

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, April 20, 2023)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Friday, April 21, 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 6:00 PM****A. Call to Order**

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2023-059 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 4/20/23 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments

1. Visitor's Comments- None
2. WBEA Comments- None
3. WBCEA Comments- None

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports- Please see Board Docs for building reports

E. Superintendent's Report**1. Monthly Updates**

- a. Honored Student of the Month- Elijah Kash- 4th grade at the Intermediate School- Mr. Schlueter spoke on what makes Elijah a great student.
- b. Honored Community Member- Mrs. Ann McDaniel- Mrs. Egli spoke the following:

Tonight I'm pleased to begin a new chapter in WB Board meetings, in which we recognize honorary community members. I am especially honored to recognize Mrs. Ann McDaniel as our first honoree.

Mrs. McDaniel has been a dedicated supporter for many years. Her support began many years ago when she needed to determine if she would attend Sebring or Goshen. Thankfully she chose Goshen and went on to become a graduate in 1953. Her support continued when she sent all 6 of her children to West Branch Local Schools, who in turn sent 17 of her 20 grandchildren to WB. She has also maintained a residence in the district for the past 66 years.

In addition to living in the district and sending her children to the district, Mrs. McDaniel has shown support by helping her community and students of the district. She has assisted with items from curricular needs, athletic needs, to music/drama needs. It is an honor to acknowledge Mrs. McDaniel for her extreme support and generosity that she has shown the district over the years.

On behalf of the West Branch Board of Education and everyone at West Branch Local Schools I want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for the incredible work that Ann McDaniel has done for West Branch Local Schools.

There will be a garden with a flowering tree and plaque at the soccer field in Mrs. McDaniel's honor. The District will purchase the tree and Smith Landscaping will provide the labor and materials to landscape the area.

****A short break for a cookies and lemonade reception for Mrs. McDaniel and her family was taken at 6:10 PM.****

****Meeting resumed at 6:30 PM****

- c. Mrs. Egli gave an update about the Water Meter Project

1. Marvin Aberegg, David Wright, and Tim Gabrelcik from the Village of Sebring came and gave a brief explanation of why this water meter was necessary. An unmetered water line to the high school complex was discovered in the summer of 2022. The Village of Sebring has let the school know that we need to put in a water meter. There was an open dialogue between the board and the gentlemen from Sebring. Both parties have agreed to work together to get this project done as soon as possible. Mr. Fisher informed everyone that the project end date is August 1, 2023.

2. Recognitions

Elks' Teenagers of the Month**February** -- Zachary Fediaczko & Chelsea Tharp**March** -- Wyatt Courtwright & Makiah Kutz**April** -- Christian Martig & Allison Zion**NAMM Foundation - Best Communities for Music Education Award**

Congratulations to the West Branch Local School District's Music Department! West Branch Local Schools Music Department has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education for the fifth consecutive year.

F. Treasurer's Report**1. Monthly Updates**

a. The treasurer's office was awarded the Auditor of State Award for financial reporting for FY2022.

b. Mr. Fisher updated the board on some currently open insurance claims:

1. Wind damage to buildings, grounds, and equipment from the recent wind storms

2. Bus accident from last month where a large branch caused damage to a bus

3. An accident in January when a spectator fell over an electrical outlet in the middle school gym during a basketball game. This is still under investigation by the insurance company.

c. Mr. Fisher gave a presentation on an upcoming bill in the Ohio House of Representatives- House Bill 1 that would take money away from all public schools, including over \$135,000 a year from West Branch. He encouraged everyone in attendance to contact their representatives to let them know not to vote for this piece of legislation.

G. Consent Items**1. 2023-060 Consent Items**

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

Treasurer's Consent Items**1. Minutes**

1. March 12, 2023 Work Session

2. March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report March 2023

2. Cash Reconciliation March 2023

3. Monthly Investment Statement March 2023

4. SM2M Report March 2023

5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources March 31, 2023

6. Detailed Check Register March 2023

7. Appropriations Summary March 2023

3. Gifts and Donations

1. West Branch Athletic Booster Club - \$4,000 for Soccer field, Boys and Girls Soccer

2. Arlene Barnett - Donation of Services as Collaborative Pianist for Solo and Ensemble contests on January 18th and 28th, 2023 valued at \$950.00

3. Cody and Brian Oyster - \$650.00 to Mrs. McMasters Classroom

4. Seth and Ashley Turman - 2 outdoors American Flags for the E.L.C.

Superintendent's Consent Items**1. Personnel****1. District Retirements**

1. Terri McDonald, Aide, effective June 6, 2023.

2. District Resignations

1. Logan Coe, Intervention Specialist, at the conclusion of the 2022 - 2023 school year.

3. Request of Leave of Absence

1. Denise Elder, Intermediate Secretary, beginning April 10, 2023, for up to six weeks.

4. Employment

1. Recommend approval to employ Nazareth Heestand as a Custodian effective April 4, 2023.
2. Recommend approval to employ Bryce Ostheimer as a Social Studies teacher for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
3. Recommend approval to reappoint Brian Coffee as High School Principal for the 3-year period beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2026 and authorizes the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon.
4. Recommend approval to reappoint Penny DeShields as High School Assistant Principal for the 3-year period beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2026 and authorizes the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon.
5. Recommend approval to reappoint Lindsey Szymanski as Special Services Director for the 3-year period beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2026 and authorizes the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon.
5. **2023 Summer Success by Six Staff** (money from Success by Six Funds/United Way)
 1. Kim Sabatine - Secretary (rate per negotiated agreement)
 2. Patti Flickinger - Aide (rate per negotiated agreement)
 3. Following teachers at \$30 per hour:
 1. Jorri Zmuda
 2. Stephanie Chiaro
 4. Bob Graham - Administrator at \$30 per hour
2. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**
 1. April 2023 List Attached

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. Old Business

I. New Business

1. 2023-061 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 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 Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2023-062 Student Insurance

Recommend approval of Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company as the student insurance provider for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2023-063 Overnight/Out of Town Camps

Recommend approval of over night/out of town sports camps participation for the 2023 Summer.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2023-064 Water Meter Project Award

Recommend the approval to award the water meter project to Utility Contracting, Inc. at a cost of \$76,300.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

J. Executive Session

1. 2023-065 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:02 PM for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

☒ Employment, appointment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee

☐ 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

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

☒ 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

☒ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. Adjournment

1. 2023-066 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

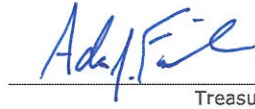
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



President

Attest:



Treasurer