West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, January 19, 2023)
Generated by Adam J Fisher on Friday, January 20, 2023

Members present
Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Also present were Superintendent Micki Egli and Treasurer Adam Fisher

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM

A. Call to Order

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Agenda Approval

1. **2023-016 Approve Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agenda for the 1/19/2023 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

C. Comments

1. Visitor's Comments

a. Earl Aldridge spoke on the advantages of implementing a diversion program rather than punishment for students. He suggested someone attend a conference through C.P.I. in Indiana in July.

2. WBEA Comments- None

3. WBCEA Comments

4. 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 Kanagy - Beginning her 12th year as a board member.

Mr. Aaron Hawk - Beginning his 4th year as a board member.

Mr. Bryan Hobbins - Beginning his 2nd year as a board member after election (fulfilled two years previously for former member).

Mr. Joe Courtwright -- Beginning his 2nd year as a board member.

Mr. David Yaggi -- Beginning his 2nd year as a board member.

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.

5. Recognitions

a. Elks Teenagers of the Month for December- Zoe Lesch and Mitchell Coffee

b. Elks Teenagers of the Month for January- Abbey Wilson and Dru DeShields

c. Honored Student for January- Sophomore Olivia Greeneisen- Mr. Coffee gave a presentation of positive comments from Olivia's teachers.

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports- Please see attachments on Board Docs

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Updates

a. Dyslexia Requirement and Waiver Request- Mrs. Theis gave a presentation on the new dyslexia laws each school must follow, which includes a lot of professional development for the staff. She explained the need for more waiver days to provide this PD which is the reason for the Agenda Item asking to change the student calendar.

b. Mrs. Egli provided some statistics from Mr. Jim Graham that shows how many "hits" the new website is getting and which areas most people are looking at. She concluded that the site is seeing significant traffic.

c. Mrs. Egli informed the board and community that the school was awarded $296,000 through the Emergency Connectivity Fund which covers Chromebooks, wi-fi on the buses, hot spots, etc.

d. Mrs. Egli spoke about two grant opportunities from the Attorney General:

1. A $20,000 grant for technology projects that link schools with law enforcement

2. A $10,000 (approximately) grant for school safety and security

F. Consent Items

1. **2023-017 Consent Items**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the following items by consent action:

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes
    1. December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
    2. January 5, 2023 Organizational Meeting

2. Financial Reports
    1. Cash Summary Report December 2022
    2. Cash Reconciliation December 2022
    3. Monthly Investment Statement December 2022
    4. SM2M Report December 2022
    5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for December 2022
    6. Detailed Check Register December 2022

3. Gifts and Donations
    1. Anonymous- $108,800 for New Chromebooks for students
    2. MAC Trailer- $4,363.13 for Knox Elementary operations
    3. Anonymous- $4,363.13 for Knox Elementary operations
    4. Light Up Damascus- $400.00- $200.00 to Middle School Food Pantry and $200.00 to High School Music Department
    5. Deerfield AG Services- $500.00 to FFA
    6. Anonymous- $566.00 to ELC Cafeteria Accounts

Superintendent' Consent Items

1. Personnel
    1. **District Resignations**
        1. Keith Evans, Custodian, effective January 13, 2023.
    2. **Substitutes -- Classified** (pending certification)
        1. Robert Monter (effective January 6, 2023)
        2. Brittney McBride
    3. **Request of Leave of Absence**
        1. Holly Zion-Morrow, High School Aide, requesting FMLA from December 19, 2022 - January 16, 2023.
        2. Julie McConnell, Intermediate Math Coach, requesting FMLA from December 29, 2022 - February 10, 2023.
        3. Tricia Barkee, PreSchool Teacher, requesting FMLA from January 6, 2023 - January 13, 2023.
        4. Noelle Ramsey, Middle School Intervention Specialist, FMLA from February 2, 2023 - April 2, 2023.
    4. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**
        1. January 2023 List Attached
    5. **Athletic Supplementals**

Head Baseball Coach	Rick Mulinix
Varsity Baseball Assistant 1/3	Ryan Wolf
Varsity Baseball Assistant 1/3	Greg Dunham
Varsity Baseball Assistant 1/3	Billy Goodall
JV Baseball 1/2	Andy Todor
JV Baseball 1/2	Gary Martin
Baseball Volunteer	Shawn Alazaus
Baseball Volunteer	Adam Myers
Baseball Volunteer	Chris Tucker
Baseball Volunteer	Scott Loudon
Head Softball Coach	Jennifer Woods
Varsity Softball Assistant	Cheyenne Heath
Softball Volunteer	Larry Griffith
Softball Volunteer	Maddie Libb
Head Boys' Tennis	Elaine Bonar
Assistant Boys' Tennis	John Hancock
Head Girls' Track	Mike Falasca
Assistant Girls' Track	Amanda Teague
Assistant Girls' Track	Chris Adams
MS Girls' Track	Frank Edie
Head Boys' Track - 1/2 Stipend	Mike Falasca
Assistant Boys' Track	Dave Ruggles
Assistant Boys' Track	Tim Cooper
MS Boys' Track	Carl Davanzo

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

G. Contracts and Agreements

H. Old Business

I. New Business

1. **2023-018 Amend 2022 - 2023 School Calendar**

Recommend approval to amend the 2022 - 2023 school year for students' last day to be June 1, 2023 to allow for mandatory staff professional development.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

2. 2023-019 2023-2024 School Calendar

Recommend the West Branch Local School District Board of Education adopt the following school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

3. **2023-020 Ohio Schools Council**

Recommend the approval to grant the Superintendent the authority to modify, amend or supplement Ohio Schools Council Policy 1.1 Section 10 Agreement, Policy 1.3 Section 11 Bylaws, and any other Agreements requiring Ohio Schools Council Assembly approval. These modifications, amendments, and supplements may occur at any regular or special meeting of Ohio Schools Council Assembly at which a quorum is present. Approval of a modification, amendment or supplement requires a simple majority vote of the quorum.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Aaron Hawk.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

4. **2023-021 Insight Clinical Counseling Consultation Agreement**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Insight Clinical Counseling and Wellness, LLC to provide services to students on an as needed basis from January 16, 2023 - January 15, 2024.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

5. **2023-022 Nutritional Standards Report**

Recommend approval to accept the Corrective Action Plan for Nutritional Standards Report 2021-20022 school year.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

6. **2023-023 Field Trip**

Recommend approval of the field trip as per policy 2340:

1. WBHS - Ohio State FFA Convention - Columbus, Ohio - May 4 and 5, 2023.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Joe Courtwright.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

J. Executive Session

1. **2023-024 Executive Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M. for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

__X__ Employment of a public official

_____ Appointment of a public official

_____ Dismissal of a public official

_____ Discipline of a public official

_____ Promotion of a public official

_____ Demotion of a public official

__X__ Compensation of a public official

_____ Investigation of chargers or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or student

_____ To confer with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action

__X__ To consider legal matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes

_____ To consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, or production techniques

_____ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes

_____ To consider the sale of property at competitive bidding

__X__ To prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

_____ To conduct negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

_____ To discuss details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols or the board of education

__X__ To consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

K. Adjournment

1. 2023-025 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Mikki Kanagy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Bryan R. Hobbins
President

Attest:

Treasurer