

West Holmes Knights



Board of Education

MAY 18, 2026

WEST HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

ERIC JURKOVIC, SUPERINTENDENT
JAMIE MULLET, TREASURER

MEMBERS: EZRA DAY, HANS RAMSEYER, PATRICIA SAGE,
ERIC YODER, TINA ZICKEFOOSE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HOLMES LOCAL SCHOOLS
AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
WEST HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 20, 2026 attached to this agenda.
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 30 2026 attached to this agenda.
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 4, 2026 attached to this agenda.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

VI. CORRESPONDENCE & DONATIONS

- A. Congratulations to the high school leadership class for securing a grant for \$1,500 through NAMI Wayne and Holmes Counties for their Mental Health Awareness Video Contest Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Month End Reconciliation and Investments as of April 30, 2026 – Enclosed sheet marked “A”.
- B. Financial Report by Fund of Expenditures and Unencumbered Balances as of April 30, 2026 – Enclosed report marked “B”.
- C. Approval of Financial Summary for Month ending April 30, 2026 – Enclosed report marked “C”.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Committee Reports of the West Holmes Board of Education
2. FFA Update
3. Curriculum Update
4. 26-27 Gifted Services Overview
5. Review Board Policy:
 - a. EDEC – Artificial Intelligence
6. Recognition and Celebration of West Holmes Retirees:

Dawn O’Donnell	Gerrilu Hughes	Lenora Roub
Eric Goudy	Suzanne Goudy	Kristi Shearer
Lisa Lawhead	Kathleen Skomutch	Rose Ann Boyd
Laurie Strine	Raye Pringle	Susan Johnson
Richard Allison	Catherine Cline	
7. K-5 Building Update

IX. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Policy Attached)

X. OLD BUSINESS

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus Intent Letters:

Sierra	Allison	Colton	Garver	Emma	McDonnell	Bristol	Wengerd
Liam	Angle	Talyn	Goudy	Cara	McMillen	James	Wengerd
Vivian	Arbaugh	Maddax	Graham	Emberlyn	Miller	Rorie	Wilcox
Ellie	Babitt	Aubree	Haas	Kyle	Miller	Christopher	Williams
Paxton	Baker	Blake	Harford	Charli	Murphy	Cohen	Wilson
Remyck	Beachy	Carson	Horn	Garrett	Obrst	Clara	Yoder
Sarah	Belanger	Payton	Hudson	Brayden	Parsons	Marshall	Yoder
Breslyn	Brown	Marley	Irias-Bamford	Calvin	Pendlebury		
Aubrey	Burchfield	Ford	Day	Lilly	Perry		
Carmen	Burgett	Grayden	Day	Evelyn	Piatt		
Lena	Burgett	Breella	Kranz	Joycie	Raber		
Brady	Carter	Natalie	Lauriha	Trinity	Ramseyer		
Reagen	Carter	Jenna	Lay	Easton	Ross		
Rhett	Chaney	Shane	Lorentz	Tinley	Sampsel		
Chelsie	Cooper	Seth	Low	Dahlia	Sommers		
Malachi	Craft	Boden	Macaulay	Malachia	Spencer		
Landrie	Croskey	Reagan	Mackey	Nathan	Sprang		
Sophia	Dalessandro	Brinley	Malachin	Laney	Thorpe		

Matilyn Fair	Cooper	Maltarich	Alyssa Uptain
Gabrielle Fowler	Mallory	Marmet	Delani Vaughn
Izzabell Fox	Alexander	McCulloch	Harper Warner

2. Approval of Board Policy:
 - i. IGDJA – Drug Testing of Students in Extracurricular Activities
 - ii. IGDJA-R – Drug Testing of Students in Extracurricular Activities
3. Approval to rescind board policy JECBD – Intradistrict Open Enrollment.
4. Approval for the Boys Basketball team to travel to an overnight basketball camp June 12-14, 2026 at the University of Findlay.
5. Approval to contract with Kaufman Realty for the auction of the elementary buildings.
6. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between The Center for Individual & Family Services, Inc. and West Holmes Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year for the as needed services for ASL should our other interpreter be absent.
7. Approval of the Resolution to Adopt the Center for Internet Security (CIS) Cybersecurity Framework as the Official Cybersecurity Program Framework for West Holmes Local Schools and Authorize Implementation in Accordance with Ohio House Bill 96.
8. Approval of the Jefferson Health Plan funding factors and premiums effective July 1, 2026 as follows:

Monthly Rates	Funding Rate	Employer (88%)	Employee (12%)
Family	\$2,510.00	\$2,208.80	\$301.20
Single	\$1,004.00	\$883.52	\$120.48

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Discussion:

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

XIII. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS – CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS

Certified Continuing Contract

Jessica Fowler

Certified Three Year Contract: School Year 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029

Brian Baughman	Steve Fowler	Carrie Maltarich	Kevin Wolf
Kevin Beachy	Amanda Blankenship	Meghan Boals	Allissa Bolick
Kim Buchanan	Steve Butcher	Brittanie Chaney	Jeremy Dombrady
Nick Gerber	Jonathan Gilley	Mindy Hans	Molly Johnson
Janel Kiner	Jessie Kurtz	Jerrica Lowe	Brooke Mast
TJ McAvene	Kelsey Miller	Lauren Mosher	Rick Mullins
Kim Murphy	Megan Palmucci	Jenna Priestas	Kim Reidenbach
Lindsay Rettig	Melissa Rodhe	Stephanie Schwarzwald	
Justin Shearer	Mary Smith	Angie Snyder	Logan Stanley
Matthew Torgler	Nathaniel Wade	Jeremy Westbrook	Justin Wilcox
Loren Williams			
Keely Wolfe			

Certified One Year Contract: School Year 2026-2027

Katelyn Fraley	Anna Irwin	Malinda Johnson	Tyler Masters
Rosanna Miller	Lindsey New Morris	Kelsey Runkle	Paige Russ
Abigail Sanders	Katie Schwartz	Kaylee Thompson	Chloe Ueltschy
Kenna Warner	Thad Weaver	Clayton Zimmerly	

Classified Three Year Contract: School Year 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029

Tom Eastep	Dawn Martin	Chad Troyer
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Classified One Year Contract: School Year 2026-2027

Megan Arnold	Austin Brannon	Luke Colopy	William Cox
Pamela Dowling	Katelyn Eppley	Nicole Ervin	Kristina Flener
Tracey Hahn	Gary Lehr	Marnita Mast	Sherry Maynard
Peyton McKinney	Leyna Miller	Traci Strouse	Jessica Vaughn
Megan Warne	Terry Williams	Bryce Wilson	Ryan Zickefoose

- A. HIRING
Jennifer Hustack – Teacher – effective 26/27 school year
- B. SUBSTITUTE
Aila Yoder – Teacher Sub – effective 5/1/26
Cael Woods – Teacher Sub – effective 5/13/26
- C. RETIREMENT
Richard Allison – Custodian – effective 7/31/26
Catherine Cline – Cook – effective 5/31/26
Lenora Roub – Cook - effective 6/1/26
- D. RESIGNATION
Paige Schlabach – Social Worker – effective 5/29/26
Angela Morris – Bus Driver – effective 5/31/26
Morgan Kellogg – Teacher – effective 5/29/26
- E. 25-26 MENTORS
Jeremy Westbrook
David Woods
Carla Burgett
Amy Cline
Kisha Stutzman
Lindsey Rettig
Vanessa Woods
Molly Alysworth
- F. SUPPLEMENTAL
Kaylee Thompson – up to 2 hours per week of home instruction for special education services for students
Ashley Hershberger – Head Volleyball Coach – effective the 26/27 school year

G. EXTENDED DAYS

Suzanne Goudy – 18 days for Credit Recovery starting July 1, 2026

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of personnel, no action taken.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

XV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to return from Executive Session to Regular Session.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

XVI. NEXT MEETING

June 15, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m.

West Holmes High School

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Day _____ Ramseyer _____ Sage _____ Yoder _____ Zickefoose _____

Future Meetings

July 20 – 7:30 a.m.	High School
August 17 – 7:30 a.m.	High School
September 21	Elementary School
October 19	Elementary School
November 9	Elementary School
December 21	Elementary School

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted five minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board, present and voting.

Agendas are available to all those who attend Board meetings. The section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated. Noted at the bottom of each agenda shall be a short paragraph outlining the Board's policy on public participation at Board meetings.

[Adoption date: June 19, 2000]

[Re-adoption date: August 15, 2016]

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3313.20(A)

CROSS REFS.: BCE, Board Committees
BD, School Board Meetings
BDDC, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

WEST HOLMES LOCAL SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2025

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15 – New Staff Orientation/Teacher Work Day
18 – All Staff In-Service Day
19 – Teacher Work Day
20 – First Day of School

11 Staff Days
8 Student days

SEPTEMBER 2025

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1 – Labor Day
19 – Midterm

21 Staff Days
21 Student Days

OCTOBER 2025

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13/15 – HS/MS PT Conferences
14/16 – Elementary PT Conferences
16 – End of 1st 9 Weeks
17 – Teacher In-Service Day
24 – Report Card sent home

23 Staff Days
22 Student Days

NOVEMBER 2025

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14 – Midterm
26-28 Thanksgiving Break

17 Staff Days
17 Student Days

DECEMBER 2025

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1 – Conference Comp Day
22-31 – Christmas Break

15 Staff Days
14 Student Days

JANUARY 2026

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1-2 – Christmas Break
5 – First Day Back in 2026
9 – End of 2nd 9 Weeks
16 – Report Card sent home
19 – MLK Day

19 Staff Days
19 Student Days

FEBRUARY 2026

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9/11 – Elementary PT Conferences
10/12 – HS/MS PT Conferences
12 – Midterm
13 – Teacher In-Service Day
16 – President's Day

19 Staff Days
18 Student Days

MARCH 2026

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20 – End of 3rd 9 Weeks
27 – Report Card sent home
30-31 – Spring Break

20 Staff Days
20 Student Days

APRIL 2026

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1-3 – Spring Break
6 – Conference Comp Day
24 – Midterm

19 Staff Days
18 Student Days

MAY 2026

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8 – Teacher In-Service Day
17 – Graduation
25 – Memorial Day
28 – Last Day of School
29 – Teacher Work Day

20 Staff Days
18 Student Days

JUNE 2026

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JULY 2026

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Snow Days 6th will be Remote Learning days

Total Hours/Day Length

MS/HS 6.3 hrs.

Elem 6.0 hrs.

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21 – All Staff In-Service Day
24 – Work Day
25 – First Day of School – MSHS

8 Staff Days
5 Student days - MSHS

SEPTEMBER 2026

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7 – Labor Day
8 – First Day of School - Elementary
18 - Midterm

21 Staff Days
21 Student Days – MSHS
16 Student Days - Elementary

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24 – 2-hour Early Release
25-27 Thanksgiving Break
30 – Conference Comp Day – no school

18 Staff Days
17 Student Days

DECEMBER 2026

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8/16 – Elementary PT Conferences
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MARCH 2027

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20 Staff Days
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10 – Teacher In-Service Day
23 – Graduation
27 – 2-hour Early Release/Last Day of School
28 – Work Day
31 – Memorial Day

20 Staff Days
19 Student Days

JUNE 2027

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Snow Days 6th will be Remote Learning days

Total Hours/Day Length
MSHS 6.3 hrs.
Elem 6.0 hrs.

184 – Teacher Days
176 – Student Days – MS/HS
165 – Student Days - Elementary

APRIL 20, 2026
WEST HOLMES BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
 4. MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 6. MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
 7. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES
 8. MOTION TO APPROVE COORRESPONDENCE & DONATIONS
 9. MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT
 10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 11. GUEST PARTICIPATION
 12. MOTION TO APPROVE NEW BUSINESS
 13. MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS
 14. MOTION TO ADJOURN
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1. The regular meeting of the West Holmes Board of Education was called to order at West Holmes Middle School.

2. Roll Call: Ezra Day, Patricia Sage, Joel Yoder, Tina Zickefoose

ABSENT: Walter Ramseyer

3. Joel Yoder made a motion that was seconded by Patricia Sage to enter Executive Session, for the discussion of employment of personnel, no action taken at 5:00 pm.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

4. Ezra Day made a motion that was seconded by Joel Yoder to return from Executive Session to Regular Session at 6:02 pm.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: None

6. Joel Yoder made a motion that was seconded by Tina Zickefoose to approve the adjustments to the agenda as follows:

XIV. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

a. HIRING

Peyton Speicher – Intervention Specialist – effective 26/27 school year

e. SUPPLEMENTAL

Peyton Speicher – Head Boys Basketball Coach – effective 26/27 school year

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

7. Patricia Sage made a motion that was seconded by Ezra Day to approve the minutes of the following meeting as follows:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2026 attached to this agenda.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

8. Patricia Sage made a motion that was seconded by Tina Zickefoose to approve the Correspondence & Donations as follows:

- a. West Holmes Local Schools would like to thank St. John’s Evangelical Covenant Church Missions for their donation for student lunches.

Discussion: Tina Zickefoose and Patricia Sage thanked the church for their donation and support toward outstanding school lunches on behalf of the board.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

9. Joel Yoder made a motion that was seconded by Ezra Day to approve the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

- A. Month End Reconciliation and Investments as of March 31, 2026 – Enclosed sheet marked “A”.
- B. Financial Report by Fund of Expenditures and Unencumbered Balances as of March 31, 2026 – Enclosed report marked “B”.
- C. Approval of Financial Summary for Month ending March 31, 2026 – Enclosed report marked “C”.

Discussion: Total General Fund Revenue for the month of March was \$7,044,339, and expenses \$2,343,589. At 75% of the year completed, we have received 88% of the budgeted revenues and spent 72% of the budgeted expenses. The revenue includes tax collections that the district receives two times per year from each of the four counties the district is in: Holmes, Wayne, Ashland and Coshoccon Counties. The district still has not received anything regarding what the tax credit will look like to make adjustments to the collections that have been estimated rolling forward. The county auditors are still waiting on the Ohio Department of Taxation to issue formal guidance.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

10. Superintendent's Report

1. Committee Reports of the West Holmes Board of Education

Tina Zickefoose shared the Heartland Tech students with perfect attendance for the 3rd nine weeks: Carter Adkins, Casidey Lovell, Evan Curtiss, Danessa Miller, and Gretchen Weaver. She also shared the new inductees to the National Technical Honor Society to be Jenna Brumme, Peyton Parks, and Bridget Umstead. They will join second year members Megan Hughes, Shanna Maynard, and Paityn Morris.

Joel Yoder shared the upcoming events from him attending the athletic booster club meeting. Knight at the Races will be held on April 25 and the golf outing will be on June 12th.

Patricia Sage shared the upcoming concerts from the music boosters. The music programs will be highlighted on May 2, 14, and 17th. The Cedar Point trip will be on May 20th and the band is getting new summer outfits.

Patricia Sage shared about the newly organized coalition to educate people on property taxes in Ohio.

2. FFA Update – Four students updated the board on the past and future events, including the State FFA convention starting April 30, 2026 and the banquet to be held on May 9, 2026 at Harvest Ridge.
3. Brian Baughman – West Holmes Middle School - The middle school robotics team was highlighted by Jeremy Dombady. The teams shared details of the state competition and impact the program has had on them.

State Qualifying Robotics Teams:

Team Robo Rizzards:

Nolan Brown
Briella House
Colton House
Keith Kaster

Team Five And A Half Men:

Cooper Boals
Dominic Cicconetti
Barric Cottrell
Kam Flener
Paxton Miller
Jackson Vaughn

Team Barbie Girls:

Clint Burgett
Trinity Compton
Koby Fehr
Madi Hernandez
Bianca Johns

Team Battle Bots:

Sarah Belanger
Kully Butcher
Holden Marnier
Aidan McConville
Izak Reigle
Ethan Schlagenhauser

4. K-5 Building Update - Mr. Jurkovic provided a K-5 building update that included being on time and within budget. The playground has been black-topped and equipment placed. The ceiling punch list and outside windows are close to being done. The flooring will begin this month.
5. Kiana Leppla shared an update on the workforce development meeting she attended. She

shared that the East Central ESC was instrumental in organizing and that 18 local businesses attended. She shared the overwhelming response of partnering with the district to help guide students on career paths.

6. Drug Testing Process - Kyle from Great Lakes Biomedical presented to the board about how the drug testing would work in the district if the district decided to move forward. They currently serve over 180 schools in Ohio and the primary purpose is to provide prevention. The test is \$20 per test and done on a random basis with some district opting to add a “draw the line” program where all are tested at the beginning of season/activity/driving and then applied to a random pool. The company does the random selection, testing, and outreach to parents when a test is positive to get further information regarding potential prescriptions the student may be taking that could be the reason for the positive outcome. The process takes about 5 minutes and on-site testing/instant testing happens. Non-negative tests are then sent to certified labs for verification by a medical review officer. He shared that initially the program found success in decreasing the drugs in schools but saw an increase after the legalization of marijuana. They are starting to see it decrease again following the legalization. The program helps students to have an out to say they cannot do drugs because they are tested. Pre-authorization is required by parents for students to participate in the drug testing program. Schools require this for participation in ungraded activities and/or student driving. An overview book was provided to each board member as well as a business card to outreach and ask any additional questions they may have.

11. Guests/Public Participation:

None

Guests:

Scott Pringle	Steve Fowler	Mitch Neece	Brian Baughman
Brian Lash	Lauren Marner	Libby Wengerd	Carrie Maltarich
Kiana Leppla	Jeremy Dombrady	Amanda Belanger	James Belanger
Sarah Belanger	Holden Marner	Erik Marner	Corbin Marner
Brian Zimmerly			

12. Patricia Sage made a motion that was seconded by Tina Zickefoose to approve the following new business:

1. Approval to participate in MEC Purchasing Consortium and the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.
2. Approval of Board Policies:
 - EBDE - Procurement and Administration of Overdose Reversal Drugs
 - EFD - Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products
 - JEB - Entrance Age
3. Approval to participate in the Ohio Schools Council Purchasing Co-Op.
4. Approval of Student Accident Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year from Griffin Agencies, Ltd.
5. Approval for the High School Wrestling team to attend the overnight week-long Jeff Jordan’s State Champ Camp, May 31 – June 4, 2026, near Urbana, Ohio.
6. Approval of the updated Memorandum of Understanding between Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Education and West Holmes Local Schools.
7. Approval to allow the School Psychologist/ETR Case Managers to act as district representatives on the Evaluation Team Report Planning form and the Consent to Evaluate form.

Discussion: None

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

13. Joel Yoder made a motion that was seconded by Ezra Day to approve the following

Personnel Actions:

a. HIRING

Joseph Gilmore – Athletic Director – effective 8/1/26

Kelsey Runkle – Guidance Counselor – effective 26/27 school year

Peyton Speicher – Intervention Specialist – effective 26/27 school year

b. RESIGNATION

Alexandria Armstrong – Teacher – effective 5/31/26

Riley Spearman – Teacher – effective 5/31/26

c. SUBSTITUTE

Alexis Blake – Teacher – effective 3/19/26

d. EXTENDED DAYS

Katelyn Schwartz – Guidance Counselor – 5 extended days at the end of the 25-26 school year

Joseph Gilmore – Athletic Director – 10 extended days for the 25-26 school year

e. SUPPLEMENTAL

Shelby Evans – up to 10 hours per week of home instruction for special education services for students – *this is changing the March 16, 2026 approval to include more time for additional students*

Julie Snyder – Head Girls Golf Coach – effective 26/27 school year

Peyton Speicher – Head Boys Basketball Coach – effective 26/27 school year

Discussion: None

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

14. Motion was made by Patricia Sage and seconded by Tina Zickefoose to adjourn.

Yeas: Day, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

/s/ Tina Zickefoose

President, Board of Education

/s/ Jamie Mullet

Treasurer

May 4, 2026
WEST HOLMES BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 4. GUESTS
 5. WORK SESSION ITEMS
 6. MOTION TO ADJOURN
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1. The special meeting of the West Holmes Board of Education was called to order at West Holmes High School.
2. Roll Call: Ezra Day, Walter Ramseyer, Patricia Sage, Joel Yoder, Tina Zickefoose

ABSENT: None
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guests in attendance:
Scott Pringle Kevin Wolf
5. Work Session Items:
The West Holmes Local School District Board of Education will hold a special meeting on May 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM at West Holmes High School for the purpose of considering new policies and/or changes to current policies regarding drug testing of students and/or staff. No Board action is anticipated at this meeting.

Discussion: Eric Jurkovic shared details and a PowerPoint regarding a drug testing policy for the board to vote on in the regular May board meeting, following the presentation by the company at the regular board meeting on April 20, 2026. West Holmes administration visited Triway High School to review and discuss their current policy. The discussion centered around making the policy so it would possibly be able to help students to make better choices. The testing would not be part of the student permanent file and there wouldn't be any academic consequences. The policy would be recommended to include all athletics, extra-curriculars, and student drivers. "Draw the line" would consist of all students being tested and provided counseling and follow up drug screening without consequence but they would have consequences if they continue to test positive. Students would only have draw the line one time prior to entering the random pull and/or required screening following a positive test. The random basis would be once per month with the list provided by the testing company. One designee from the district would be aware of testing date and time. Positive results would result in a call by the company to the parents to verify any student medication before moving forward with follow-up protocols. Test refusal would result in not be allowed to drive or participate in activities. If a student cannot urinate, it would become a swab test. Five different areas (to be determined and changed as needed) will be tested from each test. The course and testing following positives from "draw the line" will be paid by the district in the first year. Discussion would happen to reevaluate the following year of whether to change the program and/or add further testing.

6. Motion was made by Walter Ramseyer and seconded by Joel Yoder to adjourn.

Yeas: Day, Ramseyer, Sage, Yoder, Zickefoose
Nays: None
Motion: Carried

/s/ *Tina Zickefoose*

President, Board of Education

/s/ *Jamie Mullet*

Treasurer