

**ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES CAREER CENTER  
1783 State Route 60, Ashland, Ohio 44805-9377**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL, BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING**  
Ashland County-West Holmes Board of Education Office & Adult Education Building  
Lower Level, 1763 State Route 60,  
Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

*Ohio School Board Recognition Month – January 2025*

**AGENDA-FINAL**

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Oath of Office

Dave Hunter

D. Roll Call of Members

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bargar

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Deppert

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hunter

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Chanay

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ewing

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Chio

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hartzler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Zickefoose

E. Nomination/Election of President of the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District Board of Education for 2025

The President Pro-Tempore will open the floor to nominations for President of the Board for 2025. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the President.

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bargar

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Deppert

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hunter

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Chanay

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ewing

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Chio

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hartzler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

President assumes the chair.

F. Nomination/Election of Vice-President of the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District Board of Education for 2025

The President will open the floor to nominations for Vice-President of the Board for 2025. Nomination(s) will be taken, closed and followed by a roll call vote for the election of the Vice-President.

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Smith
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

G. Oath of Office for President/Vice-President of the Board of Education Administered by the Treasurer

H. Appointments by the President of the Board of Education to the following District Teams/Committees for Calendar Year 2025

- Appointment of the District’s Board Bylaws and Policies Manual Review/Edit Committee:

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- Appointment of the District’s Building and Grounds Committee:

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- Appointment to the District’s Health Insurance Team:

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I. Organizational CONSENT AGENDA – Items 1. through 13.

Note: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

Recommend Items 1. through 13. be approved as an **Organizational CONSENT AGENDA.**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Establish the Time, Place and Dates of the Regular Meetings of the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District Board of Education

Recommend approval to establish regular monthly meeting times of the Ashland County-West Holmes JVSD Board of Education Ashland County-West Holmes Board of Education Office & Adult Education Building, Lower Level, 1763 State Route 60, Ashland, Ohio (ORC 3313.15) for calendar year 2025. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Education at a time and place properly announced (ORC 3313.16).

2. Establish Compensation and Mileage for the Ashland County-West Holmes JVSD Board of Education Members

Recommend approval to establish compensation for each Board Member at a rate of \$125.00 for each Board of Education Meeting held during calendar year 2025, as needed and scheduled, and to receive mileage to and from each meeting at the district approved rate per mile for calendar year 2025.

3. Establish Credit Card Limits

Recommend approval to establish credit card purchase limits in accordance with Board Policy 6423 Use of Credit Cards as follows:

Credit Card Account Limit:	\$100,000.00
Treasurer sublimit:	\$ 50,000.00
All other staff sublimit:	\$ 10,000.00

4. Establish Board Service Fund

Recommend the Board of Education establish a Board Service Fund in the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of paying expenses of the Board of Education for calendar year 2025.

5. Authorize Signature of the Treasurer

Recommend the Board of Education designate the Treasurer as the official signer (by hand or mechanical facsimile signature) of all legal documents and/or expenditures of funds on behalf of the Board of Education for calendar year 2025.

6. Authorize the Treasurer to Pay Financial Obligations on Behalf of the Board of Education

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within the limits of appropriations during calendar year 2025 for all contractual obligations.

7. Appoint Purchasing Agent

Recommend the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent as purchasing agent for the district for calendar year 2025.

8. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to Apply for All Available State and Federal Funds/Grants

Recommend the Board of Education authorize and designate the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for all available State and Federal funds/grants for calendar year 2025.

9. Authorize Investments

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to invest all interim and/or active funds as prescribed by Board Policy and the ORC for calendar year 2025.

10. Approve Interest Proration

Recommend approval of the interest proration to the General Fund, Permanent Improvement Fund, Classroom Facilities State Share Fund, Adult Education Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Building Trades Scholarship, Donald L. Coffman Scholarship, Funds for calendar year 2025.

11. Self-Insurance Fund Interest

Recommend approval that any interest earned on the Jefferson Health Plan Self-Insurance Fund will be posted only to Fund 024 – Self-Insurance Fund.

12. Authorize Temporary Employment/Emergency Personnel

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to employ temporary/emergency personnel, when needed, for calendar year 2025. Such temporary/emergency employments will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

13. Authorize Legal Services

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to use legal counsel as needed for calendar year 2025.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CONSENT AGENDA Approval – Items 1. through 13.**

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Smith
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

J. Recommend approval of the agenda and any Additions/Deletions for the Regular January 16, 2025, Board of Education Meeting

Moved by:\_\_\_\_\_ ; Seconded by:\_\_\_\_\_

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Smith
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

K. Recognition of Visitors

1. Recognition of Visitors

2. Public Participation

3. Recognitions

- **Danessa Miller**, Junior, Graphics, Ashland High School, for achieving the December Junior Student of the Month.
- **Trevor Wilt**, Senior, Maintenance Training, Ashland High School for achieving the December Senior Student of the Month.

- **Rain Thompson, Adult Education, Dental Assisting, for achieving December Student of the Month.**

4. Recognition of ACWH JVSD Board of Education

The students, staff and administration of the Ashland County-West Holmes JVSD recognize and thank the members of the ACWH JVSD School Board for their commitment to providing quality career-technical and adult public education to the Ashland and West Holmes communities.

L. Public Hearing on the Issue of the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center 2025-2026 School Calendar – Rod Cheyney, Superintendent and Rick Brindley, Principal

M. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Budget and Public Budget Hearing – Julie Smith, Treasurer

N. Presentation/Discussion – Permanent Improvement Levy – Julie Smith, Treasurer

O. Treasurer’s CONSENT AGENDA Items 1. through 3.

Note: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

Recommend Items 1. through 5. be approved as a **Treasurer’s CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Recommend Approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
2. Recommend Approval of the December Financial Report
3. Tax Budget for FY2026

Recommend the approval of the Tax Budget for FY2026 as presented.

**Treasurer’s CONSENT AGENDA Approval – Items 1. through 3.**

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Smith
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

Treasurer’s Items

4. Ohio Public Records Training

Resolution to designate Julie Smith to attend Ohio Public Records Training on behalf of the following Ashland County West Holmes Career Center officials:

James Bargar	Gina Deppert	David Hunter
Forrest Chanay	Rick Ewing	Steve Smtih
Jason Chio	Fred Hartzler	Tina Zickefoose

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Schuck
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

P. Superintendent’s CONSENT AGENDA – Items 1.

Note: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the Calendar for separate action.

Recommend Items 1. be approved as the **Superintendent’s Consent Agenda.**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Human Resources Employment Recommendations

Recommend approval of the Human Resources employment recommendations as attached.

**Superintendent’s CONSENT AGENDA Approval – Items 1.**

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Schuck
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

Superintendent’s Items

- 2. Employment of Substitute Teachers  
Recommend approving Resolution Approving Employment of Substitute Teachers who do not hold post-secondary degrees.

WHEREAS, the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District Board of Education (“Board of Education”) recognizes that the District has experienced difficulty obtaining substitute teachers; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has extended this authority through enactment of House Bill 33, effective December 29, 2023 as stated in Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.229

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to adopt modified education requirements for substitute teachers in accordance with the law O.R.C. 3319.229 as a measure to help ensure availability of a sufficient number of substitute teachers.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Ashland County-West Holmes Joint Vocational School District Board of Education as follows:

SECTION I

The Board of Education authorizes the employment of substitute teachers who do not hold post- secondary degrees, as is otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio Revised Code 3319.226, 3319.229 and 3319.30, Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy 3120.04 - Employment of Substitutes. In addition to fulfilling the educational requirements adopted by the Board of Education, an individual must be of good moral character and must have completed all required criminal background checks, as well as obtained a valid non-renewable temporary substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education, to serve as a substitute teacher in the District.

Roll call:

_____ Mr. Bargar	_____ Mrs. Deppert	_____ Mr. Hunter
_____ Mr. Chanay	_____ Mr. Ewing	_____ Mr. Schuck
_____ Mr. Chio	_____ Mr. Hartzler	_____ Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

- 3. Resolution Approving Change in the Name of Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center to Heartland Technical Education Center  
Recommend approving Resolution Approving Change in District Name.

WHEREAS, the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center (ACWHCC) Board of Education approved for a school district name change on January 16, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Board strives to maintain strong public recognition through its branding efforts;

WHEREAS, THE Board recognizes the importance of promoting, marketing and raising awareness of the ACWHCC’s programs, services and partnerships;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE State Board of Education approve the request for a name change from the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center to Heartland Technical Education Center, effective July 1, 2025.

Roll call:

_____Mr. Bargar	_____Mrs. Deppert	_____Mr. Hunter
_____Mr. Chanay	_____Mr. Ewing	_____Mr. Schuck
_____Mr. Chio	_____Mr. Hartzler	_____Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

Q. Superintendent's Information Items

1. Next Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
2. Project Update

R. Committee Reports

S. Associate School Reports Update – Board Members

T. Adjournment

Moved by:\_\_\_\_\_ ; Seconded by:\_\_\_\_\_

Roll call:

_____Mr. Bargar	_____Mrs. Deppert	_____Mr. Hunter
_____Mr. Chanay	_____Mr. Ewing	_____Mr. Smith
_____Mr. Chio	_____Mr. Hartzler	_____Mrs. Zickefoose

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Motion Carried/Failed

“Upon request to the Superintendent, the ACWH JVS District shall provide reasonable accommodation for a disabled person.”