

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
OXFORD AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

A regular meeting of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Mark V. Patterson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING WERE:

ROLL CALL

Mark V. Patterson, President
Jenifer A. Warren, Vice President
William C. Kloss, Treasurer
Andrew Atkinson, Member
Michael P. Blessington, Member
Tenille E. Dewees, Member
Jennifer L. Kehs, Member.
Debbie K. Vendrick, Member

ABSENT WAS:

Kristen Dean, Member

ALSO ATTENDING WERE:

Dr. David A. Woods Superintendent
Brian P. Cooney, Business Administrator

Mr. Patterson thanked Ms. Craft for her contributions over this past year as Student Representative and wished her well. She was presented with flowers and a gift from the Board.

On motion by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Dewees, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the May 20, 2025, agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by, Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Vendrick, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the minutes of the April 8, 2025, Work Session, and the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Dr. Woods relinquished his time to Dr. Billings-Jones who gave the Report for the month of May. Dr. Billings-Jones recognized Jackie Mavrelos as the winner of the Citadel Heart of Learning Award.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Oxford Reading Club will present one of the books written by a first-grade student at the June meeting.

Elk Ridge hosted First Friday and gave out paper flowers.

Nottingham third-grade classes received Tinker Totes and additional supplies courtesy of the Chester County Economic Development Council.

Hopewell's Early Act participants were recognized for giving back to their community.

Penn's Grove and Oxford Area students have completed the Keystone Exams.

Professional Development continues on May 20, 2025, in all grades.

Extended Summer Learning will commence on July 7, 2025, through July 31, 2025, Monday through Thursday, at Hopewell School. As of May 15, 2025, there are one hundred thirty-two students enrolled.

There were sixteen Oxford Area High School Students, enrolled in the Early College Academy, who graduated from Cecil College on May 18, 2025.

The Last Bus Ride through Oxford for Graduating seniors will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

There are several upcoming activities for our seniors. Please visit the website for more information.

Dr. Billings-Jones shared a list of colleges and universities to which Oxford Area High School Graduates have been accepted.

On motion by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Warren, BE IT RESOLVED That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. General Fund
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Revenue Report
 - c. Expenditure Report
- 2. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
- 3. Capital Projects Fund Treasurer's Report

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Vendrick, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the student activities and athletic officials accounts as presented.

STUDENT ACTIVITY AND ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ACCOUNTS

Penn's Grove
Oxford Area High School
Athletic Officials Account

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approve the following bill lists for payment:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

May 2025

General Fund	\$	2,378,679.13
Cafeteria Fund	\$	105,081.78
Capital Projects Fund	\$	24,192.10
Payroll Distribution	\$	2,133,208.86

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Mr. Kloss reported recruitment and development matters were discussed. The CCIU offers a mentorship program, the labor market and recruitment strategies. CCIU is actively recruiting personal care assistants.

**REPORT OF discussed.
INTERMEDIATE UNIT
AND TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL
REPRESENTATIVE**

The CCIU Budget was approved.

Mrs. Dewees stated that the council met April 23, 2025.

**REPORT OF CHESTER
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Lots of legislation was discussed including the following Bills:

- HB 819 - Access to rigorous courses
- HB 685 - Electronic ticketing
- SB 470 - Secondary Ed Fire Fighting and EMS training program
- HB 727 - Replaces Keystone Exams with the ACT by 2027

A survey was compiled in April of Chester County Superintendents. Their priorities came out as state and federal funding for basic and special education and transportation, cyber and brick and mortar charter school funding reform, mental health services and supports. educator pipeline and certification flexibility, revisiting state testing mandates, special education age extension, facilities funding and no vouchers.

SR 68 Urges Congress to cooperate with federal efforts to eliminate the department of Education.

The Legislative Breakfast was May 9, 2025, several administrators and board members attended and were seated with Chief of Staff for Senator Comitta.

Dr. Fiore reviewed federal programs impacted by federal uncertainty.

Cyber tuition cap for 2025-26 is reported to be \$11,500 for regular education students.

Taxing games of skill to help fund public education. This would give taxpayers a break on property taxes.

Ms. Kinkus reported that PTO held its last official meeting for the 24-25 school year on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The officers for the PTO Board for the 2025-2026 school year are Laura Lester, President; Crystal Press, Vice President; Hannah Kilchenstein, Treasurer; and Angela Pena, Secretary.

PTO LIAISON

The Mother and Son Movie Matinee and the Father and Daughter Dance were both huge successes. A wonderful time was had by all. We would like to thank everyone who participated and volunteered their time. A special thank you to the Helping Hands students and the parent volunteers.

Hershey Park tickets were distributed last week. Parents should have received their ticket orders on Thursday of last week.

The PTO has sponsored or will sponsor the following fund requests from the schools: T-shirts for the Reading Olympics students at the High School; the Reward Party for the students in Darragh & Gregan class at Hopewell; extra clothes for the nurse's office at Nottingham; the bus transportation for the Envirothon students at Hopewell; three

scholarships for High School seniors Sophia Kinkus, Omar Chavez and Warren Simms in the amount of \$1,500.00; water for the students at Penn's Grove during the PSSA's; Soft Pretzels for the students at Hopewell School during PSSA testing; and Moms and Muffins at Hopewell School.

PTO also provided a Chick-fil-A lunch for all teachers and staff across the district during Teacher Appreciation Week.

The final bus ride for the graduating Class of 2025 will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The busses will depart from the High School at 9:30 a.m., ride past the elementary and Middle Schools, and proceed through town. If you wish to cheer on the students as they pass, make sure you are at your desired location by 9:30 a.m.

The PTO would like to thank you for a fabulous school year. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your board meeting as the PTO liaison. I hope everyone has a wonderful break over the summer months.

Mr. Patterson reported that the committee met on May 13, 2025. The addition of a Middle School Cross Country and Ninth Grade Volleyball teams were discussed.

**ATHLETIC AND
STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

There were eight student athletes who signed up to play their sport at the college level.

Unified Track competed in a tournament and was awarded second place.

Homecoming and First Friday were discussed.

The committee will meet again in June.

Mr. Patterson reported that the committee met on May 13, 2025, and discussed the Jordan Bank concerns and clean up.

**FACILITIES AND
SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The gym fire extinguisher exposure was addressed.-

Mrs. Vendrick stated that the committee met on May 20, 2025, prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Price updated the committee on a teacher pipeline. This will be run through West Chester University. Students are who are interested in becoming teachers will be mentored through this pipeline and may be selected for teaching positions within the Oxford Area School District.

**EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

Dr. Woods gave the withdraw trend numbers for the last quarter. Fifteen students enrolled and four withdrew.

The next Education Committee will be held on August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kloss stated the committee met on May 12, 2025. Changes to the General Fund Budget specifically regarding state funding.

**FINANCE AND BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Contract was discussed, compared to other districts, Oxford is in a good position with rates going into the 2025-26 school year.

The Committee held a conversation around finalizing the Bond Sale. OASD was slightly below the rate which was predicted. This will provide some savings in the first two years with debt service.

Mr. Blessington stated the Policy Committee met May 13, 2025. Policy 6300 is still being discussed. The expectation is that Policy 6300 will be presented in June.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Career Day at Jordan Bank took place on March 1st, thanks to the efforts of our school counselor, Lori Saporosa. She coordinated a diverse lineup of professionals—including a scientist, astronomer, photographer, firefighter, and police officer, to introduce our kindergarteners to various career paths.

**REPORT OF
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

End-of-year programs and Moving Up ceremonies are now underway. Our music teacher, Peyton Beebe, created a delightful performance to highlight the talents of our soon-to-be first graders. Meanwhile, art teacher, Andrea Stoltzfus has transformed our hallways with student artwork inspired by the theme "A Journey Around the World".

This Friday, students will enjoy a fun-filled Game Day organized by our Health and PE teacher, Mollie Steigerwalt. To conclude the year, rising first graders will visit Elk Ridge School for a tour on June 3, 2025.

Elk Ridge students and staff celebrated Pretzel Day on Friday, April 25, 2025. A special thanks to Herr's for their generous donation of pretzels.

Elk Ridge students recently enjoyed their field trips. The first graders visited Plumpton Park Zoo, and the 2nd graders visited White Clay Creek State Park.

The Elk Ridge second graders will visit Nottingham Elementary on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, to visit third grade classrooms.

Students and staff are looking forward to Field Day on Friday, May 23, 2025, and KJ day on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Grade 4 Students will be attending the Stroud Nature Preserve in late May to learn about natural resources and land conservation.

Nottingham's Envirothon Team participated in the 2025 Chester County Envirothon Competition on April 23, 2025. The theme this year was "Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change". Team Nottingham did an outstanding job at the Envirothon Competition at Hibernia Park.

Thirty-one elementary schools participated. Overall Nottingham finished in first place (tied with Hopewell) for the overall top team scores. This year competitors had to learn about Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, and Outdoor Safety.

On Thursday, May 15, 2025, Nottingham held their Grade 4 Spring Band and Chorus Concert at Penn's Grove Auditorium. On Thursday, May 22, 2025, Nottingham will host their Grade 3-4 Orchestra Concert, at 7:00 p.m., in the Penn's Grove Auditorium.

Nottingham Career Day was held Friday May 16, 2025. A shout out of thanks to Nadine Callan, Nottingham's Guidance Counselor, for organizing this amazing experience for the students. Students had the

opportunity to learn about many careers such as Nursing, EMT, Mechanics, Farrier (Horseshoeing), Robotics, Human Resource, and Entomology to name a few.

Nottingham's Field Day is scheduled for May 29, 2025.

On May 9, 2025, Hopewell honored moms and special women through our annual Moms and Muffins to celebrate Mother's Day. There were over 450 attendees, and the students enjoyed breakfast with their moms and special ladies in their lives. Thank you to all of our attendees and PTO for funding this memorable event!

The Hopewell Band, Chorus and Orchestra did an amazing job at the Spring Concert. We are so proud of their efforts and hard work. Special thanks to our directors Mr. Maule, Ms. Goldschmidt, Ms. Renz, and Ms. Hudson.

On May 14, 2025, Hopewell took 5 busses, and the Hornet Hauler filled with over 290 students and staff to Weather Education Day at Citizens Bank Park. Students enjoyed watching NBC 10 Meteorologists and the Franklin Institute Scientists demonstrate investigations on the field. The Hopewell group attended the Phillies and Cardinals game. The Phillies won and the day was a success. Students are able to go on this incentive trip if they have shown good progress, attendance and positive choices. Students also had to write an essay reflecting back on the school year.

The Hershey Band, Chorus and Orchestra trip took place on May 16, 2025. Students brought home trophies and scored excellent. We are so proud of them.

The Shakespeare Festival was held on May 19, 2025. Our students brought home individual and group awards. Special thanks to Ms. Goldschmidt who was the coordinator of Shakespeare and our students who worked hard for months and gave an outstanding performance. Penn's Grove has completed PSSA's and is currently providing rewards for students for productive participation.

The Fine Arts night on May 8, 2025, was an excellent display of our art and music department.

Our seventh and eighth grade dinner dance was Saturday, May 10, 2025. The students looked amazing and had a great time.

"Music in the Park" was on Friday, May 16, 2025. Overall performances for the Band and Orchestra were in the top three places and at an excellent or superior score. Our chorus also ranked in the top three places with excellent ratings.

On Monday, May 19, 2025, our Shakespeare group performed at Cheney University and received a group award.

End of the year activities are on the move. We will be celebrating the end of the year with an Amazing Race, Field Day, Carnival and our Talent Show.

At the High School they wrap up Keystones on May 21, & 22, 2025. The students have been working hard to complete their Biology, Algebra, and Literature exams and we appreciate everyone's efforts in helping them to run as smoothly as possible.

Senior Finals are underway. They will conclude on Friday, May 23, 2025. Underclassmen finals will begin June 4, 2025, and finish on June 9, 2025. This is a stressful time for our students so we want to remind parents/guardians to make sure they're getting enough rest, quality food, and just checking in on their overall well-being.

Graduation is set for Friday, May 30, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Woods reminded all that there are only four weeks of school left in the 2024-25 school year. Wonderful things are happening K-12. Oxford continues to move forward as is demonstrated with our Summer Academies and facility improvements. Thank you to all the entities who create a unified front for Oxford Area School District.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Mr. Patterson recognized persons who requested to be placed on the the agenda.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO REQUESTED TO BE

There were none.

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Warren, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Name: Anthony Giancatarino
Position: Special Education Teacher, Penn's Grove School
Effective: June 30, 2025

Name: Hannah Thompson
Position: Kindergarten Teacher, Jordan Bank School
Effective: June 30, 2025

Name: Rachael Segura-Bommelyn
Position: Special Education Teacher, Jordan Bank School
Effective: June 30, 2025

Extended School Year Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 31, 2025
Teachers: Shannon Ciarlone, Siobhan Kelly, Susan McDonald, Karen Powers, Alicia Shoop, Amy Swisher
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Summer Extended Learning Program Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 31, 2025
Teachers: Elizabeth Baity, Germaine Baughman, Maureen Bowie-Colgan, Courtney Doyle, Erika Emling, Andrea Gillinger, Zachery Hamilton, Elizabeth Hanna, Olivia Hocker, Lisa Malone, Kristen McDermott, Heather McGinn, Courtney Shahadi
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Summer Extended Learning Program Substitute Teacher Appointments

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 31, 2025
Teachers: Kara Eden
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

2 5. Computer Science Coding Academy

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 10, 2025
Teacher: Jason McLead
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Music Academy

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 24, 2025
Teachers: Abigail Hudson, Ryan Maule, Sarah Renz
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Stem Academy

Dates: July 14, 2025, through July 17, 2025
Teacher: John Barcus
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Young Authors Academy

Dates: July 21, 2025, through July 24, 2025
Teacher: Karen Gregan
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Summer School Nurse Appointment

Dates: July 7, 2025, through July 31, 2025
Nurse: Nichole Schillereff
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Substitute School Nurse Appointment

Dates: July 7, 2025 through July 31, 2025 (as needed)
Nurse: Sherry Wood
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Summer School Speech and Language Pathologist

Dates: July 7, 2025 through July 31, 2025 (as needed)
Teacher: Ashley Whiteman
Location: Hopewell School
Salary: \$40.00 per hour

Salary Change

Socash, Joshua from 15 M + 30 \$84,967.00 to 15 M + 45 \$86,732.00 effective February 1, 2025

Contract with R. Brooks Mechanical LLC for maintaining hot and chilled water rooftop air handling units and VFD drives at the High School beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$23,795.00.

Contract with Frey Lutz for building automation systems and temperature controls for Hopewell Elementary School beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$112,816.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract renewal with NRG Building Services for building automation systems and temperature controls for Penn's Grove Middle School, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$16,240.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for Building Automation System, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$101,574.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract renewal with Siemens Industry, Inc. for fire and life safety equipment, district-wide, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 6/30/2027, in the amount of \$83,951.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with SAH Inc. for security and fire monitoring services throughout the district beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,660.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Bonfitto, for maintenance to district boilers beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$14,675.00, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract renewal with Premium Power Services, LLC for service and maintenance of generators throughout the district beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,270.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Kurita America Inc., for water treatment services throughout the district in the amount of \$12,285.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Kistler O'Brien for inspection and maintenance services of fire extinguishers beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$6,582.50.

Contract with Filter Services, Inc. for HVAC filter change services beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$42,904.45 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Wayman Fire Protection, Inc. for testing and inspection of fire safety equipment at Hopewell Elementary School, Penn's Grove Middle School, and Oxford Area High School beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Contract with Foley CAT for preventative maintenance and minor repairs on the District's CAT equipment beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$5,630.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Combat Elevator Inc. for monthly maintenance of hydraulic passenger elevators and wheelchair lifts throughout the district beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$8964.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract with Windview Athletic Fields for maintenance of fields throughout the district beginning March 2023 and ending December 2025 in the amount of \$107,000.00 for the 2025 school year.

Contract with Deerfield Mowing & Property Management, Inc. for mowing and landscaping throughout the district beginning March 15, 2023, and ending December 15, 2025, in the amount of \$82,995.00 for the 2025 school year.

Contract with Western Pest Services for pest control district-wide beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$7,909.44.

Contract with Facility One for maintenance/custodial requests throughout the district beginning June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$3,347.50.

Contract with Imonnit for temperature/humidity sensors for Jordan Bank, Elk Ridge, and Nottingham beginning June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$750.00.

Contract with TourTrax for the handheld device and software to report checkpoint tags throughout the district beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$1,164.00.

Student Participation Fees

High School Sports	\$75
Penn's Grove Sports	\$75
High School Parking	\$75

Annual Appointments

School Physician

Appointment of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Care Network as the school district's physician for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$125 per hour.

School Dentist

Appointment of Dr. Drew Eckman, DDS, as the school district's dentist for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$65 per hour.

Curriculum, Technology & Library Materials and Supplies

Approval to sell and/or repurpose all outdated curriculum, technology, and library materials, supplies, and equipment.

Appointment of Solicitor

Approval of Rinaldi and Poveromo, P.C., as the school district's solicitor, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a rate of \$165 per hour for attorneys and \$45 per hour for paraprofessionals.

Appointment of Auditor

Approval of the appointment of Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP, for an Audit of the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Oxford Area School District for the year ending June 30, 2025, not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Special Education Contracts

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and The Deverux Foundation for contracted student-specific educational and related services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and General Healthcare Resources, LLC d/b/a GHR for contracted student-specific related services for the 2025-2026.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and LearnWell for student-specific educational services.

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for student-specific ESY 2025 services.

Contract with Harrington LLC

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and Harrington Education LLC for K-12 virtual learning model design and consulting services.

Annual Appointments

The appointment of Truist Financial, Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, WSFS, First Resource Bank, Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund, Pennsylvania Local Government Trust, and First Citizens Community Bank as depositories for the 2025/2026 school year.

1302 Student Students

Students named on the attached list are considered residents of the school district for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with Section 1302 of the Public-School Code.

Athletics Subscription

Contract between the Oxford Area School District and A Better Way Athletics (ABW), for subscription services starting 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2025, in the amount of \$15,000 per year as per the attached.

Stadium Lighting Bid

Agreement to accept the stadium lighting bid proposal from Greg A. Vietri Inc., as per the attached.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT RESOLVED, **FINAL BUDGET**
That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby adopts the 2025- **ADOPTION**
2026 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$91,664,342.00 as prepared
on for PDE 2028.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT RESOLVED, **COMMUNICATION**
That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby agrees to move **AUDIT**
Forward with the Communication Audit of the Oxford Area School District.

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Kloss, BE IT RESOLVED, **ANNUAL TAX LEVY**
the Board of School Directors of the Oxford Area School District,
Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to the authority granted by the Public-School Code of 1949, Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, as amended, Article VI, Section 672, 24 P.S. 6-672, and the General County Assessment Law, Act of May 22, 1933, P.L. 853, as amended, 72 P.S. 5020- 101 et seq., there is hereby levied upon all real estate within the Oxford Area School District which may lawfully be taxed a tax equal to 38.4391 mills multiplied by the assessed valuation thereof, said tax being at the rate of \$3.84391 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation of property taxable hereunder.

SECTION TWO: All taxpayers subject to the payment of the tax upon real estate herein levied and assessed shall be entitled to a discount of two percent (2%) of the amount of said tax upon making payment of the whole amount thereof on or before August 31, 2025. All taxpayers who fail to make payment of any such tax on or before October 31, 2025, shall be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of said tax, which penalty shall be added to the tax.

SECTION THREE: All taxpayers subject to the payment of the tax upon real estate herein levied and assessed shall be entitled to pay the tax in three (3) equal installment payments due on or before August 1, 2025, September 15, 2025, and October 31, 2025. The first installment payment must be made by August 1, 2025, in order to continue making installment payments. Subsequent installment payments shall be deemed delinquent if paid after October 31, 2025, and in such event, a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to any unpaid balance, which penalty shall be added to the tax. Where payment of taxes is made on the installment basis, no discount shall be allowed on said taxes as provided for in Section Two above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section

SECTION FOUR: This resolution and the tax hereby levied shall be effective during the fiscal year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Aye: 7 Nay: 1 (Kehs)

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT **HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD**
RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Oxford Area School **EXCLUSION**
District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization - July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-

established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$12,401. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$12,401. Based on the 2025-2026 millage of 38.4391, the real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$476.68.

For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. The homestead/farmstead assessed value reduction will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or before July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

Aye: 7 Nay: 1 (Kehs)

On motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby consents to Preliminary approval of high school novels, as per the attached list.

**PRELIMINARY
CURRICULUM
REVIEW**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, Seconded by Mrs. Vendrick, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the application for Flexible Instructional Days (FIDS) for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and the 2027-2028 school years as per the attached.

**FLEXIBLE
INSTRUCTION
DAYS**

Aye: 3 Nay: 5 (Atkinson, Blessington, Kehs, Kloss, Patterson)
Motion Failed

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Kehs, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the offering of credit recovery through the Hornet Virtual Academy (HVA), at a fee of \$175.00 per course for the summer of 2025.

**SUMMER CREDIT
RECOVERY**

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mr. Blessington, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the contract between the Oxford Area School District and Oxford Transportation Inc., for transportation services effective July 1, 2025, as per the attached.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Kehs, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the revision of the following policy:

POLICY REVISION

3000 Series - Business

Policy # 3950 - Safety and Health

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mrs. Vendrick, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby approves the readoption of the following policies:

POLICY READOPTIION

4000 Series - Business

- Policy # 4000 - Employment of District Staff
- Policy # 4010 - Employment of Administrators
- Policy # 4020 - Personnel Files
- Policy # 4030 - Resignation Policy
- Policy # 4100 - Appointment and Transfer
- Policy # 4110 - Assignment and Transfer: Request for Transfer
- Policy # 4120 - Assignment and Transfer: Notification of District Vacancies
- Policy # 4130 - Identification Cards
- Policy # 4200 - Teacher Arrival and Departure Time

5000 Series - Students

5490 - Bullying and Cyberbullying

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

On motion by Mr. Kloss, seconded by Mrs. Kehs, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby suspends Robert's Rules of Order.

SUSPENSION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Mr. Patterson suspends his role as president and requests the appointment of President Pro Temp in order to complete a board task.

Mr. Cooney read the appointment of Tenille Dewees as President Pro Temp

On motion by Mr. Kloss, seconded by Mrs. Kehs, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby appoints Tenille Dewees as President Pro Temp.

VOTE FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

The duty of the Board President is to sign the diplomas of graduating seniors. Mrs. Dewees signed her child's diploma.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. Dewees resigned as President Pro Temp

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

Mr. Patterson resumes his role as Board President

PRESIDENT RESUMES CHAIR

On motion by Mrs. Kehs, seconded by Mrs. Vendrick, BE IT RESOLVED, That **REINSTATEMENT OF**
The Oxford Area Board of School Directors hereby reinstates Robert's **ROBERT'S RULES OF**
Rules of Order. Mr. Patterson resumes his role as Board President. **ORDER**

Aye: 8 Nay: 0

Mr. Patterson read the following dates and times for upcoming events. **CALENDAR**

Friday, May 30, 2025, Oxford Area High School Graduation, 6 p.m., Oxford Area High School
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Policy Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Athletics & Student Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Administration Building
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Facilities & Safety Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Administration
Building
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Work Session, 7 p.m., Administration Building
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building

Mr. Patterson announced that the Board will meet in executive session **ANNOUNCEMENT OF**
On June 17, 2025, to discuss the Safety and Security Report. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mrs. Dewees, seconded by Mr. Kloss, the regular meeting **ADJOURNMENT**
of the Oxford Area Board of School Directors adjourned at 9:21 p.m. by
a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Cooney
Board Secretary

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of public broadcast.*