

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD: TUESDAY

7:30 AM

June 30, 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

Sue Ferrelli – Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs

Mrs. Ferrelli provided the Board with an update on curriculum initiatives within the district. She explained that she and Mr. Mamone have been meeting to develop a multi-year curriculum plan focused on improving student achievement and increasing district assessment scores. The plan includes the following areas of focus:

1. **MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports)**
2. **Inclusion practices**, with special education teachers providing instructional support within general education classrooms alongside classroom teachers.
3. **Making Teacher-Based Team (TBT), Building Leadership Team (BLT), and District Leadership Team (DLT)** meetings more data-driven.
4. **Emphasizing explicit vocabulary instruction and phonics.**
5. **Increasing the district's overall focus on reading instruction.**

Mrs. Ferrelli noted that these initiatives will be funded through grant resources received by the district and supported through ongoing professional development to ensure effective implementation.

Dr. Marangoni also added that he is continuing to work with Wheeling Jesuit to establish a tutoring partnership that would provide tutors to support elementary students.

The overall goal of these initiatives is to strengthen instructional practices, better address the individual needs of students, and improve district-wide academic achievement and assessment results.

RESOLUTION #1-89-26 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented.

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

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**RESOLUTION #1-90-26 TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS/TRANSFERS/THEN & NOW
PURCHASE ORDERS/FY27 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE/FY26
REVISED APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE/FY27 SORSA (SCHOOLS OF OHIO RISK
SHARING AUTHORITY) INSURANCE RENEWAL/OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE FY27
CONTRACT/FY27 OME-RESA MEMBER SERVICES AGREEMENT/MINUMEN
OHIO COMP FMLA AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Stankovich and seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the financial report, bills, transfers, then and now purchase orders, FY2027 temporary appropriation measure, FY2026 revised appropriation measure, FY2027 SORSA Insurance Policy Renewal, FY2027 Ohio Auditor of State GAAP contract, FY2027 OME-RESA Member Services Agreement, and FMLA agreement with Minutemen Ohio Comp effective 9/1/2026-8/31/2027 as presented.

Transfers:

<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
Title I (572-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$52,538.05
Title IIA (590-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 5,787.78
Title IVA (584-9026)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$ 4,188.81
General Fund (001)	Schoolwide Pool (598-9026)	\$210,148.01

Then & Now Purchase Orders:

<i>PO:</i>	<i>Vendor:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
PO# 991113	Sargus Juvenile Center	\$8,554.00

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

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY SPEAKERS

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Fogle provided the Board with the following maintenance updates:

- Floor waxing throughout the district is nearing completion and is expected to be finished within the next several days.
- Carpet cleaning is scheduled to take place over the coming weeks.
- The backflow prevention valve has been installed. The surrounding ground will need time to settle before asphalt can be placed.
- Asphalt repairs throughout the district are scheduled to be completed this summer.

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**RESOLUTION #1-91-26 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS AND
EMPLOYMENT**

Dr. Marangoni made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following:

Certified Personnel Resignations:

John Bennett	Assistant Athletic Director	Effective Immediately
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Certified Personnel Employment:

John Bennett	Athletic Director	Effective August 1, 2026
John Bennett	Varsity Bowling Coach	Effective Immediately
Anthony Reasbeck	Assistant Athletic Director	Effective August 1, 2026
Shane Roberts	Intervention Specialist-MS	August 17, 2026
Various (Listed below)	Substitute Teachers	2026-2027 school year

MARGARET BOLINGER	52660 TIMBER DRIVE BRIDGEPORT, OH 43912	740-359-0746	SUB ONLY
BARB CUNNINGHAM	1121 HUGHES AVENUE MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935	740-579-6971	ELEMENTARY K-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY
BOB HILL	38 BUREKA AVENUE WHIBLING, WV 26003	304-242-3092 304-281-4421	SOCIAL STUDIES
MIKE KAHL	3631 CENTRAL AVENUE SHADYSIDE, OH 43947	740-312-8022	ELEMENTARY 1-8 INTER. SP. K-12
APRIL MCFARLAND	24 HILLCREST DRIVE MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935	740-827-6349	ELEMENTARY 1-8
DRU MEYER	344 LITTLE GRAVE CR. DR. GLEN DALE, WV 26038	304-639-4687	MUSIC K-12
MARY MOSSOR	4337 WELLS STREET WEIRTON, WV 26062	304-748-3193	EMR K-12
TOM PROBST	722 ELM STREET MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935	304-280-7607	SUB ONLY
AMANDA RAAB	71914 MT. PLEASANT PIKE MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935	740-296-3836	ELEMENTARY PS-3
KARLA SCHAMBACH	521 HOWARD STREET BRIDGEPORT, OH 43912	740-325-6141	ELEMENTARY 1-8
BRYANNA VICKERS	611 GRANT AVENUE MARTINS FERRY, OH 43935	740-340-8649	SUB ONLY

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Stankovich, Kapiskosky

(5)

Noes: None

(0)

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION #1-92-26 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

Gina Reitter	Biology I Teacher-HS	Effective August 17, 2026
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Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Kapiskosky (4)

Abstain: Stankovich (1)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-93-26 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RESIGNATIONS

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

Linda Ware	Server-HS/MS	Effective June 30, 2026
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Gary Plants	Elementary Custodian	Effective June 16, 2026
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Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Stankovich, Kapiskosky (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-94-26 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

Gary Woods	Interim Transportation Supervisor	Effective August 1, 2026
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Charles Dunn	Substitute Bus Driver	Pending Certification
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Justin Hill	Volunteer Cheering Coach	Pending Background Check
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Kenzie Hill	Volunteer Cheering Coach	Pending Background Check
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Becky Mitchell	Volunteer Cheering Coach	Pending Background Check
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Nya Davis	Volunteer Cheering Coach	Pending Background Check
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Carlie Oberdick	Volunteer Cheering Coach	Pending Background Check
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Sarah Krieg	Substitute Educational Aide	Pending Certification &
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Background Check

Deen Smith	Server HS/MS – 6 Hour	August 17, 2026
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Levi Furman	Custodian ES – Afternoon	July 13, 2026
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Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Stankovich, Kapiskosky (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #1-95-26 NEW SCHOOL BUSINESS-VARIOUS

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the following new school business as presented:

1. Accepting students for the 26-27 school year from Bellaire, Bridgeport, Buckeye Local, St. Clairsville and Shadyside through Interdistrict Open Enrollment as presented.
2. 2025-2026 Annual Cafeteria Report
3. Lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:
 - a. Elementary School - \$3.50
 - b. Middle/High School - \$3.75
 - c. Reduced Meal Price - Free
 - d. Breakfast for all students – Free
4. Student handbooks for the elementary, middle and high schools
5. 2026-2027 revised school calendar
6. 2026-2027 revised preschool calendar
7. Overnight band camp at the high school for the week of July 27-31
8. Resolution to rescind the current Board Policy manual and adopt the Board Policy manual presently found at <https://pepple-waggoner.com/martins-ferry-ctu-school-district/>
9. 2026-2027 bus schedules
10. East Central Ohio ESC contract for the 2026-2027 fiscal year

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

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-96-26 EDWARD ABSOLUTE KINETICS CONTRACT

Mr. Probst made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Kapiskosky to TABLE the Edwards Absolute Kinetics, LLC contract for the time period of August 1, 2026 through August 1, 2027.

Discussion: Board members concern was that the new contract included language for both an Athletic Trainer (ATC) and Physical Therapist (PT) at the same rate. It was suggested that administrators discuss with Mr. Edwards a lower rate the be charged for the ATC as compared to the PT.

Ayes: Probst, Smay, Stankovich, Kapiskosky (4)

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Abstain: Marangoni

(1)

Noes: None

(0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-97-26 PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX LEVY

Mr. Stankovich made a motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Smay to approve the following resolution to proceed with the proposition of an income tax levy:

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Martins Ferry City School District, Belmont County, Ohio (the "School District"), met in regular session on June 30, 2026, at 7:30 a.m., at the offices of the Board, 5001 Ayers Limestone Road, Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935, with the following members present:

M. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE
PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on May 12, 2026 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of \$1,362,429 for the purpose of current expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 0.75% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Martins Ferry City School District, Belmont County, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03, it is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an earned school district income tax on the school district income of individuals residing in the School District (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of 0.75% per annum, shall be for the purpose of current expenses, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2027, and shall be levied for 5 years.

Section 2. The school district income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the "taxable income" defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.01(B)(2).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on November 3, 2026. All of the territory of the School District is located in Belmont County, Ohio.

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Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

Shall an annual income tax of 0.75% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the Martins Ferry City School District, for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of current expenses?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Belmont County, Ohio, not later than August 5, 2026.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board 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 Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

M. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

The Resolution passed.

Passed: June 30, 2026

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: _____
Treasurer

By: _____
President

Ayes: Marangoni, Probst, Smay, Stankovich, Kapiskosky

(5)

Noes: None

(0)

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Athletic

Mr. Probst suggested scheduling a meeting to coordinate the transition between the outgoing and incoming Athletic Directors.

Negotiations

Mr. Stankovich reported that he attended the initial negotiations meeting but would not participate in future sessions due to a potential conflict of interest involving relatives employed by the District.

Dr. Marangoni will represent the Board during the remaining negotiations meetings. The Board also discussed the importance of being included in discussions prior to the start of future negotiations to provide input and direction before the process begins.

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Curriculum

Dr. Marangoni provided an update on the volunteer tutoring initiative, including a list of individuals who will be serving as tutors within the District. He reported that Wheeling University had applied for a \$500 grant to help offset expenses associated with the tutoring program but was not awarded the funding. It was also noted that the PTO may be willing to assist with purchasing supplies needed to support the tutoring services.

Finance

Dr. Marangoni suggested holding additional discussions regarding the District's current Occupational Therapy services provided through the ESC, expressing concern that the costs are \$160/hour for OT services provided. It was recommended that the District obtain additional quotes from other providers to compare pricing and evaluate available options.

OTHER:

Ms. Smay suggested that additional committee discussions be held regarding potential environmental impacts associated with proposed data centers in Belmont County and Warwood, West Virginia. She emphasized the importance of considering measures to protect the health and well-being of students. Mr. Fogle noted that these topics would be appropriate for review by the District's existing Public Liaison Committee or Safety Committee.

Ms. Smay discussed the middle school art program and referenced an email received from a District staff member regarding the program. Mr. Probst stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Fogle and Mr. Mamone. It was explained that the District is not currently in a financial position to restore the teaching position. The Board was informed that two teachers had offered to teach middle school art classes; however, scheduling constraints, including the middle school's block schedule, prevented that option from being implemented.

Ms. Smay suggested exploring the possibility of offering an after-school art program if teachers were willing to volunteer their time. She indicated that she would look into the feasibility of this option.

The Board also received and acknowledged thank-you cards from the District's Chy Phy organization expressing appreciation for the Board's donation to the organization.

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RESOLUTION #1-98-26 AUGUST REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Dr. Marangoni to change the date of the August 2026 regular board meeting to Monday, August 24, 2026 at 3:30PM.

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

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1-99-26 ADJOURNMENT

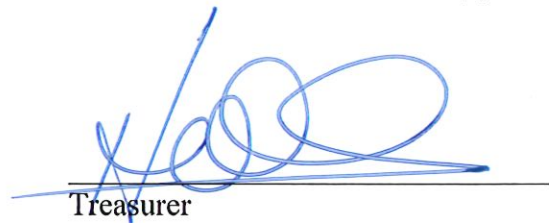
A motion was made by Mr. Probst and seconded by Ms. Smay to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

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

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.


Board President


Treasurer