

**City Board of Education
Washington Court House City Schools
Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

The Board of Education of the City School District of Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio met in regular session pursuant to the rules of section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, at 306 Highland Avenue, on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM and proceeded to consider business under section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Camp. Dr. Camp asked Mr. Bunch to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL (Agenda Item 2)

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bunch
Dr. Camp
Mrs. Downing
Mrs. Lynch
Mr. Upthegrove

Others Present:

Chris Briggs
Becky Mullins
Lisa Robinson
Kaleena Wiseman
Megan Anderson
Meghan Griffith
Chris McAndrew
Kim Hays
Jacob Hays
Brook Mudd
Wanda Carter
Todd Carter
Tim Wiseman
Amy Brown
Brady Streitenberger
Joe Kimling
April Self
Tyler Flora
Rob Mullins
Stephenie Starkey
Heidi Robertson
Jerrica Stackhouse

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 3)

Dr. Briggs will separate item M 17.

Mrs. Mullins will separate item B 12.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

The minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting were included with the agenda. President Camp asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes.

Motion 2026-30

Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the approval of the minutes.

Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea, Mr. Upthegrove, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING AN AGENDA ITEM (Agenda Item 5)

None

PRESENTATIONS (Agenda Item 6)

- **Washington Middle School Presentation – Ms. Meghan Griffith**
- **Curriculum Adoption and Gifted Services Presentation – Mrs. Amy Brown and Mrs. Amy Frederick**
- **Introduction of Dublin Driving School – Mr. Brady Streitenberger**
- **Board Legislative Liaison Report – Zach Camp**
- **Student Achievement Liaison Report – Wendy Downing**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Briggs (Agenda Item 7)

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following personnel items:

A. Resignations:

1. Mary Bailey – 3rd grade teacher at Belle Aire Intermediate School, effective August 1, 2026
2. Jan Bihl – Substitute teacher, effective April 13, 2026
3. (Victoria) Rose Dailey – 1st grade teacher at Cherry Hill Primary School, effective August 3, 2026
4. Randi DeWees – 3rd grade teacher at Belle Aire Intermediate School, effective August 1, 2026
5. Jared McLeland – 2nd grade teacher at Cherry Hill Primary School, effective August 2, 2026
6. Cain Sever – Educational aide, effective August 2, 2026
7. Ken Smith – Bus driver, effective March 25, 2026
8. Amy Williams – Substitute educational aide, effective June 1, 2026

B. Revised Contract:

1. Rennea Burley – Full year mentor contract revised to half year mentor contract for 2025-2026 school year

C. Employment:

1. Ashley Beatty – Intervention specialist at Washington High School for the 2026-2027 school year
2. Cadence Cupp – 2nd grade teacher at Cherry Hill Primary School for 2026-2027 school year, pending licensure and background checks
3. Tom Dean – Counselor on special assignment for 2026-2027, pending background checks
4. Kayla Marlowe – Intervention specialist at Cherry Hill Primary School for 2026-2027 school year, pending background checks
5. Jennifer Mihalik – Literacy instructional coach for grades 6-12 for the 2026-2027 school year, pending background checks
6. Richard Oakes – 2nd grade teacher at Cherry Hill Primary School for 2026-2027, pending licensure
7. Scott Rolf – Math instructional coach for grades 6-12 for the 2026-2027 school year, pending background checks
8. Mackenzie Snarr – Intervention specialist at Cherry Hill Primary School for 2026-2027, pending licensure and background checks
9. Kaleena Wiseman – Intervention specialist at Belle Aire Intermediate School for the 2026-2027 school year, pending licensure and background checks
10. Kyle Hoppes – Van driver, effective March 30, 2026
11. Larry Votaw – Big Blue Bus worker
- Substitute Teachers
12. Abigail Ellison
13. Tristin Vail

D. Administrator Employment:

1. Wanda Carter – Assistant principal of Cherry Hill Primary School, effective August 1, 2026 – 2-year contract (26-28)

E. Administrator Contracts:

1. Amy Brown – 3- year contract (26-29)
2. Brian Cartwright – 3- year contract (26-29)
3. Amy Frederick – 3- year contract (26-29)
4. Scott Landrum – 3 – year contract (26-29)
5. Chris McAndrew – 3 – year contract (26-29)
6. Laura McNamara - 3- year contract (26-29)
7. Brady Streitenberger -3- year contract (26-29)

F. Non-Renewal of Supplemental Contracts: Titled as Exhibit F of supplemental contracts non-renewed for 2026-2027 school year as attached.**G. Non-Renewal of Classified Aide Contracts:** Titled as Exhibit G of classified aide contracts non-renewed for 2026-2027 school year as attached.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following instructional items:

H. Curriculum Adoption for Social Studies Grades 6-12: The grades 6-12 social studies teachers recommended National Geographic Learning/Cengage, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

I. Local Literacy Plan: See attachment.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following service item:

J. Component Sales Agreement with MVECA: This purchase and sales agreement for eligible broadband internal connections components. See attachment.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following operational items:

K. Rental and Facility Use Requests:

1. Shawn Remington, representing Fayette Heritage Foundation requested the use of McHenry Field for an event called Veterans of 1776 Festival on the weekend of April 17- 19, 2026. A liability policy was received.
2. Mason Coffman, representing Excel Athletix requested to rent the track for summer training sessions and speed camps. The dates are June 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 26, 29, July 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 29, 31, August 3, 5 from 11 AM – 12 PM and June 3, 19, July 1, 24 from 5 PM – 7 PM. The rental amount of \$3500.00 is due and an updated liability policy has been requested.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following athletic items:

L. Athletic Supplemental Contract Resignation:

1. Ashley Deatley – Head volleyball coach

M. Athletic Supplemental Contracts:

The following personnel are recommended for employment on the Supplemental Salary Schedule for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 and continuing. Pursuant to ORC 3313.53, vacant positions were posted for certificated employees and certificated non-employees and no persons may have applied for or accepted the positions. For the positions for which there were no qualified certificated individuals, qualified non-certificated individuals may be recommended. All coaching recommendations are subject to holding valid pupil activity permits.

1. Glendon Haithcock – Volunteer softball coach, effective March 26, 2026 (non-certificated)
2. Chuck Williamson – Head football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
3. Tyler Flora – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
4. Alan Preston – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027 (certificated)

5. Richard Oakes – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027 (certificated)
6. Jeremiah Eplin – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027, ½ contract (non-certificated)
7. Matt Pfeifer – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027, ½ contract (non-certificated)
8. Matt Williams – Assistant football coach for 2026-2027, ½ contract (non-certificated)
9. Jacob VanMeter – Volunteer football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
10. Steve Osborne – Volunteer football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
11. Tim Wiseman - Volunteer football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
12. Wes Gibbs - Volunteer football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
13. Roger Wilson – Volunteer football coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)
14. Kyle Maust – Head girls golf coach for 2026-2027 (certificated)
15. Shannon Bartruff – Head boys golf coach for 2026-2027 (certificated)
16. Kirt Mowery – Assistant boys golf coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)

Motion 2026-31

Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the Superintendent's report A-M 16.

Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

17. Jason Wynne – Volunteer golf coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)

Motion 2026-32

Mrs. Downing moved to accept the Superintendent's report M 17.

Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, nay; Dr. Camp, yea (4 yeas)

(1 nay)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

18. Valaria Campbell – Head cheer coach for fall and winter of 2026-2027 (certificated)
19. Zach Collett – Head cross country coach for 2026-2027 (non-certificated)

Motion 2026-33

Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the Superintendent's report M 18-19.

Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Mullins (Agenda Item 8)

- A. The Treasurer recommended the approval of the financial reports for March 2026.
- B. The Treasurer recommended acceptance of the following donations:
 1. \$5.00 – Board Member Support
 2. \$18.00 – Anonymous – High School Vocal Music
 3. \$55.76 – Palaskas Scholarship
 4. \$150.00 – Penny Pals, United Way
 5. \$400.00 – 32nd Degree Masons of Fayette County Scottish Rite – Big Blue Bus
 6. \$500.00 – Greg & Christy Wall – Baseball
 7. \$828.00 Blue Lion Athletic Boosters – DECA
 8. \$977.72 – Stella Doster Hendryx and Elizabeth H Devins Palaskas Scholarship
 9. \$1,000.00 – Walmart, Spark Good Local Grant – Boys Golf Camp Fund
 10. \$2,815.65 – Blue Lion Youth Basketball – Athletics
 11. \$3,430.00 – Amazon Fayette County Community Fund Grant – Middle School Principal Fund

Motion 2026-34

Mr. Bunch moved to accept the Treasurer's report A-B 11.

Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

12. \$3,542.25 – Blue Lion QB Club – Football

Motion 2026-35

Mrs. Downing moved to accept the Treasurer's report B 12.

Mr. Upthegrove seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mr. Bunch, abstain; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; (4 yeas)

(1 abstention)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

13. \$4,100.00 – Fayette Aerie Eagles – Art Club for Chicago Trip

14. \$5,000.00 – Galloway Baseball Club – Football

15. \$9,000.00 – Katherine E. Parrett Trust Scholarship

C. The Treasurer recommended acceptance of the following funds:

1. \$431.54 – Title IV Part A Student Support & Academic Enrichment Programs
2. \$4,009.96 – Improving Teacher Quality
3. \$4,233.12 – JV38 K-12 Network Subsidy
4. \$4,880.42 – McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program
5. \$74,049.14 – Public School Preschool
6. \$99,616.46 – IDEA Part B Special Education, Assistance for all Children with Disabilities Ages 3-21
7. \$189,832.20 – Title I Disadvantaged Children

D. At the request of the State Auditor, any invoice of \$3,000 or more without prior approval will need to be board approved. Therefore, the Treasurer recommended the approval of the payment of the following:

1. \$7,558.82 to Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for excess cost tuition for a student for the 2024-2025 schoolyear
2. \$24,000.00 to Haugland Learning Center, LLC for a student placement and speech services from February 9 – March 31, 2026

E. The Treasurer recommended the acceptance of the Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with First State Bank to hold the active and inactive depository accounts for the district for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2031. See attachment.

- F.** The Treasurer recommended approval to write off \$1285.05 in uncollectible debt and to transfer \$173.05 of that from the general fund to the food service fund and the remainder of the amount of \$1,112.00 was for general fees.
- G.** The Treasurer recommended approval of amended appropriations for FY26 as attached.

Motion 2026-36

Mr. Bunch moved to accept the Treasurer's report B 13-G.

Mr. Upthegrove seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item 9)

(No more than 3 minutes per individual).

Washington Court House City Schools welcome discussion, comments and ideas to grow the District. However, complaints about public school employees should be made through the procedure outlined in Board Policy and not in open session.

None

OLD BUSINESS (Agenda Item 10)

None

NEW BUSINESS (Agenda Item 11)

- A. A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Renew A School District Income Tax And Requesting Certification Of Alternative Tax Rates (R.C. 5748.02):** See attachment.

Motion 2026-37

Mrs. Downing moved to accept the Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Renew A School District Income Tax And Requesting Certification Of Alternative Tax Rates.

Mr. Bunch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

- B. Authorization to purchase up to \$100,000.00 in school supplies for grades K-8 for the 2026-2027 school year**

Motion 2026-38

Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the Authorization to purchase up to \$100,000.00 in school supplies for grades K-8 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 12)

- A. Inter-District Open Enrollment:** Inter-district open enrollment applications for the 2026-2027 school year will take place during **the entire months of April 2026 and May 2026**. Under the inter-district open enrollment policy, students from any district in Ohio may be admitted to the Washington C.H. City Schools tuition free providing all guidelines are met. Guidelines for open enrollment will be included with the application. Students now attending under open enrollment must re-apply each new school year. A separate application is required for each student. Those interested in applying for open enrollment are directed to complete the form on the Washington Court House City Schools website. Click on “student registrations” and then on “open enrollment”. **The form will open April 1, 2026 and close on May 31, 2026.** For questions, please call 740-335-6620.

- B. Kindergarten Registration for 2026-2027: Online registration** for Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year **will open on April 1, 2026** using FinalForms. **In-person registration** for the parent/guardian and the child **will be May 4, 2026 from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM** in the cafeteria at Cherry Hill Primary, 720 Oakland Avenue. Please have all documents uploaded into FinalForms prior to this date. The child will need to be present for a short assessment at the in-person registration. Children must be 5 years old by August 14, 2026 to enroll in kindergarten. Please note that registration for your child will not proceed without the following documents: immunization record (to include all required K shots); certified copy of birth certificate; parent driver’s license, state ID or current passport; proof of residency (deed/building permit, rental agreement, tax statement, voter registration card, mortgage/lease agreement, rent payment receipt/copy of money order for rent, utility bill, W-2, letter from parent’s employer on company letterhead to establish residency, parent affidavit forms 5111F2a/5111F2b); proof of custody with court stamped documents, if applicable. If your child needs kindergarten immunizations, you may contact the Fayette County Health Dept. at 740-335-5910.

- C. The Big Blue Bus:** The Big Blue Bus will be back on the road for the summer of 2026. Children (ages 1-18) are eligible for a free grab and go lunch and breakfast on Monday through Friday. Start date is June 1 through July 31, except July 3 and the week of the Fayette County Fair July 20-24. See the scheduled stops as listed.

Big Blue Bus Stops in Washington Court House

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM Grace Community Church – 525 Glenn Ave.
 10:55 AM – 11:15 AM Jenni Lane Area – 2130 Jenni Lane
 11:20 AM – 11:50 AM Riverbitch Greene – 1360 Forest St.
 11:55 AM- 12:25 PM Splash Pad – 310 Eyman Park Drive
 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Carnegie Public Library – 127 S. North St.
 1:05 PM – 1:25 PM South Side Church of Christ – 921 S. Fayette St.
 1:30 PM – 1:45 PM Christman Park – 1185 S. Elm St.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Inside Cafeteria of Wash High School – 400 S. Elm St.

Van Stops in Washington Court House & Surrounding Areas

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM Belle Aire Intermediate School – 1120 High St.
 10:55 AM – 11:15 AM YMCA – 100 Civic Drive
 11:20 AM – 11:50 AM Grace Methodist Church – 301 E. Market St.
 11:55 AM – 12:25 PM Fayette Christian School – 1315 Dayton Ave. NW

Little Blue Truck Stops to Areas in Fayette County

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM 23 W. High Street in Jeffersonville (Ball Fields)
 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM 103 Main Street in Bloomingburg (Dollar General)
 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM 9 Egypt Pike in New Holland (Park)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Agenda Item 13)

Motion 2026-39

Mrs. Downing moved to enter into executive session solely to discuss one or more of the following issues exempted from public sessions:

“Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, I hereby move that the Board adjourn to executive session for consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.”

Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea (5 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:08 PM.

The Board reentered Regular Session at 9:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 14)

Motion 2026-40

Mr. Upthegrove moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:

Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mrs. Lynch, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea
(5 yeas)

President Camp declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM

ATTEST
President

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the President, is written over a horizontal line.

Treasurer 

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Becky Mullins", is written over a horizontal line.