

# BATH LOCAL SCHOOLS

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BATH BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT OF THE OSBA 2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM: Mr. White moved and Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion to approve the resolution recommending the amendment of the OSBA 2025 legislative platform; discussion followed.

WHEREAS, Bath Local School District is a member of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA); and

WHEREAS, the OSBA advocates through a “legislative platform” that is reviewed and amended each year by OSBA member districts; and

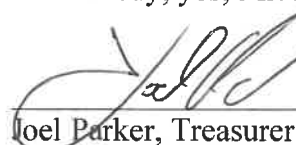
WHEREAS, the current legislative platform contains language related to maintaining locally elected school boards which exemplify representative government; and  
In 2013, a change was made to ORC 3311.19 with the intention of expanding the options that a local Board of Education has for appointing a board member for its Joint Vocational School District. Prior to this change, an individual had to be a serving member of the local Board of Education in order to be the representative to the Joint Vocational School District. Without the requirement to be actively serving on the local Board of Education, the current legal interpretation of ORC 3311.19 (B) is that an individual, once appointed, is entitled to complete the three-year term. In the event of a local Board of Education member retirement (not running for re-election), resigning from the local Board of Education within their elected term, or losing a re-election bid, that individual retains and completes the three-year appointed term to the Joint Vocational School District. This has removed the authority of the local Board of Education to have a proper and connected representative to the Joint Vocational School District. Additionally, it disenfranchises voters who choose to replace local Board of Education members but cannot affect their district’s representation to the Joint Vocational School District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on March 19, 2024, the Bath Local School District Board of Education recommends the following language changes be added to the legislative platform under the “Locally elected boards of education”:

- OSBA supports legislation that empowers local school boards to appoint the best qualified representatives to its Joint Vocational School District Board
- OSBA opposes legislation that entitles appointees to Joint Vocational School District Boards to terms that extend beyond their local board term due to retirement (choice to not run), resignation, or loss in re-election.

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal action of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Mr. White, yes; Mr. Kennedy, yes; Mr. Leidy, yes; Mrs. Kelley, yes; Mrs. Ernest, yes; motion carried.

  
Joel Parker, Treasurer