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Coshocton City Schools Board of Education President Susan Mann and Treasurer Terri Eyerman are shown at the Nov. 19 school board meeting in the library of Coshocton Elementary School, where the district and the teachers union agreed to a new contract. LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

TEACHERS GET RAISES, BACK PAY

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COSHOCTON – After four months of working without a contract, teachers with Coshocton City Schools have a new agreement they feel addresses concerns of pay and educator attraction and retention.

The board of education approved a new contract with the Coshocton City Education Association at its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 19.

The union had previously ratified the contract. It runs retroactively from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028.

Contract highlights

A primary component of the new agreement is a 4.5% pay increase over the contract's two years, 2.25% each year. This includes backpay to July, something the education associate strongly pushed for.

The contract also creates a financial roundtable that will meet twice a year to review the district's financial health with an emphasis on public transparency and accountability.

On the roundtable will be the superintendent, treasurer, one member appointed by the CCEA, one member appointed by the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, one member appointed by the board and up to three community members.

Hourly rates were also increased for some supplemental positions including class coverage, detention, after school teaching and alternative discipline on Saturdays. Stipends were

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COSHOCTON COUNTY

Officials confirm measles case

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A Coshocton County resident has tested positive for measles, prompting local health officials to monitor potential exposures and warn that additional cases could emerge.

The Coshocton Public Health District announced the laboratory-confirmed case Nov. 19 and is working with the Ohio Department of Health to identify and notify anyone who may have been exposed.

The health district did not release the age or gender of the person who tested positive or where in Coshocton County he or she lives. The Tribune has requested additional information from the health district, including any public exposure dates and locations.

"CPHD is actively monitoring Coshocton County residents who may have been exposed, and anticipate that additional cases are possible. Staff is conducting investigations and notifying anyone that may have had close contact with the individual while they were contagious," Coshocton County Health Commissioner Kristina Bell said in a public release. "CPHD's priority is to protect the health of our community while limiting the spread of measles. We encourage community members that are not fully vaccinated or unsure of their status to contact Coshocton Public Health District."

Multiple outbreaks

Ohio is one of the many states experiencing a measles outbreak this year. The Ohio Department of Health reported 327 measles cases across 26 counties this year, as of Nov. 12.

Ohio recorded 45 measles cases in 2025, seven in 2024 and one in 2023, according to ODH. The state also

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Coshocton land bank settles with contractor, bars future business

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COSHOCTON – The Coshocton County land bank has agreed to a settlement with a demolition contractor.

Land Clearing Specialists will receive $10,602 for preliminary work on seven properties under an Ohio Department of Development grant program for razing vacant and blighted structures.

The settlement includes a provision that Land Clearing Specialists nor its subcontractor, Aster Oilfield Services, nor personnel affiliated with either company can do any future business with the land bank.

Land bank board members voted unanimously for the settlement during a special meeting on Nov. 18.

The cost of the settlement covers asbestos surveys, employee labor and vehicle mileage to job sites. Charges were based on an itemized list provided by Land Clearing Specialists' attorneys and reviewed by land bank director Hannah Gallagher.

Dispute over asbestos costs

At its August meeting, the land bank awarded seven demolition projects to Land Clearing Specialists. The company

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The Coshocton County land bank is reassigning demolition work at a dilapidated Township Road 281 property after a dispute over asbestos abatement costs with contractor Land Clearing Specialists and subcontractor Aster Oilfield Services. LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

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