

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, April 19, 2021)

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Members present

Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

Also present were Interim Superintendent Micki Egli and Treasurer Adam Fisher

Meeting called to order at 6:45 P.M.**A. Meeting Opening**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. **2021-101 Approval of Minutes**

Recommend approval of the March 25, 2021 regular meeting of the West Branch Board of Education.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

B. Finance**1. 2021-102 March 2021 Financial Reports**

Recommend approval of the Financial report for March 2021.

Motion by Karen Rice, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

2. 2021-103 March 2021 Expenditures

Recommend approval of the Expenditures report for March 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

3. 2021-104 Appropriations

Recommend approval of Appropriations for 2020.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

4. 2021-105 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Recommend approval of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

5. 2021-106 Student Insurance

Recommend approval of Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company as the student insurance provider for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

6. 2021-107 April P.O.'s from March Invoices

Recommend to pay Educator's School Safety Network in the amount of \$9,372 and Mahoning County ESC for Title II in the amount of \$5903.86.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

7. 2021-108 March 2021 Transfers

Recommend approval of March 2021 transfer.

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

8. 2021-109 Project Lead the Way Transfer and Donation Corrections

Recommend approval of PLTW transfers and donation corrections done in March 2021.

Motion by Karen Rice, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

C. Recognitions

1. Post Season Honors

Girls Basketball

Division II Sectional Champions

EBC 1st Team: Jillian Pidgeon

EBC 2nd Team: Sydney Mercer

EBC Honorable Mention: Anna Lippiatt & Emma Egli

N.E.O. Inland District Division II: 2nd Team Jillian Pidgeon, Honorable Mention Sydney Mercer

Boys Basketball

Back-to-back EBC Champs

First Sectional Championship since 2008

EBC 1st Team: Jaxon Hendershott

EBC 2nd Team: Dru DeShields

EBC Honorable Mention: Josh Gregory & Jed Smith

New School Records:

Team Record. Gave up the least amount of points (41 PPG)

3-Pointers made in a game: 8 Jaxon Hendershott

3-Pointers made in a season: 73 Jaxon Hendershott

Season 3-Point %: 42% (73-174) Jaxon Hendershott

Wrestling

EBC 1st Team: Alex Courtney, Steven Marra, & Kenny Marra

EBC 2nd Team: Blake Schmidt

EBC Honorable Mention: Tyler Hicks & Greg Rockwell

Eastern Ohio Wrestling Honors:

EOWL 1st Team Kenny Marra, Alex Courtney, & Steven Marra

EOWL 2nd Team: Tyler Hicks, Michael Dorris, Blake Schmidt, Hudson Brink, & Greg Rockwell

EOWL Most Valuable Wrestling: Kenny Marra

State Qualifier: Kenny Marra

New School Record/Wrestling:

Career Wins- 164 Kenny Marra

Career Pins- 108 Kenny Marra

Cheerleading

Our competition squad competed in minimal competitions this year due to covid-19 restrictions. However, one accomplishment they achieved was that they took 6th in the Best in State competition (BITS) out of 18 squads.

2. Review Athletes of the Week

Congratulations to Alexa Gossett and Dru DeShields for being named Alliance Review Athlete of the Week.

D. Comments

1. WBEA Comments- None

2. WBCEA Comments- None

3. Visitor's Comments- None

E. Correspondence

F. Report to the Board

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Building Trades Partnership- partnership with a grant through the ESC of Eastern Ohio- Students enrolled in wood shop classes all four years of high school will graduate with pre-apprenticeship certification that would qualify them for entry into the building trades.
- b. Graduation Procedures 2021- Because the state is only allowing 25% capacity on indoor activities, Mrs. Egli proposed the graduation be held at Heacock Stadium on June 6 at 2:00 PM weather permitting. If there is rain, it will be moved to Monday June 7 at 7 PM, then Tuesday June 8 at 7 PM. More info will be coming out in written form very shortly.
- c. COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic- Governor DeWine is asking that local school districts partner with are providers to hold vaccination clinics fo any eligible students. Currently anyone 16 years old or older are eligible for the vaccination. We will partner with a local provider to establish dates and times for the clinic, and all information will be provided once these are established. Parents will need to sign a consent form and be present with their child when vaccination is given.
- d. Remote Learning Requirements for 2021-2022 School Year- Our data shows that a number of students in the Warrior Academy are not progressing at the same rate as our in-person students. In-Person learning is the best model for most students, and it is our intent to bring all students back to face-to-face instruction next school year. We understand that there will be some extenuating circumstances for a portion of our students to continue on a digital platform, so we will continue to offer Warrior Academy for grades 6-12 only. Students will need to apply into the program and only those considered in good academic standing will be considered for admittance.
- e. The ODE has stated that a fully remote model will no longer be permissible next school year and each district must select a remote learning pathway for the 21-22 school year. Unless something drastically changes, Mrs. Egli is recommending that West Branch Local Schools follow the Blended Learning option. This model requires an amount of time for each student to be in a supervised physical location away from home. Eligible students will complete most instruction via a remote learning platform and will be required to report to our Warrior Academy Lab for all tests and quizzes.

2. Principals' Reports

Reports are attached to board agenda

G. Old Business

1. 2021-110 Amend Resolution 2021-089

Recommend approval to amend resolution 2021-089, motion to accept the retirement of Chris Adams effective June 9, 2021 under the retire/rehire provision of the negotiated agreement.

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

H. New Business

1. 2021-111 NEOLA Policy – Revisions & Additions

Recommend the Board adopt the following NEOLA policy revisions, or additions effective immediately and waive the second reading.

Policy #3220

Policy #5530.05

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

2. 2021-112 Commencement – Graduates List (Pending Completion of Local & State Requirements)

Recommend approval of the list of graduates, pending completion of all West Branch High School and state requirements, for the commencement ceremony scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

3. 2021-113 College Credit Plus

Recommend approval to participate in the College Credit Plus Option for high school students for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

4. 2021-114 Success by Six

Recommend approval to adopt a resolution to provide a three-week, Pre-K Summer Intervention program funded through sources provided by the district and United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

The program outline is as follows: as part of a broader, more comprehensive Success by Six Initiative to address the needs of children in our community, United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning Valley will offer financial support for a total of \$9,000 (\$4,500 per unit for 2 units) for a three-week, four hour per day summer program.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

5. West Branch Education Association (W.B.E.A.) Bargaining Agreement

No Action Taken

6. 2021-115 Job Descriptions

Recommend approval to accept the job description for the following positions: Literacy/Mathematics Interventionist and Literacy/Mathematics Liaison.

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

7. 2021-116 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Recommend acceptance of gifts and donations, with gratitude, in the amount of \$23,382.77.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

I. Personnel

1. 2021-117 Retirement - Cheslik

Recommend approval of the retirement of Julie Cheslik as a Literacy Coach at the conclusion of the 2020 - 2021 school year (June 30, 2021).

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Karen Rice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

2. 2021-118 FMLA - Wutrick

Recommend approval to grant FMLA to Curt Wutrick from 2-8-21 to 4-16-21.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

3. 2021-119 Success by Six Administrator

Recommend approval to pay the administrative rate of \$30 per hour to Robert Graham as Administrator for the Success by Six 2021 summer program.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

4. 2021-120 Professional and Superintendent's Assignments

Recommend approval of Professional Leave/Superintendent's Assignment(s)* Requests.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

J. Executive Session**1. 2021-121 Executive Session Motion**

Recommend approval for the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:17 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

K. Adjournment**1. 2021-122 Adjourn**

Recommend motion to adjourn.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

