

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, December 10, 2025)

1. Opening Items
 - A. Opening Statement
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dosen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Galek, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Kwiatkowski, Ms. O'Mara, Mr. Dosen

President's Announcements
Board Areas of Responsibility

Superintendent's Communications

Treasurer's Communications

Community Communications

Resolution 2025-152 - Other Board Business

Resolution 2025-153 - Other Board Business

Resolution 2025-154 - Consent Agenda

Resolution 2025-155 - Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 2025-156 - Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 2025-157 - Superintendent's Recommendations

Resolution 2025-158 - Superintendent's Recommendations

Announcement of Meetings

Adjournment

2. President's Announcements
 - A. Notice of Consent Agenda

3. Board Areas of Responsibility

4. Superintendent's Communications

- A. Announcements and Presentations

5. Treasurer's Communications

- A. Monthly CFO Report

- B. Cash Position and Annual Spending Plan Reports

6. Community Communications

- A. Hearing of the Public

7. Other Board Business

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-152 as follows:

- A. Election of President, Pro Tem for Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2026

RESOLVE to appoint Mark Dosen as President Pro Tem for the January 7, 2026 Organizational Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes

The President declared Resolution 2025-152 adopted.

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-153 as follows:

B. Recommended Action: WHEREAS, ORC Section 3319.01, provides for the appointment of a superintendent for a city school district; and WHEREAS, Jeffrey D. Harrison ("Harrison") has agreed to continue in the position of Superintendent for the Board of Education of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District ("Board"), in accordance with the terms of a contract of employment effective August 1, 2026. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board employ Jeffrey D. Harrison as Superintendent for the term beginning August 1, 2026 and extending through July 31, 2031; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized and directed to execute a contract of employment with Mr. Harrison on behalf of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District Board of Education, upon such terms and conditions as agreed and as may be required to bring about the legal effect of the terms of this Resolution; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes

The President declared Resolution 2025-153 adopted.

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-154 as follows:

- C. 2026 board of Education Meeting Dates

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Certified Recommendations
- B. Classified Recommendations
- C. Supplemental Recommendations
- D. Check Register and Bank Reconciliation
- E. Donations
- F. Minutes

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
The President declared Resolution 2025-154 adopted.

9. Superintendent's Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-155 as follows:

- A. New/Revised Board Policies ~ Final Reading

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
The President declared Resolution 2025-155 adopted.

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-156 as follows:

- B. High School Course Options Catalog Revisions

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
The President declared Resolution 2025-156 adopted.

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-157 as follows:

- C. BBHMS ELA Textbook Adoption

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
The President declared Resolution 2025-157 adopted.

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adopt Resolution 2025-158 as follows:

- D. High School Athletic Trips

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
The President declared Resolution 2025-158 adopted.

10. Closing Items

- A. Announcement of Meetings

Organizational Meeting - Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

- B. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Kramer to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Galek, yes; Mrs. Kramer, yes; Mrs. Kwiatkowski, yes; Ms. O'Mara, yes; Mr. Dosen, yes
Motion carried.

Meeting Summary:

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM (Meeting started at 6:04 PM)

Location: Brecksville-Broadview Heights Education Center, 6638 Mill Road, Brecksville, Ohio

Call to Order & Opening

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mark Dosen at 6:04 PM. He noted that the meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and public participation is governed by board bylaws. The meeting was live-streamed and recorded for YouTube. All board members were present: Mrs. Galek, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Kwiatkowski, Ms. O'Mara, and Mr. Dosen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President's Announcements

Board President Mark Dosen announced that this was the final school board meeting for Mrs. Ellen Kramer, who is completing her eighth year of dedicated service. Mr. Dosen highlighted that Mrs. Kramer served during arguably the most challenging time for a school board member—a global pandemic—and praised her passion, energy, and refusal to back down from pursuing positive change for students and the community. The Board expressed deep appreciation for her service.

Fellow board members Tish Kwiatkowski, Eva O'Mara, and Lisa Galek also shared sentiments, thanking Mrs. Kramer for her mentorship, advocacy at the state level, and dedication to public schools. Mrs. Kramer expressed her gratitude to the community for the honor of serving, noting the inspiring people she met and urging the current board to continue advocating for students amidst challenging times for public education at the state level.

Board Areas of Responsibility

- **Legislative / OSBA Liaison:** Treasurer Craig Yaniglos provided a legislative update on behalf of Mrs. Kramer. He discussed four bills currently sitting on Governor DeWine's desk:
 - **House Bill 186:** An inflation cap and credit overhaul regarding property taxes.
 - **House Bill 335:** Caps inside millage, which could limit revenue growth from reappraisals.
 - **House Bill 129:** School levy reform regarding the calculation of the 20-mill floor.
 - House Bill 309: Expands Budget Commission authority to potentially reduce millage. Mr. Yaniglos noted that professional organizations and the district have encouraged a veto, as these bills collectively pose challenges for public education funding.
- **Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC):** Ms. O'Mara reported no new updates.
- **Curriculum:** Mrs. Kwiatkowski highlighted the success of the recent personalized professional learning days before Thanksgiving, where 250 staff members completed over 3,600 hours of development. She also mentioned the upcoming vote on the Amplify 6-8 English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum.
 - **Dr. Martin's Update:** Dr. Martin provided details on the recommendation to adopt the Amplify curriculum for grades 6-8. He explained that while there is no state mandate for middle school adoption yet, the district wants to be proactive to ensure coherence with the K-5 curriculum. Amplify was chosen over HMH because it better aligns with the science of reading, cognitive science strategies (like spaced practice), and the "Writing Revolution" initiative the district is implementing. The implementation plan involves training teachers in the winter and spring for a full launch in Fall 2026.
- **Finance:** Mrs. Kwiatkowski reported that the audit is in progress. The GAAP audit report was received and filed with the state. Fieldwork for the financial audit began recently. Additionally, the district was informed by the Auditor of State that it can no longer pay transaction fees for credit card payments made on-site; a fix is expected in January.
- **Transportation:** Mrs. Kwiatkowski noted there were no transportation appeals or issues to report.
- **Board Policy:** Mrs. Galek noted that policies were on the agenda for a final reading later in the meeting.
- **BBH Schools Foundation:** Mrs. Kwiatkowski reminded the board of the annual fundraiser, "A Toast to Our Future," scheduled for February 26, 2026, at Michelangelo's. She encouraged donations for auction packages.
- **Safety:** No updates were reported.
- **Sustainability:** Ms. O'Mara mentioned that an email was sent to schedule the next sustainability meeting and formally organize the committee.
- **PSO (Parent School Organization):** Mrs. Galek reported on recent events, including the Elementary PSO Holiday Shop and the Middle School "Bee U" store, where students spend "Bee Bucks" earned for positive behavior. The High School PSO is hosting a holiday breakfast.
- **Co-Curricular / Extracurricular:** Mrs. Galek congratulated the 92 new inductees into the National Honor Society and noted the success of the robotics teams at a recent home tournament. Mrs. Kwiatkowski congratulated Rocco Dean for being named to the 2025 United Soccer Coaches All-American team. It was also noted that the "Magical Dinner" hosted by the music department is sold out.
- **Permanent Improvement / Facilities:** Mr. Dosen and Treasurer Yaniglos reported that the bid for roadwork is out, with bids opening on December 19th. The district is also looking to bid out repairs for the tennis courts in January. Mr. Yaniglos mentioned that the stadium scoreboard replacement is being finalized, funded largely by private donations and the Athletic Boosters.

Superintendent Communications and Presentations

Superintendent Jeff Harrison invited Principals Bob Magyar and Tina McCauley from the Intermediate School to give a presentation on their building's progress and culture.

- **Intermediate School Presentation:** Mr. Magyar and Ms. McCauley presented on "The Power of Yet," focusing on shifting students from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. They highlighted academic achievements, including the implementation of the CKLA curriculum and the "Race" writing strategy, which has already led to improved writing scores in 3rd grade. They discussed the "Writing Revolution" aimed at improving student elaboration and explanation in writing.
- **Culture and PBIS:** The principals detailed their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiatives ("Bee Your Best Bistro" as an example). They emphasized the importance of building relationships, noting that staff identified relationships as a key strength in a recent Building Leadership Team (BLT) survey.
- **Board Feedback:** The Board thanked the principals for their passion and the detailed presentation, with Mr. Harrison encouraging the community to tour the building to see the positive environment firsthand.

Treasurer's Communications

Treasurer Craig Yaniglos provided several updates:

- **Board Software:** The district is transitioning from BoardDocs to "BoardBook" in January. Board members have received access to the new platform.
- **SGO Committee:** The Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) committee held its first meeting. This initiative will allow the district to accept donations for scholarships (potentially for tuition-based programs like kindergarten) that are eligible for a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit (\$750 for individuals, \$1,500 for couples). The committee is moving quickly to establish bylaws and officers.
- **Financial Report:** Mr. Yaniglos reviewed the financials for November. He noted that while salaries are slightly over forecast, revenues are also up, and the cash flow is stable with 122 days of cash on hand projected. He cautioned that cash balances will decrease until tax collections arrive in January.

Community Communications

There were no public comments from the audience.

Other Board Business

- **President Pro Tem:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 7.A**, appointing Mark Dosen as President Pro Tem for the January 7, 2026, organizational meeting.
- **Superintendent Contract Extension:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 7.C**, employing Jeffrey D. Harrison as Superintendent for a new term beginning August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2031.
 - *Discussion:* Mr. Dosen remarked that finding and retaining excellent leadership is a board's most important responsibility. He expressed the Board's thrill with Mr. Harrison's performance and the upward trajectory of the district. Other board members echoed these sentiments, praising his innovative professional development initiatives and community engagement.
- **2026 Meeting Dates:** The proposed 2026 Board of Education meeting dates were presented for information, with the organizational meeting set for January 7, 2026.

Consent Agenda

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda (Items 8.A – 8.G).

- **Personnel:** Approved certified and classified personnel recommendations, including resignations and unpaid leaves.
- **Supplementals:** Approved a short list of supplemental contracts (gymnastics and boys basketball).
- **Financials:** Approved the check register and bank reconciliation.
- **Donations:** Accepted donations, including \$700 for the Washington D.C. fund and T-shirts for the drama club.
- **Minutes:** Approved minutes from the November 19, 2025, regular meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendations

- **Board Policies:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 9.A**, adopting new and revised board policies (final reading).
- **High School Course Catalog:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 9.C**, the 2026-2027 High School Course Options Catalog. Mr. Harrison highlighted a new course, "AP Business with Personal Finance," and "Ceramics II," noting these additions do not require increased staffing.
- **Textbook Adoption:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 9.E**, the adoption of the Amplify Middle School ELA textbook series.
- **Overnight Trips:** The Board unanimously approved **Resolution 9.G**, authorizing overnight trips for the high school girls' wrestling program.

Closing Items

- **Announcement:** The Organizational Meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Education Center.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned unanimously. President Dosen wished everyone a blessed holiday and happy New Year.

Meeting Adjourned.

Mark Dosen, President

Craig Yaniglos, Treasurer/CFO