

## Defiance County Board of DD Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2026

5:15 pm

- The March regular board meeting of the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities was held March 24, 2026 at the Defiance County Board of DD.
- The meeting was called to order by Ms. Kim Hurtig at 5:15 p.m. Board members present were Ms. Jami Cameron, Mr. Clayton Crates, Ms. Roberta Phlipot and Ms. Ruby Schindler. Board members Ms. Beth Headley and Ms. Stephanie Meyer were excused. Approximately 5 others, consisting of Board employees were also present.
- Motion was made by Ms. Cameron and seconded by Mr. Crates to approve the February 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Cameron to approve the February 2026 Financial Documents.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- The leadership team highlighted the following strategic plan updates:

We participated in the Make-It Take-It resource event last week at Defiance College. We made great connections with families and other professionals from all over Northwest Ohio. We shared tools for self-regulation, early child development, technology, and motivational tools for parents and children to use. Each agency provided attendees with giveaways they could take home and use right away.

We began using Individual Support Service funds to pay for one on one staff to attend community camps with children with disabilities. This allows them to join in with their peers and enjoy the opportunity to attend camps. We started last summer with Soil and Water's nature camp and the staff and children had a great experience.

A parent group called Caring Connections meets weekly and we provide childcare for the 90-minute meeting. The group uses their time to share resources, build relationships, and share their struggles.

23 adult individuals are receiving Self-Directed transportation. This is a service that is free to the individuals and enables them to get out and about in their community. For years we have struggled with rural transportation and want to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come in meeting this crucial need.

We received funds from a State Grant called Keeping Families Together. Along with meeting the needs of children with significant challenges, we are building a sensory lending library. The library will contain items like weighted vests and blankets, a calming canoe that provides pressure, and other items families can borrow to try before they commit to purchase.

- Motion was made by Ms. Cameron and seconded by Ms. Hurtig to approve the 2026-2027 Agency/School Calendar.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to approve the Managed Internal Broadband Service Order/Quote from Northern Buckeye Education Council, effective 7/1/2026-6/30/2031.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- Motion was made by Ms. Hurtig and seconded by Mr. Crates to approve the Resolution pertaining to the Provision of Educational Services for 2026-2027 School Year.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Phlipot to approve the Purchase of Alternative Protein Products Policy.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*
- Motion was made by Ms. Schindler and seconded by Ms. Cameron to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.  
*Motion approved unanimously.*

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Roberta Phlipot, Board Recording Secretary

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Date