Minutes

Ohio Schools Council - Governing Board Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2026 @ 11:15 AM
ESC of Northeast Ohio- 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, Ohio **(Conference Room C)**

ITEM I **Roll Call**

The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Schools Council Governing Board is called to order by the Chair, Fred Bolden on October 8, 2026 with the following Board and staff members responding to the roll call:

Fred Bolden Present Andrea Celico Absent Michael Hanlon Present

David Heflinger Present Robert Mengerink Present Martha Motsco Present

Jason Niedermeyer Present Scot Prebles Present

Roxann Ramsey-Caserio Present Tracy Wheeler Present

Dennis Allen Present Bill Zelei Present Dennis Honkala Present Chad Welker Present

ITEM II **Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

Whereas, the minutes of the August 14, 2026 regular meeting of the Ohio Schools Council Governing Board, displayed in Exhibit A, has been reviewed by the Governing Board Members and found to be accurate and complete; therefore, be it resolved by the Ohio Schools Council Governing Board that the minutes from the August 14, 2026 Board Meeting be approved as presented **(Exhibit A)**.

Moved by Michael Hanlon. Seconded by Tracy Wheeler.

Ayes 9. Nays 0. Abstain 0.

ITEM III **Approval of OSC Financial Report and FY26 Year End Summary**

Whereas, the financial reports for the months of August and September, 2026, as well as the FY26 Year End Summary, have been reviewed by the Governing Board members and found to be accurate and complete, therefore be it resolved, by the Ohio Schools Council Governing Board that the reports be approved as presented **(Exhibit B through B6)**.

Moved by Martha Motsco. Seconded by David Heflinger.

Ayes 9. Nays 0. Abstain 0.

ITEM IV **Approval of NEO Regional Agreement for the ODEW STOP Grant CSTAG Training And Coaching**

Approval of the MOU between the ESC of Northeast Ohio and the Ohio Schools Council (**Exhibit C**).

Moved by Roxann Ramsey-Caserio. Seconded by Michael Hanlon.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstain: Robert Mengerink

ITEM V **Approval of Electricity Audit for Cuyahoga Falls City Schools**

Approval of the Electricity Audit Agreement between the Ohio Schools Council, Tony Yankel & Associates and Cuyahoga Falls City Schools **(Exhibit N)**.

Moved by Tracy Wheeler. Seconded by Roxann Ramsey-Caserio.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

ITEM VI **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Whereas, the Executive Director recommends approval of the following items; therefore, be it resolved that the Ohio Schools Council Governing Board approves the items listed in the Consent Agenda.

A.) Approval of the Electricity Purchase Program Agreement with Cardinal Local Schools and the Ohio Schools Council **(Exhibit D)**.

B.) Approval of the OSC Membership Agreements between Antwerp Local Schools and Vanlue Local Schools, and the Ohio Schools Council (**Exhibit E and E1**).

C.) Approval of the OSC Affiliate Membership Agreements with Cleveland Public Library, Laurel School, Lorain Public Library, Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, and University School (**Exhibit F through J)**.

D.) Approval of the Bridge ENGIE Electric and Electricity Purchase Program Agreements between Lorain Public Library, Cleveland Public Library, and the Ohio Schools Council **(Exhibit K and Exhibit L).**

E.) Approval of the Electricity Audit Agreement between the Ohio Schools Council, Tony Yankel & Associates, and Lorain Public Library **(Exhibit M)**.

F.) Approval of Auction Agreements between Riverdale Local Schools, Millcreek-West Unity Local Schools, North Olmsted Schools, and Summit County ESC and the Ohio Schools Council **(Exhibit O through Exhibit R)**.

G.) Approval of St. Dominic School as new LEEMC Member and OSC Special Member (**Exhibit S**).

H.) Approval of a temporary pricing change for oranges supplied by Sirna & Sons Produce from fixed pricing to a weekly variable rate that shall not exceed $65.00 per case, effective October 9, 2026 through December 31, 2026, or until the market stabilizes, whichever occurs first **(Exhibit T)**.

I.) Approval of the Addendum between Intwine Connect LLC and the Ohio Schools Council **(Exhibit U)**.

J.) Approval of the adjusted advance of funds for 022 Accounts for year-end FY26. Total advance for 022 funds was for $60,000 total. This total remained unchanged. Fund 022-9035 received a $20,000 advance (instead of $10,000), while Fund 022-9350 received a $40,000 advance (instead of $50,000).

K.) Approval of the Agreement between SchoolFIRM LLC and the Ohio Schools Council **(Exhibit V)**.

L.) Approval of resignation for retirement purposes of Caroline Diane Ward, LEEMC Program Manager, effective December 31, 2026 **(Exhibit W)**.

M.) Approval of an advance of $134,900 to 022-9038 Utilities Rate Stabilization Account.

N.) Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement with Meeder Public Funds **(Exhibit X)**.

Moved by David Heflinger. Seconded by Martha Motsco.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

ITEM VII Discussion Items

BASA Conference
OPFMA Conference
OSBA Conference
Power4Schools Agreement
Staffing Discussion
OSC Market Analysis

ITEM VIII Executive Session (11:53 A.M. - 12:10 P.M.)

For personnel reasons

Moved by Martha Motsco. Seconded by Fred Bolden.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Abstain 0

ITEM IX Back to Regular Session (12:11 P.M.)

Moved by Tracy Wheeler. Seconded by David Heflinger.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Abstain 0

ITEM X Adjournment

Moved by Jason Niedermeyer. Seconded by Fred Bolden.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Abstain 0

OSC/GCSSA Board Meeting Dates for 2026 - 2027

November 19, 2026 - 9:30 AM and Assembly Meeting (In-Person Only)
December 11, 2026 - 9:30 AM (Zoom Only)
January 22, 2026 - 8:00 AM (Zoom Only)
February - no meeting
March 12, 2026 - 9:30 AM (Zoom Only)
April 16, 2026 - 9:30 AM (Zoom Only)
May 7, 2026 - 9:30 AM (In Person Only)
June 10, 2026 - 10:30 AM - Lockkeepers and End of Year Luncheon and Assembly Meeting (In Person Only)

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 20, 2026 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Teaching Mindset Mathematics with Dr. Jo Boaler in Collaboration with CSU - Embassy Suites - RESCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Leadership Lessons from Dr. Michael Barnes - ESCNEO

Tuesday, January 22, 2027 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - The Inner Compass: Helping Your Students Create Personal Brands of Hope with Mark White in collaboration with CSU (Zoom Only)

Tuesday, February 2, 2027 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Clarity-Based Leadership with Dr. Jack Thompson - ESC of Western Reserve

Tuesday, March 9, 2027 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Spring Legal Update with Ennis Britton (Zoom Option)

TBA April 2027 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Program TBA with Martha Holden Jennings Foundation

Tuesday, May 11, 2027 (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM) - Developing and Maintaining a Positive Administrative Culture with Former Superintendent, Mr. Ben Hegedish - ESC of Lorain County

Thursday, June 10, 2027 (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM) - Year-End Luncheon and Legislative Update with Dr. David Axner and Dr. Paul Imhoff - Lockkeepers Restaurant in Independence

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