

The West Branch Local School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on January 27, 2021 at the West Branch High School.

Answering roll call were Mrs. Courtney Stryffeler, Mrs. Karen Rice, Mrs. Mikki Kanagy, Mr. Bryan Hobbins and Mr. Aaron Hawk.

Also present were Temporary Superintendent Mrs. Micki Egli.

President Mr. Aaron Hawk called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m

MEETING OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOGNITIONS:

Elks Teenagers of the Month: January – Justin Cederbloom
Jordan Anderson

Alliance Review Athlete of the Week – Anna Lippiatt

Congratulations to the following Fall Athletes:

Football Recognitions

All Northeast Ohio Inland District Honors

1st Team: Brock Hillyer, Nick Wilson, Brock Smith, David McKeiver
Honorable Mention: Steve Marra, Alek Wilson
Coach of the Year: Ken Harris

All Ohio Honors

Brock Hillyer 1st Team Quarterback
Nick Wilson 2nd Team Wide Receiver
Offensive Player of the Year: Brock Hillyer
Big 22 Selection: Brock Hillyer

Football Records Set Individual

Brock Hillyer: Passing Completion (Season) - 67%

Average Passing Yds per Game - 254 yds

David McKeiver: Career Receptions - 123

Nick Wilson: TD receptions in a game- 4 (tied)

January is School Board Recognition Month

The Ohio School Boards Association is celebrating School Board Recognition Month in January to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. School Board Recognition Month honors the members of Ohio's more than 700 city, exempted village, local and joint vocational boards of education and educational service centers governing boards for their commitment to providing quality public education to Ohio's school children.

The West Branch Local School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions school board members make to their communities. "Ohioans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,400 men and women across the state,"

"These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive little compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Ohio. "These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part. "They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving the West Branch Local School District and their years of service are:

Mrs. Mikki Kannagy - Beginning her 10th year as a board member.

Mrs. Karen Rice - Beginning her 4th year as a board member.

Mrs. Courtney Stryffeler - Beginning her 4th year as a board member.

Mr. Aaron Hawk - Beginning his 2nd year as a board member.

Mr. Bryan Hobbins - Fulfilling John Wallace's term through 2021

I would like to thank each of you for your service to the school district community and look forward to another year of moving our district forward.

WBEA COMMENTS:

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VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

David Yaggi of Hartley Rd. expressed his concern with shrinking population if we have considered going to LED lighting for the interior and exterior of our buildings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORT TO THE BOARD:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FINANCE

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mrs. Stryffeler to approve of the Finanacial report for December 2020.

Yes: Stryffeler, Rice, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-014

EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Mrs. Kanagy and seconded by Mr. Hawk to approve of accounts payable, payroll and benefits expenditures for December 2020.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-015

APPROPRIATIONS

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mr. Hobbins to approve of appropriations for 2020-2021.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-016

AMENDED CERTIFICATE

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mr. Hobbins to approve of an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-017

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to enter into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. for the purpose of appointment, employment, discipline, compensation or investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).

Yes: Stryffeler, Rice, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-018

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to return from Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

Yes: Stryffeler, Rice, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-019

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mrs. Stryffeler to approve of an Employment Modification and Transition agreement:

Whereas, medical information provided to the Board suggests that District Superintendent Tim Saxton's current incapacity and medical leave will extend, minimally until the close of business on July 31, 2021;

Whereas, the current term of Superintendent Pro Tempore Micki Egli is due to expire at the end of February, 2021;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as follows:

1. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.011, the Board determines that the incapacity of Superintendent Tim Saxton is extended to July 31, 2021.

2. The Board extends the appointment of Micki Egli as Superintendent Pro Tempore for the temporary period ending July 31, 2021.

3. The Board President and Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute an employment modification and transition agreement on behalf of the Board with Mr. Saxton on terms and conditions that have been approved by the parties and are in alignment with this action.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-020

It was moved by Mrs. Kanagy and seconded by Mrs. Stryffeler to approve to accept the bid from Myers Equipment for one bus—conventional 72 passenger school bus (pricing through Ohio School Council). Partial funding is through Ohio School bus Purchase Program.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-021

It was moved by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mr. Hawk to approve to enter into an agreement with The Mahoning County Educational Service Center to provide additional services on an as needed basis.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-022

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mrs. Stryffeler to approve to adopt the following school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Yes: Rice, Stryffeler, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-023

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to approve to participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for the 2021 calendar year for \$250.

Yes: Rice, Stryffeler, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-024

It was moved by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to approve of the following gifts and donations, with gratitude:

Superintendent Staff Appreciation	Anonymous	\$100
Stem	Butech Bliss	\$5,000
Stem	CTM	\$5,000
HUDL Program	WB Ath Boosters	\$2250
WB Ath-Memory of Barb Bates	Various Donors	\$590

Yes: Rice, Stryffeler, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-025

PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mr. Hawk to approve to grant FMLA to Dorothy Wartluft from January 12, 2021-March 15, 2021.

Yes: Rice, Kanagy, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-026

It was moved by Mrs. Kanagy and seconded by Mrs. Stryffeler to approve of the following individuals as van driver for the 2020-2021 school year (pending certification).

Yes: Rice, Kanagy, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-027

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mr. Hobbins to approve to grant Debbie Birkhimer an unpaid leave of absence for February 11, 2021.

Yes: None

No: Rice, Kanagy, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

The president declared the motion not carried.

2021-028

It was moved by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mr. Hobbins to approve to employ Jana Beth Emerson as a certificated substitute for the 2020-2021 school year (pending certification).

Yes: Kangy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-029

It was moved by Mrs. Stryffeler and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to approve to employ Rose Ridgway as a 3.5 hour cashier for the 2020-2021 school year effective February 1, 2021

Yes: Rice, Kanagy, Stryffeler, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-030

It was moved by Mrs. Kanagy and seconded by Mr. Hawk to approve of Professional Leave/Superintendent assignments.

Yes: Stryffeler, Rice, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-031

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to approve to employ the following for spring athletic supplementals (pending certification):

Baseball Head Coach

Baseball Varsity Assistant (1/3 stipend)

Rick Mulinix

Adam Myers

Baseball Varsity Assistant (1/3 stipend)	Kevin Butler
Baseball Varsity Assistant (1/3 stipend)	Gary Martin
Baseball JV Coach	Scott Loudon
Baseball Volunteer	Mike Craven
Baseball Volunteer	Chris Tucker
Baseball Volunteer	Shawn Alazaus
Softball Head Coach	Jennifer Woods
Softball Varsity Assistant	Larry Griffith
Boys Tennis Head Coach	Elaine Bonar
Boys Tennis Assistant Coach	Merrellyn Banks
(pending sufficient participation)	
Girls Track Head Coach	Mike Falasca
Girls Track Assistant Coach	Cheryl Ficco
Girls Track Assistant Coach	Lea Bock
Boys Track Head Coach	Tom Preisse
Boys Track Assistant Coach	Dave Ruggles
Boys Track Assistant Coach	Tabitha Tayala
Boys Soccer Head Coach	Sam Martucci

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

Abstain: Stryffeler

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-032

It was moved by Mrs. Rice and seconded by Mrs. Hawk to approve to grant the choreography supplemental to John Zamarelli for the 2020-2021 school year.

Yes: Kanagy, Rice, Stryffeler, Hawk

No: Hobbins

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-033

It was moved by Mrs. Kanagy and seconded by Mr. Hobbins to approve of the following Memorandum of Understanding between the WBLSD and Board of Education and WB Education Association.

Yes: Stryffeler, Kanagy, Rice, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-034

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Hobbins and seconded by Mrs. Kanagy to approve to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. No action to be taken.

Yes: Stryffeler, Rice, Kanagy, Hobbins, Hawk

No: None

The president declared the motion carried.

2021-035

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hawk moved and Mr. Hobbins seconded the motion for adjournment. Mr. Hawk declared it so at 10:45 p.m.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

