

# Board of Education - Organizational Meeting

## Board of Education

Galion High School, Room 127

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:00pm - 6:30pm

**Present:** Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member; Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member; Dr. Jeffrey Hartmann, Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member; Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member; Ms Shannon King, Treasurer

**Absent:** Mr. Mike Mateer, Board of Education Member

## 1 PRELIMINARY ITEMS

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### 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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### 1.2 Roll Call

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### 1.3 \* Reorganization - President Pro-Tem, Christi Eckert

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Oath of Office to Re-Elected Board Member: Mike Mateer

Oath of Office to New School Board Members: Doug Jutz and Isaac Strickler

**Minutes:**

Due to absence, we will move Mike Mateer's Oath of Office to the February Board meeting.

### 1.4 \* Reorganization - President

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Election and Oath of the President

**Minutes:**

Christi Eckert was nominated and elected President.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.5 \* Reorganization - Vice President

Election and Oath of the Vice President -

**Minutes:**

Dennis Long was nominated and elected Vice President.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mrs. Christi Eckert

**Seconded:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.6 \* Adopt Organizational Meeting Agenda

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.7 \* Establish Regular Meeting times, dates and locations for the Board of Education

**Recommend** to establish the following 2026 Board of Education Regular Meeting dates:

The following meetings will be held in the Galion High School, Room 127 and begin at 6:30 p.m.

- February 11, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- July 8, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- September 9, 2026
- October 14, 2026
- November 11, 2026
- December 9, 2026

**Minutes:**

The February 11, 2026 meeting was moved to February 18, 2026.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mrs. Christi Eckert

**Seconded:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.8 \* Establish 2026 Special Meeting times, dates and locations for Board of Education work session

**Recommend** to establish the following 2026 Board of Education special meeting dates to provide the opportunity to discuss Board business in a work session format and to transact any business that the Board determines necessary.

The following meetings will be held in Galion High School, Room 127 and begin at 6:30 p.m.

- January 28, 2026 for Board of Education professional development
- July 10, 2026

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.9 \* School District Records Commission Meeting

**Recommend** to establish a date for the District Records Commission Meeting, as follows: (Statutory members are the President and Treasurer of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools):

- Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:45 PM. This meeting will take place prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting in Galion High School, Room 127.

Local Government Records Suggested Retention Periods were revised in 2017. The revised schedule is attached for review prior to the meeting.

**Minutes:**

Due to the change of the February 11, 2026 Regular Board meeting, this meeting is also moved to February 18, 2026.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Records Retention Schedule.pdf](#)

## 1.10 \* Crawford County Tax Incentive Review Council - TIRC

Recommend to appoint the Superintendent and Treasurer as representatives of Galion City School District to the Crawford County Tax Incentive Review Council. The Crawford County Tax Incentive Review Council is required by Ohio Revised Code to annually review all agreements granting exemptions from property taxation.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Doug Jutz

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.11 \* Organizational Items- Standing Authorization 2026

Authorize the Treasurer to secure advance payment on current collection of taxes.  
 Authorize the Treasurer to invest all funds in allowable investments and financial instruments.  
 Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills per limits established and authorized by appropriation resolution.  
 Appoint Treasurer as designee to attend public records training on behalf of board members.  
 Authorize the Board of Education to delegate authority to approve FMLA requests to the Administration.  
 Authorize the Treasurer to compensate board members, according to current Board Policy, in an amount equal to the maximum allowable compensation permitted by law.  
 Authorize that Board members may participate at their own expense in group health, dental, vision, and life insurance plans provided to employees of the district as permitted by Ohio Revised Code 3313.202.  
 Authorize the approval of new Galion City School Board Member training, OSBA training or other education-related training workshops, to exclude the OSBA Annual Capital Conference, and Board member training reimbursements, when eligible.  
 Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when the Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board and to acknowledge acceptance as such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote or ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification of this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employees acceptance of the Superintendents offer.; however, the Board of Education shall not be required to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board, or who had not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board Policy.  
 Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when the Board is not in session, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendents acceptance.  
 Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district.  
 Authorize the establishment of a service fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be a part of the General Fund for calendar year 2026, in accordance with Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board believes it is important to demonstrate appreciation to its employees. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to identify unique means of demonstrating the Board's appreciation. The following are examples of forms of this appreciation, but is not limited to: refreshments, small gifts, plaques, awards, and flowers.  
 Authorize the Superintendent, without further action by said Board, to apply on behalf of said district, to participate in any State or Federal grants, projects or programs for which approval by said Board is required. Authorize the Treasurer to pay stipends in the amount specified to Community Members/Staff Members when authorized by grant applications.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.12 \* Board Member Appointments

**Recommend** to designate the following Board Member appointments for the 2026 calendar year, as follows:

- 1- One (1)- Legislative Liaison - Dennis Long
- 2- One (1)- Delegate and One (1) Alternate to the Ohio School Boards Association Annual Conference  
DELEGATE - Doug Jutz  
ALTERNATE - Christi Eckert
- 3- One (1)- Student Achievement Liaison - \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- One (1)- Pioneer Career Technology Center School Board - Dennis Long - (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)
- 5- One (1)- Representative and One (1) Alternate - GEA Labor Relations Committee  
REPRESENTATIVE - Isaac Strickler  
ALTERNATE - Doug Jutz
- 6- One (1)- Representative and One (1) Alternate- OAPSE Labor Relations Committee  
REPRESENTATIVE - Christi Eckert  
ALTERNATE - Isaac Strickler
- 7- One (1)- Audit Committee - Dennis Long
- 8- One (1)- Policy Committee- Doug Lutz

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.13 \* Resolution - Authorize Superintendent to Impose Disciplinary Action

**Recommend** to approved the attached resolution, authorizing the Superintendent to Impose Disciplinary Action:

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Resolution - Authorize Disciplinary action SIGNED.pdf](#)

## 1.14 \* Representation of Legal Counsel

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**Recommend** to approve the following list of firms to be utilized for legal counsel for the Galion City School District for the calendar year 2026:

- Squire Patton Boggs
- Weston Hurd

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 1.15 \* Designate Newspapers

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Recommend to designate District newspapers as the Galion Inquirer and Newspaper Network of Central Ohio.

**Result:** Approved

**Motioned:** Mr. Dennis Long

**Seconded:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		

## 2 ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN - 6:20 PM

**Motioned:** Mr. Isaac Strickler

**Seconded:** Mr. Doug Jutz

Voter	Yes	No	Abstained
Mr. Isaac Strickler, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Doug Jutz, Board of Education Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board of Education Member	X		
Mrs. Christi Eckert, Board of Education Member	X		