

LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
Minutes

Date: January 2, 2026 Kind of Meeting: Organizational

The Leipsic Local Board of Education met for the Annual Organizational Meeting on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room.

Rachel Niese and Karen Ward, took the Oath of Office for newly elected Board Members.

The following Board members were present: Rachel Niese, Brian Reynolds, Barry Ward, Karen Ward, and Kirk Wensink.

Administration present included: David Miller, Treasurer.

Barry Ward, as President Pro Tem, called for nominations for president. Barry Ward placed the name of Brian Reynolds in nomination. There being no further nominations, Kirk Wensink moved, and Karen Ward seconded the motion, that nominations be closed and the Treasurer be instructed to cast unanimous vote for Brian Reynolds. Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Karen Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Nominations  
for President

Brian Reynolds was elected president.

Brian Reynolds as President, called for nominations for vice president. Kirk Wensink placed the name of Barry Ward in nomination. There being no further nominations, Rachel Niese moved, and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion, that nominations be closed, and the Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Barry Ward. Vote: Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Karen Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Nominations  
for Vice  
President

Barry Ward was elected vice-president.

Barry Ward moved, and Kirk Wensink seconded the motion to set the date, time, and place of regular board meetings for 2026 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Meeting Dates  
& Time

Kirk Wensink made a motion, seconded by Barry Ward, to authorize the following:

- a. Permission for the Treasurer to invest funds.
- b. Permission for the Board President and Treasurer to borrow money if needed.
- c. Resolution to permit the Treasurer to request an advance on local taxes as needed.
- d. Designate the local Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent and coordinator of all federal funds.
- e. Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed on a temporary basis subject to approval at the next regular or special board meeting.
- f. Allow the Superintendent to authorize attendance at conferences or workshops for staff members' requests within the State.
- g. Resolution waiving the reading of minutes at the Board meetings.
- h. Designate *The Putnam County Sentinel* as the newspaper for publishing Board materials, meeting dates, and times.
- i. Authorize the Board members, Treasurer, and Superintendent to attend any State and National conferences for the year 2026.

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Misc.  
Authorizations

Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

Barry Ward made a motion, seconded by Kirk Wensink to approve the following depositories for the deposit of public funds:

Union Bank  
Fort Jennings State Bank  
WesBanco Bank  
STAR Ohio  
CDARS

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Approve  
Depositories

Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

Brian Reynolds as President, made the following committee assignments:

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Personnel	Rachel Niese	Brian Reynolds
Building and Grounds	Brian Reynolds	Kirk Wensink
Extra-curricular	Karen Ward	Brian Reynolds
Curriculum	Barry Ward	Rachel Niese
Finance	Kirk Wensink	Karen Ward
Legislative Liaison	Brian Reynolds	

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Committee  
Assignments

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Rachel Niese made a motion and Karen Ward seconded the request to approve professional membership in the following organizations:

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Professional  
Memberships

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|--------|-----------------------------|
| OSBA-  | School Board                |
| BASA-  | Superintendent              |
| OASSA- | High School Principal       |
| OAESA- | Elementary School Principal |
| OASBO- | Treasurer                   |

Vote: Rachel Niese—yea; Karen Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea.  
Motion passed: 5-0

Brian Reynolds moved, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, to set Board Members’ pay at \$120 per meeting for 25 meetings per year. Vote: Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Karen Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Board Members  
Pay

Barry Ward moved, and Karen Ward seconded the motion, to accept the retirement of Greg Williamson as Superintendent effective January 31, 2026, per attached. Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Karen Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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G.Williamson  
Retirement

Executive Session:

Barry Ward made a motion, and Kirk Wensink seconded the move, to enter into executive session at 8:27 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges, or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student; and Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes . Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Executive  
Session

The board returned from executive session at 10:14 a.m.

Rachel Niese made a motion, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Rachel Niese—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Karen Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer