy	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Nusbaum, Nicholas	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Peck, Melissa	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027

Pena, Marina	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Powell, Carla	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Radel, Victoria	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Robinson, Jensyn	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Rondeau, Jaclyn	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Rush, Brynn	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Russell, April	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Sauder, Amy	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Scribner, Nicole	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Short, Andrea	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Silecchia, Jessica	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Siler, Kylie	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Singer, Diana	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Spencer, Christine	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Stokes, Madison	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Tansel, Grace	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Torres, Betsy	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Waters, Ashley	CLASS-2 YR	7/1/2025-6/30/2027
Wilhelm, Janice	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Wilhelm, Rebecca	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Williams, Shelby	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Wittenmyer, Deborah	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Wolf, Grace	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Wolfrum, Amanda	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Wooley, Carrie	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027
Zeedyk, Tracy	CLASS-2 YR	8/1/2025-7/31/2027

Certified Limited- Hourly Rate

Name Contract Length

Phillips, Kelley CERT-2 YR 8/1/2025-7/31/2027

Classified Limited-Daily Rate

Name Contract Length

CLASS-2 YR 8/1/2025-7/31/2027 Rohrs, Abbie

SALARY NOTICES

Certified Administrative Notice

Name

FY24

Bell, Heidi *correction Bell, Heidi FY26

Downing, Mariah

Certified Notice

Name

Amspoker, Brooke

Cheek, Jessica

Clark, Shelby

Cole, Rachel

Elliott, Erin

Ferguson, Matthew

Fouts, Jill

Funnell, Glenda

Giesige, Lisa

Giesige, Lisa

Gribler, Catherine

Guzzonato, Kristi

Hensley, Megan

Herman, Dawn

Hintz, Kalli

Jeffers, Hanna

Johnson, Mandi

Jones, Melinda

Kelb, Buffy

Keller, Kristina

Keller, Raegan

Klausing, Sandra

Krolak, Michelle

Lucas, Danielle

Mabee, Susan

Maloney, Katherine

Mason, Gail

McBride, Tiffany

McGill, Neeley

Merritt, Heather

Mohring, Jody

Nixon, Scott

Norden, Rachel

Patterson, Julie

Ranzau, Christi

Reinking, Lynlee

Rentschler, Jessie

Rodger, Michelle

Rose, Mary

Rufenacht, Tina

Schlatter, Heidi

Semer, Lexie

Shively, Cheryl

Shumaker, Matthew

Stemen, Breece

Thomas, Cheyenne

Topoleski, Amy

Tyson, Stephanie

Varble, Brooke

Wachtman, Tiffany

Whitney, Adrian

Wilhelm, Jenna

Winters, Michelle

Wise, Rhonda

Certified Notice-Hourly Rate

Name

Kannel, Michelle

Classified Notice-Daily Rate

Name

Groll, Kelly

Lemley, Kandice

Turpening, Patricia

Classified Notice-Hourly Rate

Name

Kelly, Amanda

Classified Notice-Hourly Rate

Name

Allison, Ami

Ashbaugh, Darcy

Babcock, Makayla

Baden, Denise

Bailey, Lisa

Ball, Lisa

Barnhart, Jennifer

Barrett, Turner

Barry, Melissa

Beaverson, Courtni

Beaverson, Megan

Beck, Hanna

Benson, Susan

Bidlack, Melissa

Black, Julie

Bostelman, Cagney

Boyd, Courtney

Buchenberg, Sara

Burill, Madelynn

Carpenter, Megan

Carpenter, Mikala

Clark, Laurel

Colegrove-Mitchell,

Amy

Cook, Debra

Cook, Julie

Cooley, Lindsay

Damazyn, Amanda

Davis, Amy

Davis, Susan

Decker, Amanda

Delgado, Amber

Dickmann, Kim

Eckert, Stephanie

Ensign, Andrea

Evans, Madison

Falkenberg, Margaret

Fonseca, Leah

Fouty, Jackie

Geahlen, Amber

Geiger, Carrie

Gerig, Kristy

Gibson, Miranda

Godsey, Victoria

Graber, Lori

Graffice, Myra

Greisinger, Kam

Grunden, Ashlee

Hanak, Marlo

Herold, Nichol

Herold, Nichol

Hiler, Abigail

Hiler, Kristen

Hill, Dawn

Howard, Peggy

Huddle, Beth

Huerta, Valentina

Hughes, Kristan

Kenner, India

Kinn, Tami

Konrad, Katelyn

Lee, Alessandra

Lynch, Sararita

Mack, Jodie

Martin, Ashley

McQuillin, Kori

Meeker, Lisa

Millen, Catherine

Miller, Amy

Miller, Jennifer

Mohler, Mary

Moore, Mackenzie

Moreno, Katelyn

Mosko, Candace

Mueller, Lisa

Neff, Amy

Nickels, Christina

Nofziger, Kristie

Nofziger, Rebecca

Osterland, Lisa

Otto, Trisha

Parker, Laura

Parrish, Christina

Penrod, Sherry

Phillips, Tara

Proper, Tiffany

Quigley, Michaela

Ream, Amanda

Rieger, Melisa

Riester-Lumbrezer,

Kellie

Rufenacht, Dawn

Runyon, Kristen

Sabatino, Brandi

Sager, Teresa

Scarbrough, Alyson

Schmitz, Deborah

Schmucker, Elizabeth

Schwab, Terri

Seiler, Bronwyn

Shively, Kendall

Smith, Amanda

Sobecki, Abbey

Staugler, Desiree

Sterken, Cara

Sturgell, Lisa

Sullivan, Dawn

Sutter, Patricia

Thompson, Melody

Vance, Miranda

Vogelsong, Nadina

Wagner, Elizabeth

Waite, Laura

Walker, Theresa

Walter, Taylor

Weirich, Sara

Weis, Tracey

Wellman, Gina

Wessell, Jenna

Whitman, Lauren

Willey, Alexis

Wilson, Deborah

Wolf, Erika

Young, Rachel

Zenz, Julie

2024-25 Substitute Teacher

Victoria Baden

2025-26 Substitute Paraprofessionals

Kayla Beldon, Pamela Bernath, Isabelle Cohara, Joni Culler, Sheri Faber, Cynthia Fay, Kana Franklin, Sandra Gearhart, Janet Grieser, Kelly Hamilton, Joie Henry, Sarah Herman, Sally Hogrefe, Samuel Luthi, Cynthia McCann, Zoe McMaster, Lori Moore, Dale Openlander, Martha Ringenberg, DeeAnn Simmons, Kim Smallman, Krista Snyder, Jennifer Spangler, Miranda Turner, Jill Van Horn

2025-26 Substitute Teachers

Leslie Albring, Peyton Armey, Dawn Baldwin, Barbara Beaman, Cathy Beck, Kayla Beldon, Matthew Benecke, Kyla Berg, Pamela Bernath, Dennis Bowers, Caitlin Brinegar, John Bucklew, Jami Cameron, Joseph Carone, Cynthia Champer, Isabelle Cohara, Raina Cox, Darlene Daugherty, Kathy Day, Debra Dennie, Mary Lou Erickson, Sheri Faber, Cynthia Fay, Courtney Fisher, Phillip Fogle, Christine Fraker, James Gallehue, Nancy Gallehue, Brecken Garretson, Jamie Gill, Greg Gobrogge, Jeff Gribler, Janet Grieser, Denise Grime, Laney Grimwood, Kelly Hamilton, Lindsay Hartman, Austin Harvey, Jordyn Hein, Joie Henry, Sarah Herman, Jerica Hollenbaugh, Rosceline Kieffer, Edward Koch, Susan Kozumplik, Stephen Lange, Gary Langenderfer, Jane Lesniak, Larry Long, Samuel Luthi, Debra Mack, Sarah Macsay, Chloe Martin, Jill Martinez, Makayla McAvoy, Cynthia McCann, Anne McCarty, Zoe McMaster, Kevin McQuade, Jennifer Mikuls, Sara Moden, Elle Mohler, Kelly Monnin, Lori Moore, Abbey Nafziger, Wendy Otte, Michelle Oxender, Roger Pence, Tess Pennington, Heather Poorman, Elaine Prentiss, Sydney Ranzau, Austin Rearick, Craig Rutter, Betty Sadowski, Rhonda Samples, Larry Saxton, Pamela Schwiebert, Bethany Singer, Dakota Sines, Alan Smith, Katelyn Smith, Tara Smith, Sharon Sobota, Ruth Soto, Jennifer Spangler, James Stoll, Steven Suchocki, Marilyn Thomas, Timothy Thompson, Kerry Vandock, Jill Van Horn, Melissa Warncke, Hannah Waterman, Renee Weaver, Natlie Wertz, Carrie Zeedyk

21st Century Site Coordinators

Defiance Elementary- Deanne Held, Julie Houck, Teresa Pfeiffer Defiance Middle School- Melissa Barnhart, Mary Frank Hicksville- Katelyn Niehaus

21st Century Teachers

Defiance Elementary- Karri Ashbaugh, Virginia Becker, Angela Buchanan, Emily Cikity, Kelly Hasselbring, Deborah Rogers

Defiance Middle School- Cynthia Cereghin, Kimberly Engel, Jenna Gibson, Jodi Griffith, Lauren Helton, Olivia Hines, Amanda Kunz, Jana Lucas, Edward Miller, Amanda Rettig Hicksville- Ryan Miser, Katelyn Niehaus, Jessica Saunders, Emily Sell, Heidi Turnbull

21st Century Program Assistants

Defiance Elementary- Lana Kiessling, Shelby Oury Defiance Middle School- Stephanie Holbrook Hicksville- Courtney Rittenhouse

Summer Honors Academy Teacher

Reese Knowles

Approved Personnel Recommendation Items:

Certified Limited Salary Notice

Remer, Michael

Certified Administrative Limited Retire/Rehire Contract

Lambert, Dorothy

Retired Classified Limited Contract

Fauver, Warren

Classified Limited Salary Notice

George, Diana

Certified Non-

Renewals

Bauerle, Amy

Dunham, Jody

Fraker, Chris

Parker, Bryn

Classified Non-Renewals

Fanfan, Dady

Koppenhofer, Megan

Ortner, Christina

Rocher, Marc

Speiser, Chadd

Whitman-Drewes, Lindsay

Wells, Illya

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The March 11, 2025, NwOESC Business Advisory Council Minutes were shared. A big thank you to the Montpelier Exempted Village School District for hosting the meeting and sharing about their unique 3E and STEAM programming.
- Testimony regarding Am. Sub. H.B. 96 ESC Budget Priorities was shared as prepared by OESCA Executive Director, Craig Burford. ESCs are advocating for fair and adequate funding.
- A reminder was shared about the upcoming "Funding Our Future" community event scheduled for May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the NwOESC.
- Information was shared related to contracted therapy and considerations related to service capacity and pension obligation considerations.

•SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Kerri Weir shared several updates and highlights with the Board during the May meeting. The search for a Treasurer/CFO for North Central Local Schools has been reopened to expand the applicant pool. The posting will remain active through mid-June. Superintendent Weir and Treasurer Abby Lorenzen are continuing to collaborate with the Board and the Superintendent Search Committee to ensure forward progress.

In collaboration with Directors and Supervisors, Superintendent Weir recognized NwOESC staff members who have retired during the 2024-25 school year. Each honoree received a crystal apple, personalized cookies, and a certificate of appreciation delivered either to their district worksite or at the ESC. A photo collage is being created to commemorate their service and will be shared on the ESC's website and social media platforms. This year's honorees include:

- Sherryann Franks 9 years, Bus Driver at IEC
- Melissa Hill 13 years, Paraprofessional at Holgate
- Lynn Johnson 22 years, Preschool Paraprofessional at Fayette
- Pat Kingsborough 12 years, Office Specialist at OMEC
- Amy Kruse 27 years, Intervention Specialist/VI
- Dorothy Lambert 3 years, Education Consultant
- Cynthia McCann 45 years, Paraprofessional at Wauseon
- Deborah Mutzfeld 30 years, Intervention Specialist at IEC
- Debra Opdycke 7 years, Speech Language Pathologist at North Central
- Cheryl Ray 25 years, Paraprofessional at Swanton
- Julie Shawber 25 years, Preschool Intervention Specialist at Holgate
- Susan Smith 25 years, Paraprofessional at Evergreen
- Mike Volkert 30 years, Intervention Specialist/Lead Teacher at IEC
- Kathy Whitney 21 years, Paraprofessional at Wauseon

Superintendent Weir and Abby Lorenzen recently met with OMEC Director Jose Salinas to discuss the year ahead. Due to uncertainty around federal funding, the team is taking a cautious and flexible planning approach. The Superintendent expressed deep appreciation for Jose and his staff, who work tirelessly to identify eligible migrant students and connect them with vital educational resources.

The NwOESC team is actively reviewing and updating various handbooks, systems, and materials in preparation for the 2025-26 school year. This comprehensive process involves many staff members and departments. Key updates include:

- Certified and Classified Staff Handbooks and LPDC Process materials
- Program-specific handbooks: IEC Student Handbook, Opportunity School Handbook, Preschool Parent Handbook, 21st Century Learning Community Handbooks, and Bus/Van Driver Handbook
- Public School Works training updates
- Updates to the employee evaluation and management system
- Revisions to communications materials, website content, and social media presence.

Planning is underway for several fall events:

• **Bus and Van Driver Training** – Scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025, at Archbold High School, this event includes a program through Ohio Schools Council and a hands-on training component. The training is being coordinated by Chad Rex and Larry Davis with support from district transportation leads.

- NwOESC Administrators' Conference Set for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, this year's theme is
 "Appreciation in Action: Elevating Education Through Leadership." The event will feature a keynote
 from The Impact Group, along with sessions from CORAS, Ennis Britton, BASA, OAESA, OASSA, and
 OASBO.
- Annual Fall Staff Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, with keynote speaker Dr. Katie
 Peters returning in person to present "Building Connections is HEART Work!" The day includes new
 staff welcome, key reminders, benefits highlights, milestone recognitions, lunch via food trucks, and
 afternoon breakout sessions or self-directed work time.

Superintendent Weir and Director Andy Hunter attended the 2025 OESCA Spring Conference in Columbus on May 12–13. With a component on strategic planning, the conference included interactive sessions and peer sharing on topics such as the use of AI, culture building through the "Portrait of a Professional" process, screen-free initiatives, and enhancing support in English Learner, Literacy, and Math programs. The conference provided valuable insight and networking with ESC colleagues from across the state.

•Adjournment: As all the business of the evening was complete the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH 43502.