

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education Meeting

Held August 20, 2025

Paula Stewart, President, called the meeting to order on August 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Oak Hill High School Library, 5063 State Route 93, Oak Hill, OH.

Upon call of the roll the following members answered as present: Paula Stewart, Joe Elcess, Tyler Evans, Mike French, and Tim Howard.

065-25 Approve Minutes and Financial Reports

Mr. French made the motion to approve minutes and financial reports, investment report and bills paid for July, 2025. Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

French yea Evans yea Elcess yea Howard yea Stewart yea



Oak Hill FFA Team

The Board of Education would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Oak Hill FFA Team for their outstanding work at their food booth at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Students and advisors dedicated long hours in extreme heat to serve delicious meals to families in our local communities.

This initiative not only provided great food but also serves as a vital fundraiser, helping support FFA educational trips and activities throughout the year.

A special thank you goes to Matt Bennett, as well as Dan and Terri Bennett, for their exceptional leadership and dedication to the program. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

Oak Hill Union Local Cafeteria Staff

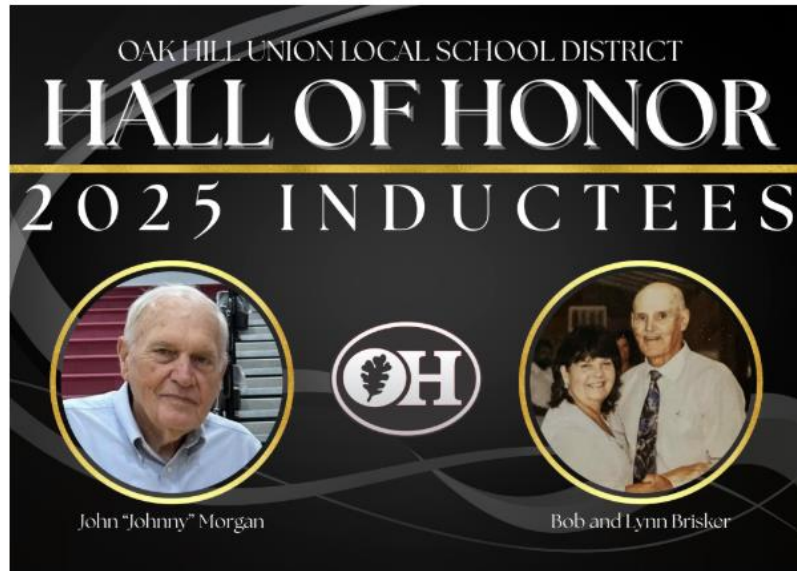
A very special thank you to our amazing cafeteria staff for preparing a delicious staff breakfast at our District in-service on Tuesday, August 19.

We truly appreciate your time, effort, and care. Everything was wonderful, and we couldn't do it without you!

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*The Oak Hill Union Local School District proudly announces the 2025 Hall of Honor inductees: **John “Johnny” Morgan** and **Robert “Bob” and Lynn Brisker**.*

John “Johnny” Morgan

*A proud 1961 graduate of Oak Hill High School, **John Morgan** devoted more than 35 years to educating and mentoring students and athletes in the Oak Hill Union Local School District. He began his teaching career in 1965, shortly after the consolidation of Jefferson Local into Oak Hill Union Local Schools.*

John taught Ohio and American History to 7th and 8th grade students at Oak Hill High School and Middle School, leaving a lasting impact on generations of learners. His dedication extended far beyond the classroom—he was a passionate and versatile coach, leading teams in varsity girls’ basketball, junior varsity boys’ basketball, junior high football and basketball, and golf.

In 1981, John guided the girls’ basketball team to a historic milestone, becoming the first athletic team—boys or girls—in Jackson County history to reach the regional tournament. For the final 15 years of his career, he served as Oak Hill’s Athletic Director, helping shape the district’s athletic programs.

Even after retiring in 2000, John’s commitment to Oak Hill athletics never wavered. For more than 15 years, he faithfully kept the scorebook for both the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams. He and his wife, Linda, remain devoted supporters, regularly attending Oak Hill sporting events and proudly standing behind the community they have long called home.

Robert “Bob” and Lynn Brisker

***Robert “Bob” Brisker** grew up in Oak Hill and graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1967. Following graduation, he served in the United States Army as a medic stationed in Germany, where he cared for soldiers and their families with skill and compassion. Upon returning home, Bob began his career at Oak Hill Banks, where he would work for the next 30 years. Known for his professionalism, integrity, and dedication to helping others, he built lasting relationships with customers and colleagues alike.*

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Shortly after starting at the bank, Bob met his future wife, Lynn, and the two were married on November 12, 1971. While building his career, Bob became deeply involved in the Oak Hill community. He served as past president of the Oak Hill Chamber of Commerce, past Board chairman for Woodland Centers in Jackson and Gallipolis, and as a Board member for the Davis Home. He was a key member of the committee that founded the Oak Hill Festival of Flags, an event that has become a treasured tradition in the community. Bob also chaired the committee that worked tirelessly to pass the levy for the construction of the new Oak Hill school buildings, a legacy that continues to benefit students today.

Beyond his official roles, Bob was known as someone who could be counted on to lend a hand wherever it was needed. He took pride in supporting local initiatives, mentoring younger community members, and preserving Oak Hill's strong sense of togetherness. His quiet leadership and unwavering commitment earned the respect and admiration of all who worked with him. Bob retired from Oak Hill Banks in 1999 with three decades of service, leaving behind a career defined by loyalty, leadership, and a genuine love for his hometown.

***Lynn Brisker**, a 1968 graduate of Jackson High School, earned her bachelor's degree in 1971 and later received her master's degree from the University of Dayton. She began her career in the Oak Hill School District in 1972 at Bloomfield Elementary, teaching combined 5th and 6th grade classes for many years. When the district consolidated in 2003, she moved to Oak Hill Elementary School, where she continued teaching until her retirement in 2011, completing 38 years in education.*

In addition to her teaching career, Lynn served as a board member for the Jackson County Health Department and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She has dedicated many years to public service as an election worker and poll manager. A devoted member of Vega-Thurman Methodist Church, she serves as lay leader and often fills in for the pastor when needed.

Even after retirement, Lynn has remained active in education, continuing to substitute teach for Oak Hill Schools. This fall, she begins her 54th year in education. She credits her long career to her love for the students and the joy she has found working alongside dedicated colleagues.

Superintendent's Report - discussed/informed the board of the following:

- *Athletics Ticket Prices-remain the same for 25/26 anticipates an increase next year*

Upcoming Events:

- *August 18-20 Staff In-Service*
- *August 18 Open House*
- *August 19 Staff Breakfast*
- *August 21 First Day for Students*
- *September 1 Labor Day - Schools Closed*
- *September 13 Homecoming*
- *September 17 Apple Festival - Schools Closed*

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066-25 Approve New Business

Mr. Howard made the motion to approve the following items:

- A. Approve the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding with SCOESC for Digital Academy as requested.
- B. Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to act on behalf of the Board of Education to coordinate with village officials, legal counsel, and any other relevant parties to advance the annexation request.

WHEREAS, the Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education owns and operates the property located at 4984 State Route 93, Oak Hill, OH [Parcel ID I150020020500, I150020021101] which is currently situated outside the municipal boundaries of the Village of Oak Hill; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that annexing this property into the Village of Oak Hill would serve the best interests of the students, staff, and community by enhancing access to municipal services, infrastructure, and community resources; and WHEREAS, the annexation of the school property into the Village of Oak Hill aligns with the goals of improving community integration and fostering stronger relationships between the school and the village;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education, as follows:

- 1. Request for Annexation: The Board of Education hereby formally requests the Village of Oak Hill to initiate and complete the process of annexing the school property located at 5075 State Route 93, Oak Hill into the village limits.*
- 2. Support for Annexation: The Board of Education expresses its support for the annexation process and will cooperate with the Village of Oak Hill in providing any necessary documentation, information, or assistance required to facilitate this process.*
- 3. Public Notice and Communication: The Board of Education will ensure that appropriate public notice of this resolution is provided to all interested parties and stakeholders, including residents of the Village of Oak Hill.*
- 4. Delegation of Authority: The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to coordinate with village officials, legal counsel, and any other relevant parties to advance the annexation request.*
- 5. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2025, by the Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education.

Mrs. Stewart made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Howard yea Stewart yea Elcess yea Evans yea French yea

067-25 Approve Personnel

Mr. Evans made the motion to approve the following personnel:

- A. Approved the following resignation.

- Lawonha Baisden, Cafeteria Aide

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B. Approved the following supplemental resignation.

- Dena Spriggs, Sr. Class Sponsor (Effective August 20, 2025)

C. Approved the following contract as a new hire for the 2025-2026 school year, subject to the completion of all state and local requirements.

Classified Contracts:

Michelle Brofford, Cafeteria Aide

D. Approved the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

Substitute Teachers:

Hilliary Blakeman, Marilyn Boggs, Lynn Brisker, Bonnie Crabtree, Chris Ellcessor, Debra Evans, Brandy Fitzhugh, Jason Fitzhugh, Jenna Libby, Nathan Libby, Sara Lively, Connie Mercer, Rita Persin, Carol Phillips, Kristina Paige Reese, Tammy Roush, Mary Sites, Jenna Spees, Amanda Stevens, Kurtis Strickland, Mikie Strite, Sonya Tennant

Substitute Non-Bachelor's Degree Teachers:

Holly Barger, Ryan Bethel, Garrett McKinniss, Jessica Williams, Mallory Williams, Alyssa Zornes

Substitute Teacher's Aides and Paraprofessionals:

Megan Bias, Brandy Carter, Rhonda Hatfield, Lisa Lahrmer, Tonya Lester, Jenna Libby, Nathan Libby, Sara Lively, Amelia McKinniss, Jarin Penwell, Jami Turner, Jessica Williams, Kayla Zinkiewicz

Substitute Bus Drivers:

Chase Dickens, Mike Hamilton, Gregory "Brian" Johnson, Rob Leonard, Rick Noel, Jeff Queen, Kayla Zinkiewicz

Substitute Bus Mechanic Helpers:

Kenneth Jiles, Donald Waldren

Substitute Cafeteria Aides:

Jeremy Canter, Brandy Carter, Beverly Fox, Stacy Harden, Rhonda Hatfield, Tiffany Jonas, Bethany Jones, Lisa Lahrmer, Tonya Lester, Sara Lively, Pamela Marks, Amelia McKinniss, Jarin Penwell, Jami Turner

Substitute Custodians:

Jeremy Canter, Brandy Carter, Beverly Fox, Rhonda Hatfield, Kenneth Jiles, Tiffany Jonas, Lisa Lahrmer, Tonya Lester, Amelia McKinniss, Jarin Penwell, Jami Turner, Cassandra Woods

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Substitute Groundskeepers:

Jeremy Canter, Kenneth Jiles, Jami Turner

Substitute Secretaries:

Megan Bias, Rhonda Hatfield, Lisa Lahrmer, Tonya Lester, Jenna Libby, Sara Lively, Amelia McKinniss, Jarin Penwell, Jami Turner, Jessica Williams, Cassandra Woods

Substitute Nurses:

Debra Evans, Marjorie Kemper, Kristina Paige Reese, Felicia Rhodes

- E. Approved Beth McCorkle, Director of Student Services recommendation of the following supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

- Assistant Varsity Football II, Josh McCarty

- F. Approved the paid summer band volunteers pending all certifications - to be paid from the band fund. ****Backdated*

Kaydee Lewis \$300.00

Amelia Michael \$300.00

Mr. French made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Evans yea French yea Elcess yea Howard yea Stewart yea

068-25 Approve Personnel

Mrs. Stewart made the motion to approve the following personnel:

- G. Approved the following substitute for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

Substitute Teacher:

Cheryl Elcess

Mr. Howard made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 abstain

Stewart yea Howard yea Elcess abstain Evans yea French yea

069-25 Approve Personnel

Mrs. Stewart made the motion to approve the following personnel:

- H. Approved the following substitute for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

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Substitute Non-Bachelor's Teacher:

Jordan Howard

- I. Approved the following volunteer for the 2025-2026 school year pending all certifications.

- Josie Howard, Volunteer Cheer Assistant

Mr. French made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 4 yea; 1 abstain

Stewart yea French yea Elcess yea Evans yea Howard abstain

070-25 Field Trips/Professional Meetings

Mr. Evans made the motion to approve the following field trips/professional meetings:

- A. Approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 school year.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Group:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
9/26/2025	Grade 1	Noble Family Farms (Minford, Ohio)
4/2/2026	Spanish III and IV	Casa Grande (Jackson, Ohio)
4/21-24/2026	Class of 2026	Senior Trip - Washington, D.C.

- B. Approve the following professional meetings for the 2025-2026 school year:

Rhonda Harrison, OSBA Capital Conference (Nov 16-18)
Jason Mantell, OSBA Capital Conference (Nov 16-18)
Beth McCorkle, OSBA Capital Conference (Nov 16-18)

Mrs. Stewart made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Evans yea Stewart yea Elcess yea French yea Howard yea

071-25 Approve Financials

Mrs. Stewart made the motion to approve the following financial items:

- A. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD and Holzer Health System to provide a Postsecondary Instructor, known as the Athletic Trainer Program, at Oak Hill Union Local School District that will remain in effect unless it is so modified or terminated.
- B. Approve the Title I Pooling Contract with the Gallia-Vinton ESC for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- C. Approve the recommendation of Local District Coordinator Chris Jordan to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into contract with New Story Schools for special education services for the 2025-2026 school year.
- D. Approve a one-year contract with South Central Ohio ESC for Resident Educators for the 2025-2026 school year.
- E. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Intervention/Alternative Educational Placement Services as needed for the 2025-2026 School Year.
 - Eugene Gatrell - MS/HS Intervention and ISS
- F. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Personal Aide Services as needed for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- G. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Technology Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- H. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Hearing Impaired Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- I. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Psychology Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- J. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Preschool Itinerant Teacher and Preschool Special Education Therapy Services as needed for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- K. Authorize the Treasurer to enter into a contract for the FY26 Supervisory Services with South Central Ohio ESC pursuant to ORC 3313.843(J); 3313.845 effective July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

The required payment will be deducted for the state foundation bi-monthly payments totaling \$48,783.63.
- L. Authorize the Superintendent and the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with South Central Ohio ESC for Occupational Therapy Services for students attending Jackson County Board of DD the 2025-2026 School Year.
- M. Approve the contract service with Total Media for the live streaming at home varsity football and basketball games for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- N. Approve the 2025-2026 Membership with the Southeastern Ohio Safety Council in the amount of \$150.00.
- O. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into Contract for the Provision of Educational Services with the Jackson County Board of Developmental Disabilities for resident students attending Hope Haven during the 2025-2026 school year.
- P. Authorize the Treasurer to enter into Agreement with PublicSchoolWorks for safety, regulatory compliance and risk management for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Q. Approve the recommendation of Beth McCorkle, Director of Student Services, to establish the following rates for Officers/Safety Security contracted services at district events for the 2025–2026 school year and thereafter:

Volleyball Games	\$65.00
Football Games	\$85.00
Basketball Games	\$75.00
Softball Games	\$55.00
Baseball Games	\$65.00
Track Meets	TBD

- R. Approve a one-year maintenance agreement with Accurate Mechanical Inc. beginning August 1, 2025 in the amount of \$2,600.00 for maintenance and service inspection of the cafeteria equipment.
- S. Approve a contract with Seth Fain Photography for photography services during the 2025-2026 school year.
- T. Approve the following META ProgressBook Account Authorizations for Buckeye Hills Career Center employees.
- Bethany Harden, Administrative Assistant
- U. Approve the payment of accrued unused vacation leave per board policy 6530.
- Tim Swann - 10 days

Mr. Howard made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Stewart yea Howard yea Elcess yea Evans yea French yea

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Communication: (5:54 p.m.)

Ms. Wendi Wood, OEA, thanked the Board for Fain Photography. She mentioned the substitutes on this agenda. Mrs. Potter had stated that, "We have no subs." There is a shortage. What is the Board going to do? Mr. Mantell responded to Ms. Wood regarding the union discussions and reopener related to the shortage of substitutes.

072-25 Executive Session

Mrs. Stewart made the motion to enter into executive session for the current form, RC 121.22 for (5) matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules or state statutes; (8) Consideration of confidential information related to a) marketing plans, business strategy, personal finance for economic development assistance under provision of state law; b) to protect interest of applicants or possible investment of public fund expenditures. Mr. Evans made a second to the motion.

The Board invited Mr. Mantell and Ms. Harrison to enter into executive session.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:02 p.m. and exited at 6:19 p.m.

073-25 Adjournment 6:19 p.m.

Mr. Elcess made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Howard made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Elcess yea Howard yea Evans yea French yea Stewart yea

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

President

Attest:

Treasurer