

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Saturday, September 25, 2021)

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Members present

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

*Also present were Superintendent Micki Egli and Treasurer Adam Fisher.***Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM****A. Meeting Opening**

1. Roll Call

2. 2021-326 Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the minutes from the August 26, 2021 Work Session and Regular meeting of the West Branch Board of Education.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Executive Session**1. 2021-327 Executive Session Motion**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the reason listed below.

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the marked items with respect to a public employee or official:1. ☒ **Appointment**2. ☒ **Employment**☐ **Dismissal**3. ☒ **Discipline**5. ☐ **Promotion**6. ☐ **Demotion**7. ☐ **Compensation**8. ☒ **Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).**

Motion by Karen Rice, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2021-328 Return from Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education return from Executive Session and continue the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Finance**1. 2021-329 August 2021 Financial Report**

Recommend approval of the Financial reports for August 2021.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2021-330 August 2021 Expenditures

Recommend approval of accounts payable, payroll and benefits expenditures for August 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Karen Rice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2021-331 Appropriations

It is recommended that the 2021-2022 fiscal year Appropriation Resolution and Spending Plan be approved by fund as presented per the attached; and authorization be approved for the Treasurer to modify the appropriation accounts when necessary to meet any and all legal obligations as they become due.

Motion by Karen Rice, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2021-332 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Recommend approval of an amended certificate of estimated resources.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Recognitions

1. West Branch Staff- Mrs. Egli recognized the faculty and staff for a smooth opening of school.
2. Back to School Bash- Mrs. Egli recognized Mr. Fritz Schlueter, the administration, staff, parent groups, and community for the successful "Back to School Bash."

E. Comments

1. WBEA Comments- None
2. WBCEA Comments- None
3. Visitor's Comments-
 - a. Melissa Loudon- Asked why we have not followed state health recommendations and instituted a mask mandate. Parents don't know about student absenteeism which is putting those students at a disadvantage.
 - b. Kyle Fannin- Director of Emergency Services at Aultman Hospital in Alliance. He gave details about the troubles that the staff and patients are having related to COVID-19 in his hospital. 100% of his ICU are COVID-19 patients. He strongly endorses masking in our school.
 - c. Jordan Stryffeler- She is against a mask mandate and cited studies conducted to support her position.
 - d. Jessica Whiteleather- A mother in the district. She believes COVID-19 is just the flu. She believes in the right to choose whether to wear a mask or not. Her son has asthma and masks would affect him in her opinion.
 - e. David Kanagy- Supports a mask mandate.

F. Correspondence

G. Report to the Board

1. Transportation (T2) Report for FY2021
2. Superintendent Update
 - a. Student Cleanup crew after football games- Three Seniors: Jacob Mason, Donovan Conrad, and Cade Cameron, clean the student section after football games.
 - b. Career Advising- Was reviewed on 9/24. No changes were made
 - c. Meet the Candidate Night- 10/25 @ 6:30 PM in Auditorium
 - d. COVID-19 Update- Mrs. Egli presented absentee data related to COVID-19 and showed a growing number of students absent in the first month of school due to COVID-19.
3. Building & Department Updates- None

H. Old Business**1. 2021-333 Amend the 2021-2022 Participation Fees**

Recommend approval to amend the 2021-2022 Participation Fees as indicated below.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

I. New Business**1. 2021-334 Approval of Bus Routes 2021-2022 School Year**

Recommend the Board approve the bus routes and stops for 2021 - 2022 and give authorization to make changes and adjustments as needed in the interest of safety and efficiency.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2021-335 Payment in Lieu of Transportation

Recommend the Board adopt the following resolution for In Lieu of Transportation for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

The West Branch Board of Education, after examination of factors as identified in 3327.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, has declared by Board resolution that such transportation by school conveyance is "impractical" and hereby agrees to pay the parent or guardian of said pupil in lieu of providing such service. Payment shall be based upon the reimbursement rate set by the Ohio Department of Education, and shall not exceed the average cost of transportation per pupil in the State of Ohio.

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Karen Rice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2021-336 Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide educational services for school age 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. 2021-337 Permission to Use Facilities

Recommend approval to grant permission to West Branch Little Warrior Youth Wrestling to utilize facilities for the 2021 - 2022 wrestling season in coordination with the Athletic Director (pending proof of insurance).

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2021-338 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations

Recommend acceptance of the following gifts and donations, with gratitude:

From	To	Amount
Various Donors	Athletic Department -- Memory of Stephen Tucker	\$600.00
MAC Trailer	West Branch Local Schools Project Lead the Way	\$5,000.00
Daniel Zippay (Custom Agri Systems NE)	Bottled Water	

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

J. Personnel**1. 2021-339 Resignation -- Edie**

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Jody Edie as bus driver effective August 6, 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2021-340 Unpaid Leave Request - Curt Wuthrick

Recommend the Board approve the unpaid leave request for Curt Wuthrick, Custodian, effective September 7 - September 17, 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2021-341 Unpaid Leave Request - Jessica Crider

Recommend the Board approve the unpaid leave request for Jessica Crider, Intervention Specialist, on November 23, 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

No: Courtney Stryffeler, Karen Rice, Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins

4. 2021-342 Supplemental Contracts

Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental contracts(as listed) for the 2021 - 2022 school year (pending certification, sufficient numbers and upon completion of a full season/calendar year):

Boys' Basketball -- Varsity Assistant	Bill Eddins
Boys' Basketball -- JV	Brandon Patterson
Boys' Basketball -- Freshman	John Hancock
Boys' Basketball -- Eighth Grade	Jake Weaver
Boys' Basketball -- Seventh Grade	Logan Coe
Boys' Basketball -- Volunteer	Bob Brown
Boys' Basketball -- Volunteer	Mike Kelly
Girls' Basketball -- JV	Lou Sellaroli
Girls' Basketball -- Eighth Grade	Tony Lucente
Girls' Basketball -- Seventh Grade	Chris Adams
Girls' Basketball -- Volunteer	Mike Butcher
Wrestling -- Varsity Assistant	Cameron Martig
Wrestling -- JV	Mark Brink
Wrestling -- Varsity Assistant -- 1/2 Stipend	Ken Faulkner
Wrestling -- Middle School	Christian Wayt
Wrestling -- Middle School	Jonathon James
Wrestling -- Volunteer	Ryan Ficco
Swimming -- Volunteer	Kristen Reynolds
Instrumental Music -- High School	Chris Brown
Instrumental Music -- Assistant	Lauren Stitle
Young & Alive/Vocal	Lauren Stitle
Musical Director (percentage to be determined based on # of musicals completed)	Krista Clay
Vocational Agriculture	Greg Sharp

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2021-343 Ticket Takers

Recommend the following ticket taker(s) for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

Charady Jackson

Elena Spahr

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2021-344 Classified Substitutes

commend approval to employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year (pending certification):
Tanya Pearson
Laura Coldsnow

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Karen Rice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2021-345 Employment Termination -- Goudy

Recommend approval to terminate the employment of Melissa Goudy, due to the abandonment of her position as a bus driver and failure to be in attendance and/or in authorized leave status. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to notify Ms. Goudy of this action.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2021-346 Bus Driver -- Sparks

Recommend approval to employ Grover Scott Sparks as a bus driver for the 2021 - 2022 school year effective September 8, 2021.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. 2021-347 Warrior Academy/eGroup Instructors

Recommend the Board approve the Warrior Academy and eGroup staff as listed for the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers will be compensated for work beyond the school day on a per student/course basis. Compensation is set at \$75.00 per student, per course (on an as needed basis):
Tara Robb

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. 2021-348 Title I Tutors

Recommend approval to employ the following at Title 1 Tutors for the 2021 - 2022 school year at the rate of \$20 per hour (pending certification):

LouAnn Geiger
Mandy Zadigian
Ginger Williamson

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Karen Rice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

11. 2021-349 Tutor

Recommend approval to employ the following as a Tutor for the 2021 - 2022 school year at \$20 per hour (pending certification):
Jennifer Woods

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

12. 2021-350 Aide - Handy

Recommend approval to employ LaDonna Handy as an aide for the 2021 - 2022 school year effective September 27, 2021.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

13. 2021-351 Van Driver -- Carrillo

Recommend approval to employ Clifford Carrillo as a van driver for the 2021 - 2022 school year (pending certification).

Motion by Courtney Stryffeler, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

14. 2021-352 Personnel Salary Changes

Recommend approval of personnel changes in salary status.

Amy Cannon Bachelor's 150

Michael Brown Master's +15

Alyssa Lanzo Master's +15

Kathie Menegay Master's +15

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Courtney Stryffeler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

15. 2021-353 Professional and Superintendent's Assignments

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

Michael Brown 9/20/2021 Columbus, OHSBCA Coaches Clinic

Frank Edie 9/20/2021 Salem, EBC Golf Tournament

Walt DeShields 9/20/2021 Columbus, State Basketball Coaches Clinic

Krista Clay 9/20 - 9/21 Canfield, ESC of Eastern Ohio Mentor Training

Kristen Tice 11/2/2021 Beloit, Blood Drive

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. Adjournment**1. 2021-354 Adjourn**

Recommend motion to adjourn at 9:37am.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM



President

Attest:



Treasurer