

## BROOKFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

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Brookfield Board of Education  
**Regular Meeting of the Board**  
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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Location: George Economides Board Meeting Room

I. Call to order: "Work Session" - Time: 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Weber spoke about a handful of items that were on the evening's agenda including allocating funds for upcoming capital projects, the advancements of work with Team 8E Architects on 601 Bedford and on the proposed turf project. He also spoke about the forthcoming state biennium budget which will be finalized in late June or early July. He also thanked the hard work of the Warrior Turf Fund, headed by Coach Clark, as well as the generosity of all of the companies and individuals that have already donated.

Mr. Gibson updated the board on a number of items the primary being planning and designing for 601 Bedford and the programs that are included in the CTE grant. He also spoke on several upcoming events and dates including right to read week, Easter break, and some other days off for students and/or staff.

II. The Brookfield Board of Education met in regular session on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. in the George Economides Board Meeting Room. This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda (Item XI).

III. Pledge of Allegiance

|                |                                    |         |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| IV. Roll Call: | Ms. Ronda Bonekovic                | Present |
|                | Mrs. Sarah Kurpe                   | Present |
|                | Dr. Derek Mihalcin, President      | Present |
|                | Mr. Jerry Necastro, Vice President | Present |
|                | Mrs. Melissa Sydlowski             | Present |

V. Board of Education Reports

None

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Enrollment Data:

|            | Current  | Change from Previous Month |
|------------|----------|----------------------------|
| Elementary | 394      | 6                          |
| Middle     | 297      | - 3                        |
| High       | 302      | 3                          |
| 23         | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u>                   |
| Total      | 994      | 6                          |

IX. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gibson commented that he had covered all of his items during the work session.

X. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Weber commented that he had covered all of his items during the work session.

XI. Public Input (5 minutes per individual)

Cynthia Williams: request for coaching permission to be reinstated for her child's upcoming wrestling matches

### TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

#25-02-01

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. It is recommended that the following Board minutes be approved as submitted:

January 15, 2025 – Organizational Meeting of the Board

January 15, 2025 – Regular Meeting of the Board

**BE IT RESOLVED** under the provision of ORC 3319.26 regarding the reading of the minutes, that the reading be waived and the minutes approved.

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Sydlowski

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Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-02**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. It is recommended that the January 2025 financial statements be approved as submitted.

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-03**

**NEW FUND**

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation of the Treasurer, the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following new fund:

499-9025      CTE Grant

Moved by Sydlowski, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-04**

**RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

4. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education adopts the following resolution establishing a capital projects fund (USAS 070) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets, directing the posting of investment interest from that fund to that fund, and authorizing a transfer to that fund from the general fund.

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Kurpe  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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**#25-02-05**

**FUND TRANSFERS**

5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following transfers of funds:

From 010-0000 (Classroom Facilities-Local Share) to 001 (General Fund) \$1,280,627.66  
From 010-9999 (Classroom Facilities-State Share) to 001 (General Fund) \$ 84,722.39

Moved by Necastro, Seconded by Sydlowski  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-06**

**FUND TRANSFERS**

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Brookfield Board of Education approves the following transfers of funds:

From 001 (General Fund) to 003 (Permanent Improvement Fund) \$ 455,116.69  
From 001 (General Fund) to 070-9000 (Athletic Facilities) \$ 455,116.68  
From 001 (General Fund) to 070-9100 (Comm. Learning Ctr.) \$ 455,116.68

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-07**

**LEARNWELL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

7. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the agreement with LearnWell Education for a Brookfield student housed at Belmont Pines to receive educational instruction at the rate of \$51 per hour starting January 28, 2025, with a tentative end date of February 12, 2025.

Moved by Sydlowski, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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**#25-02-08**

**LEARNWELL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

8. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the agreement with LearnWell Education for a Brookfield student housed at Belmont Pines to receive educational instruction at the rate of \$51 per hour starting February 17, 2025, with a tentative end date of March 4, 2025.

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Bonekovic  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-09**

**ONGOING ADVISORY SERVICES**

9. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the advisory services consulting proposal of Julian & Grube, Inc. in the amount of \$2,125 for the period of February 17, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-10**

**RATE RESOLUTION**

10. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education adopts the following resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio, and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Trumbull County Auditor:

**WHEREAS**, the Brookfield Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of law, has previously adopted the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Brookfield Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said school district the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Estimated Value: 187,784,560  
 Total Millage: 54.60

SCHEDULE A  
 SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET  
 COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

| FUND                      | Amount Approved<br>by Budget<br>Commission Inside<br>10 Mill Limitation | Amount to be<br>Derived from<br>Levies Outside<br>10 Mill<br>Limitation | County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to<br>be Levied |                               |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
|                           |   |   | Inside 10 Mill<br>Limitation                          | Outside 10 Mill<br>Limitation |
|                           | Column I  | Column II   | Column III  | Column IV                     |
| General Fund              | 112,671   | 4,514,913   | 6.00  | 42.95                         |
| Bond Retirement Funds     |   | 967,090   |   | 5.15                          |
| Classroom Facilities Fund |   | 68,651  |   | 0.50                          |
| Total                     | 112,671   | 5,550,655   | 6.00  | 48.60                         |

SCHEDULE B  
 LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

| FUND   |          | Maximum Rate<br>Authorized to<br>be Levied | County Auditor's Estimate<br>of Yield of Levy (Carry to<br>Schedule A, Column II) |
|--|----------|--|---|
| <b>General Fund:</b>                                       |          |  |   |
| Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on<br>Continuous | 00/00/76 | 23.80                                      |   |
| Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on<br>Continuous | 06/02/81 | 6.80                                       |   |
| Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on<br>Continuous | 02/07/95 | 7.50                                       |   |
| Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on<br>Continuous | 05/07/13 | 4.85                                       |   |

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|   |          |      |  |
|---|----------|------|--|
| <b>Special Levy Funds:</b><br>Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy—not to exceed 28 years | 11/06/07 | 4.90 |  |
| Levy authorized by voters on Bond Levy—not to exceed 28 years                               | 11/06/07 | 1.25 |  |
| Levy authorized by voters on Classroom Facilities Levy—not to exceed 23 years               | 11/06/07 | 0.50 |  |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Trumbull County.

Moved by Necastro, Seconded by Bonekovic  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **#25-02-11**

##### **DONATIONS**

11. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education accepts the following generous donation:

**United Way of Mercer County  
Brookfield Township Trustees**

winter wear & backpacks for students  
\$1,950.50 for food pantry

Moved by Necastro, Seconded by Sydlowski  
Discussion: Dr. Mihalcin thanked the trustees and the road department for their help clearing the parking lots on 2/9  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **#25-02-12**

##### **DISPOSAL OF INVENTORY**

12. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the disposal of sixteen (16) books from the school library as they are outdated or damaged beyond repair.

Moved by Sydlowski, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **#25-02-13**

#### **UNPAID DAYS**

13. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the request of **Christina Scott**, cook's helper/cashier, to take three (3) unpaid days—February 6, 12, 13, 2025.

Moved by Sydlowski, Seconded by Kurpe  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

### **#25-02-14**

#### **MATERNITY LEAVE**

14. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the maternity leave request of **Taylor Yacovone**, MS Intervention Specialist, from February 11, 2025, with an anticipated return date of April 25, 2025, pending doctor's release.

Moved by Necastro, Seconded by Kurpe  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

### **#25-02-15**

#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

15. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the memorandum of understanding between Stark State College and Brookfield Local School District for students in grades 7-12 to enroll in college-level courses for the 2025-2026 academic school year commencing July 1, 2025, through the 2025-2026 summer session.

Moved by Kurpe, Seconded by Necastro  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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**#25-02-16**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

16. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the memorandum of understanding between Youngstown State University and Brookfield Local School District for high school students to participate/enroll in YSU's "college credit plus program" for the 2025-2026 academic school year.

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Sydlowski  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-17**

**2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

17. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 school calendar:

173 Student Days/181 Teacher Days

4 Teacher In-Service Days

2 Professional Development Days

2 Parent/Teacher Conference Days

2 Two-Hour Delay Days (Progress Reports Each Quarter & PD)

August 4-15, 2025 (1 flex day taken)

Fri -Tues, August 15-19, 2025

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

**Friday, May 22, 2026**

Teacher In-Service Day

Teacher In-Service Days

**First Day of School – Students**

**Last Day of School – Staff & Students**

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Kurpe  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**#25-02-18**

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (OHSAA) MEMBERSHIP**

18. It is recommended that the Brookfield Board of Education authorizes the Brookfield Local School District's membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2025-2026 school year. Schools eligible for membership are those that include one or more grades at the 7-12 level. Our athletic programs will be conducted in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, regulations, interpretations, and decisions of the Ohio High School

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Athletic Association. Dues at the high school level are \$50 per sport. There is no fee for grades 7 and 8 school sports.

Moved by Bonekovic, Seconded by Kurpe  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

XII. Adjourn Board Meeting. Time: 6:21 p.m.

Moved by Necastro, Seconded by Sydlowski  
Ayes: Bonekovic, Kurpe, Mihalcin, Necastro, Sydlowski  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held in the Board office on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the George Economides Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. with the work session at 5:30 p.m.

TG/dd

Enclosures  
dd/word/board mtgs 2025 Feb Mtg

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