

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, March 27, 2023)

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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 6:05 PM**A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2023-042 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 3/27/23 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by David Yaggi.

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

WBCEA Comments- None

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports- Please see reports on Board Docs

E. Superintendent's Report**1. Monthly Updates****a. Honored Students**

1. February- Pre-Schooler Brynlee Raber- Mrs. Szymanski and Mr. Ault spoke on Brynlee's achievements and read what Mrs. Menegay said about her. She was presented with a certificate and a gift card.

2. March- 2nd Grader Case Cushman- Mr. Graham spoke on Case's achievements and read what teachers and his sister said about him. He was presented with a certificate and a gift card.

b. Kindergarten Registration- Currently 122 students are registered for next year

c. Open Enrollment- Currently 226 students have applied for open enrollment for next year. 35 of them are new open enrollees- 21 of those 35 are kindergarteners.

d. Athletic Committee Report- Mrs. Kanagy and Mr. Courtwright spoke getting the scoreboard to operate for the Middle School EBC meet in the spring, which is currently being done.

e. EAP Ohio LLC Land Lease and Arcadia Towers- Both companies are looking to lease land from the district to help bring in more revenue. EAP is wanting land for gas wells on the Knox property, and Arcadia want to put cell towers on two of our properties. School attorneys are currently looking at the contracts.

f. Facilities Operational Equipment- Many items in the district are starting to fail, including boilers and chillers. Both are a considerable expense, and the Board may have to secure bonds to pay for replacements.

g. Alicia Kozak presentation- the presentations given by Miss Kozak on sextortion were well received by both students and parents. There have been many students reach out to her for help. Salem and Sebring schools have also reached out to Miss Kozak to speak after hearing about how well it went here.

h. Industry presentation- The presentation to the students for the Industrial Maintenance program starting next school year went very well. Mrs. Egli was hoping for 10 students that would be interested in the program. After the presentation there were 42 students interested!

i. Representative Al Cutrona visit- Representative Cutrona visited West Branch and held a roundtable with school officials, community leaders, and business owners. We spoke about school funding and providing resources to help our community.

2. Recognitions

a. Mrs. Tice and National Honor Society for hosting a successful blood drive.

b. 8th Grade Girls Basketball team- EBC Champions

c. Winter Homecoming Queen and Court- Queen- Camryn Campbell; Court- Claire Brunner, Hannah Egli, Alexis Gregory, Makenna Lins, Adele Peters, Daphne Snyder. Thank you to Student Council and advisor Kraig Barth for sponsoring the dance.

d. Winter Athletic Honors

Boys Basketball

Thomas Egli All-EBC Second Team

Dru DeShields All-EBC Honorable Mention

Michael Kanagy All-EBC Honorable Mention

Girls Basketball

Sophia Gregory All-EBC First Team, Division II All-Ohio special mention for the second time, District 1 All-Star (only 5 girls are selected for this honor) All County First Team, Northeast Inland First Team

Livvie Showalter All-EBC Second Team, All County Second Team

Hannah Egli All-EBC Honorable Mention, All County Honorable Mention

Chloe Dennison All-EBC Honorable Mention, All County Honorable Mention

Wrestling

Hudson Brink All-EBC First Team, State Qualifier, All-EOWL First Team

Trenton Stryffeler All-EBC Honorable Mention, Second Team All-EOWL

Michael Dorris All-EBC Honorable Mention, Second Team All-EOWL

Jack Flickinger Second Team All-EOWL

Clayton Day Second Team All-EOWL

F. Consent Items

1. 2023-043 Consent Items

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

1. February 16, 2023 Work Session
2. February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
3. March 11, 2023 Special Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report February 2023
2. Cash Reconciliation February 2023
3. Monthly Investment Statement February 2023
4. SM2M Report February 2023
5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for February 2023
6. Detailed Check Register February 2023
7. Appropriations Summary February 2023
8. Appropriations Resolution as of February 28, 2023

Superintendent's Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. **Termination Within 30 Days**

1. Recommend approval to terminate employment with Joseph Anderson, Custodian effective March 7, 2023, which is within the sixty (60) work day probationary period per the negotiated agreement between the West Branch Board of Education and the West Branch Classified Employees Association.

2. Employment

1. Recommend approval to employ Samantha Robinson as a long term substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at the appropriate step on the certificated salary schedule.

3. Substitutes – Classified (pending certification)

1. Katie Robinson (effective March 20, 2023)
2. Jane Roper

4. Athletic Supplementals Resignation

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Carl Davanzo as Girls' Middle School Track Coach effective March 3, 2023.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Andy Todor as JV Baseball coach (1/2 stipend) effective immediately.
3. Athletic Supplementals (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)

JV Softball	Maddie Libb
JV Softball	Cori Hutchison
JV Baseball (1/2 stipend)	Adams Myers
Boys' Tennis Volunteer	Merrellyn Banks
Girls' Middle School Track	Calum Watt
Middle School Track Assistant	Zachary Dean
Middle School Track Assistant	Tim Lucik

5. Supplementals (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)

1. Tessa Wells - Musical Choreographer -- 1/2 Stipend

6. Unpaid Medical Leave

1. Recommend approval to grant unpaid medical leave to Wendy Wagner.
2. Recommend approval to grant unpaid medical leave to Stephanie Derry.

2. Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments

1. March 2023 List Attached

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

G. Old Business

H. New Business

1. 2023-044 Tax Abatement - Trailstar Realty, LLC Ohio Enterprise

Whereas, the Board has received notification from Trailstar International, Inc., that it is pursuing a property tax abatement on proposed new construction in Smith Township within the territory and boundaries of the West Branch Local School District; and

Whereas, the Board has statutory authority to provide authority for such tax abatements if and when proposed by the appropriate municipality; and

Whereas, the Board has yet to receive a proposal for an abatement for Trailstar International, Inc. from Smith Township; and

Whereas, the Board is nevertheless desirous of indicating its willingness to support the efforts of Trailstar International, Inc. in obtaining an abatement;

Be it resolved, as follows:

1. The West Branch Local School District Board of Education fully supports a tax abatement for the proposed new construction in the District by Trailstar International, Inc.

2. The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent, Board President and Treasurer to negotiate an appropriate tax abatement with Trailstar International, Inc. and Smith Township, relating to new construction and, further, to take all necessary steps on behalf of the Board to finalize said abatement upon such terms as are agreeable to the parties thereto.

3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to provide both Trailstar International, Inc. and Smith Township with notice of the Board's action herein.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Mikki Kanagy

2. 2023-045 Certification of Rates from County Auditor

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2023-046 GAAP Compilation

Recommend approval of a contract with the Local Government Services section of the Ohio Auditor of State for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the statements covering fiscal year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2023-047 Sedgwick Contract

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Sedgwick for Workers Comp and Unemployment Group Rating Program at \$2,845 for the 2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2023-048 Shared Services Contract -- Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio

Recommend approval of a shared services agreement with the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio 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

6. 2023-049 Career Counseling Services Contract -- Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio

Recommend approval of services provided by the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio for Career Counseling Services in the amount of \$8,400 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2023-050 College Credit Plus

Recommend approval to approve the Memorandum of Understandings with Youngstown State University, Stark State College and Walsh University for College Credit Plus for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2023-051 Contract - Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc.

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Maxim Healthcare Staffing services, Inc. to provide services to students on an as needed basis for the 2022 - 2023 school year beginning February 22, 2023.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. 2023-052 Frontline Contract (formerly Forecast 5 Analytics)

Recommend approval of Contract with Frontline Technologies Group LLC (formerly Forecast 5 Analytics) for FY24 at a cost of \$14,797.51.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. 2023-053 Ohio Medicaid in Schools Agreed Upon Procedures Audit

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education approve the attached contract with Julian & Grube for services verifying the District's compliance with Agreed Upon Principles in connection with reimbursable services from the Ohio Department of Medicaid for the Fiscal Years ending 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$2,200 each year (an increase of \$100 per year from 2021).

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

11. 2023-054 Legal Counsel

Recommend approval to retain the law firm of Bricker & Eckler, LLP as independent legal counsel in educational matters, on an as needed basis for the 2022 - 2023 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

12. 2023-055 Reappointment of the Superintendent

Resolved, that the Board reappoints Micki Egli as Superintendent for the 5-year period beginning August 1, 2023 and ending on July 31, 2028, and authorizes and directs the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

I. Executive Session

1. 2023-056 Executive Session

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

☒ 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

☐ Compensation of a public official

☐ Investigation of charges 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 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

_____ 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

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

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. Adjournment

1. 2023-057 Adjourn

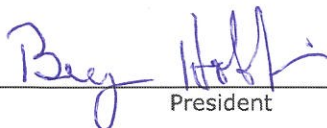
Recommend motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

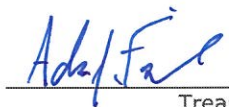
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer