

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
HELD: THURSDAY

3:30 PM

March 24, 2026

The Martins Ferry Board of Education met in regular session in the Martins Ferry City School District Administrative Building Board Room with the following members present: Mr. Probst, Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Smay, Ms. Kapiskosky and Mr. Stankovich. Also present were Mr. Fogle, Superintendent, and Mrs. Skulich, Treasurer.

**COMMENTS BY VISITORS**

**Andrew Smay – Semi quincennial (America 250)**

Mr. Andrew Smay addressed the Board regarding America's 250th anniversary. He shared about the time he served in Afghanistan and encouraged the Board to consider planning educational events for students to recognize and learn about America 250. Mr. Smay also presented a desk flag to each Board member, as well as to the Treasurer and Superintendent. In addition, he gifted the District a 3x5-foot flag to be displayed. The Board thanked Mr. Smay for the information and for the flags.

**Greg Kumse (MFEA President) – Income Tax Levy**

Mr. Greg Kumse addressed the Board and offered assistance regarding a potential levy that may be placed on the ballot. He noted that the Ohio Education Association has a levy representative available to help communicate information to the community and agreed with Mr. Fogle's comment that it will require a team effort. The Board stated that discussions are ongoing regarding the specifics of a potential levy for a future ballot.

**RESOLUTION #1-34-26 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Stankovich and seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2026, Regular Meeting, March 2, 2026, Special Meeting, March 3, 2026, Special Meeting and March 17, 2026, Special Meeting as presented.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #1-35-26 TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/TRANSFERS/COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AMOUNTS & RATES RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN ORIGINAL TAX VALUATION COMPLAINT**

A motion was made by Mr. Stankovich and seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the financial report, bills, transfers, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and a resolution to authorize the filing of an original tax valuation complaint against property for tax year 2025 (R.C.5715.19(A)), as presented.

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*Transfers:*

<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
Title I (572-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$63,110.83
Title IIA (590-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 7,639.76
Title IVA (584-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 6,607.32
General Fund (001)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$216,234.42

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION BY SPEAKERS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Fogle presented the Board with the Belmont County Business Advisory Council and Workforce Collaborative meeting minutes. He reviewed the following dates and events:

- March 23, 2026 – Start of the fourth nine-week grading period
- March 31, 2026 – Early dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- April 1–2, 2026 – Teacher In-Service days
- April 1–26, 2026 – Easter Break for students
- March 23–April 24, 2026 – Spring Language Arts State Testing window
- March 30–May 8, 2026 – Spring Math, Science, and Social Studies State Testing window
- March 27, 2026 – Ayers Success Assembly at 9:00 a.m. and Middle School Success Assembly at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Fogle reported student attendance as follows: Elementary School – 480; Middle School – 418; High School – 389; for a total district attendance of 1,287 students.

Mr. Fogle also congratulated Mrs. Patrone on securing the AEP Robotics Grant in the amount of \$5,569.00. He noted that the Wheeling University track team will use the District's high jump and long jump pits a few days each week beginning March 30, 2026, while their track is being replaced, and confirmed that this will not interfere with District practices or meets. He also noted that Randy Greenwood will secure a sign partnership to provide the funding necessary to complete the press box at the football field.

**RESOLUTION #1-36-26 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Stankovich to approve the following non-certified personnel employment:

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Neal Ewan                      Substitute Custodian                      Pending background check  
Korin Slyder                      Assistant Treasurer-Payroll                      Effective March 9, 2026

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich                      (5)  
Noes: None                      (0)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-37-26 ATHLETIC CONTRACT RENEWALS**

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following athletic contract renewals:

COACHES  
TO BE HIRED AT MARCH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
March 24, 2026

All coaches are hired pending background check and certification.

**SOFTBALL**

Head Coach                      Jerry Magistro  
Varsity Assistant                      Tom Regis  
Varsity Assistant                      Peyton Hores  
Volunteer                      Jim DiCarlo  
Volunteer                      John Giannamore  
Volunteer                      Joe Jozwiak  
Volunteer                      Tommy Haluscak

**BASEBALL**

Varsity Assistant                      Brent Holloway  
Volunteer                      Jeremy Plants  
Volunteer                      Tom Zinn  
Volunteer                      Robert Vargo  
Volunteer                      Tim "T.J." Jacob

**TRACK**

Volunteer                      Anthony Catalano

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich                      (5)  
Noes: None                      (0)  
Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

NONE

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #1-38-26 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ayes: Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni, Probst, Stankovich (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-39-26 BOARD POLICIES**

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following new and revised Board Policies as presented:

Revised Policy 1613	Revised Policy 6220	Replacement Policy 7540.09
Revised Policy 3440	Revised Policy 6320	Revised Policy 8500
Revised Policy 4162	Revised Policy 6325	Revised Policy 8600
Revised Policy 4440	Revised Policy 6423	Revised Policy 8600.04
Revised Policy 5112	New Policy 6425	Revised Policy 8650
Revised Policy 5421	Revised Policy 6460	
Revised Policy 5430	New Policy 6465	

Ayes: Smay, Kapiskosky, Marangoni, Probst, Stankovich (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-40-26 DONATION-MARTINS FERRY CHAMBER**

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Marangoni to approve a \$3,000 donation to the Martins Ferry Chamber for the annual academic ceremony.

Ayes: Probst, Marangoni, Smay Kapiskosky, Stankovich (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-41-26 PEPPLER & WAGGONER BOARD POLICY PREPARATION**

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Probst to approve Pepple & Waggoner Attorneys at Law to prepare Board Policies for the District.

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Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-42-26 UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR TIFFANY DAUGHERTY**

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve 3 and ½ days of unpaid leave of absence for Tiffany Daugherty.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-43-26 USE OF ELEMENTARY GYM**

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Stankovich to approve Pam Cost's use of the elementary gym for Civics Softball practices.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-44-26 DISCONTINUE LIVE STREAMING OF DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Stankovich to approve to discontinue the live streaming of District Board of Education meetings effective immediately.

Ayes: Probst, Kapiskosky, Stankovich (3)  
Noes: None (0)  
Abstain: Marangoni, Smay (2)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-45-26 ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT FOR SUE FERRELLI**

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Stankovich to approve an addendum to Sue Ferelli's employment contract.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
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**RESOLUTION #1-46-26 CONTRACTS FOR JIM FOGLE**

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Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to approve the following:

Rescind Jim Fogle's Superintendent contract from August 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026  
Approve Jim Fogle's Superintendent Advisor contract from August 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Kapiskosky, Smay, Stankovich (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Grounds**

Mr. Stankovich reported that the football field goal posts are baked enamel and will be cleaned by the maintenance staff. He noted that the large scoreboard sustained wind damage resulting in loose panels, which the maintenance staff will also address.

He stated that he conducted a walkthrough of the buildings and found them to be in good condition. He has not yet inspected the bathrooms or gyms but plans to do so soon. He also reported that the track and ball fields appear to be in good shape and that new flags will be installed on the flagpoles due to wind damage.

**Curriculum**

Mr. Stankovich reported that he met with Mr. Mamone and Mrs. Ferrelli to help ensure alignment on curriculum matters. As a result of the meeting, Mr. Mamone will follow up by meeting with Dr. Marangoni and Ms. Kapiskosky.

Dr. Marangoni stated that Mrs. Ferrelli has not been given the opportunity or professional respect needed to effectively perform her curriculum responsibilities and has historically been excluded from BLT meetings.

Dr. Marangoni also noted that there were communication issues regarding the volunteer support from Wheeling University for the elementary school Tutor program a few days before the program began. He reported that some in-house tutors were scheduled to provide support and stated that efforts would be made to involve Wheeling University volunteers in the program either this summer or next year. It was also suggested that the Elementary Dean of Students might be able to assist with coordinating the volunteer support.

**OTHER:**

Dr. Marangoni brought up the Board Member Job Description. Ms. Smay questioned the legality of board members signing a job description for the school district. Mr. Stankovich noted that a job description is required for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Dr. Marangoni will circulate a draft for the Board's review prior to the April Board meeting.

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Mr. Probst discussed the capital planning work that Bradley Payne is conducting at the Career Center and suggested that it could be beneficial for the District to consider a similar approach. He noted that there is a cost associated with their services but stated that the District could review the work completed for the Career Center and use it to inform strategic planning.

**RESOLUTION #1-47-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Mr. Stankovich to enter into executive session at 4:20 P.M. for the purpose of employment matters with respect to a public employee or official.

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried

The meeting reconvened at 5:00 P.M. with the following members answering roll call:

Mr. Stankovich, Ms. Smay, Mr. Probst, Dr. Marangoni, Ms. Kapiskosky

**RESOLUTION #1-48-26 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Stankovich to approve the following non-certified personnel employment:

Sean Zeakes                      High School Principal                      Effective August 1, 2026

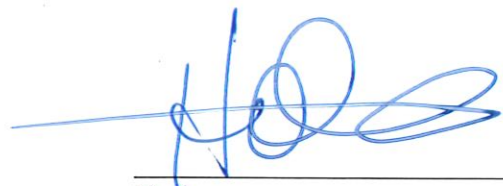
Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1-49-26 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Ayes: Probst, Marangoni, Smay, Kapiskosky, Stankovich (5)  
Noes: None (0)  
Motion carried.

  
Board President

  
Treasurer