

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, September 25, 2023)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Tuesday, September 26, 2023***Members present**

Mikki Kanagy, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Members Not Present

Aaron Hawk

*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. 2023-152 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 9/25/23 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments**1. Visitor's Comments**

a. Matt Blanchard - Parent talked about the Back to School Night. He had great things to say about the event and about our school system. His only complaint was the loud music coming from the stadium loud speakers. He said the volume was too loud, and he heard many vulgar and inappropriate lyrics that he does not want his, or any other children to hear. He would like to see the music turned down and the music filtered.

b. Jennifer Thomas - Parent came to talk about her disapproval of having the band in the end zone stands at home football games. She believes that the school spirit is not nearly as good as before and was not happy that no one was given any warning that this was going to happen. She also mentioned that she does not want to see a wedge between athletics and the music program.

c. Cat Ruthrauff - Parent also had an issue with the band being in the end zone stands at home football games. She thought the best game of the year for the students and fans was the away game at Canfield because the band was with the students and cheerleaders. Everyone was together. She said the students are very upset with the change.

d. Scott Close and his daughter Haley Close- Scott spoke also about the band issue. He mentioned many of the same things as the previous speakers. Haley mentioned that being in the end zone makes her feel less significant.

2. WBEA Comments - None**3. WBCEA Comments - None****4. Recognitions**

a. Mrs. Egli thanked the Administrators and staff for a smooth start to the school year.

b. Mrs. Egli thanked Lindsey Szymanski and Angeline Theis for their extraordinary efforts and organization of the Back to School Bash.

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see reports on Board Docs

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

a. Honored Student - Sonya Sanor - Mrs. Egli read a letter from a community member and other accolades.

b. Honored Staff Member - John Hancock - Mrs. Egli spoke of Mr. Hancock's hard work as a teacher, substitute custodian, coach, and volunteer.

c. District Report Card- The district received 4 out of 5 Stars from the state this year.

F. Treasurer's Report

1. Transportation (T2) Report for FY23

G. Consent Items**1. 2023-153 Consent Items**

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

Treasurer's Consent Items**1. Minutes**<https://go.boarddocs.com/oh/westb/Board.nsf/vpublic?open#>

1. August 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. September 5, 2023 Special Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report August 2023
2. Cash Reconciliation August 2023
3. Monthly Investment Statement August 2023
4. SM2M Report August 2023
5. Detailed Check Register August 2023
6. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as of 09/25/2023
7. Appropriation Summary Report August 2023

3. Student Activity Budget and Purpose Statements

4. Gifts and Donations

1. Stitle Construction - Donation of labor and materials in the amount of \$3,900 for an exterior door at Knox Elementary
2. Martig Farms - \$150.00 to Hospitality Fund for Welcome Back Yard Signs & Balloons
3. Butech Inc. - \$1,000 to the STEM Program.
4. Trane - \$400 for Opening Day

Superintendent's Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Personnel Salary Changes

1. Recommend approval of the salary changes for certificated staff as shown in attached document.

2. Resignations

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Bailey Gonci, Intervention Specialist, effective September 7, 2023.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Jennifer Bonar, custodian, effective September 11, 2023.

3. Retirement

1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Karen Sanor, effective December 31, 2023.

4. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Tanya Pearson as an aide for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Recommend approval to employ Melanie Brain as an aide for the 2023 - 2024 school year, effective September 11, 2023.
3. Recommend approval to employ Jody Greeneisen as a Cook's Helper for the 2023 - 2024 school year effective September 12, 2023.

5. Substitutes (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval of Jesse McMahon as a Certificated Substitute for the 2023 - 2024 school year effective September 19, 2023.
2. Recommend approval of Mark Cosma as a Certificated Substitute for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
3. Recommend approval of Jody Greeneisen as a Classified Substitute for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
4. Recommend approval of Nicole Stryffeler as a Classified Substitute for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
5. Recommend approval of Robert Sanchez as a Classified Substitute for the 2023 - 2024 school year effective September 11, 2023.

6. Professional and Superintendent's Assignments

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

7. Volunteers

1. Recommend approval for Sarah Butler to be a Community Relations Volunteer to assist with clothing closet and other community needs.

8. Athletic Supplementals/Volunteers

1. Recommend approval of the following athletic supplementals for the 2023 - 2024 school year (pending certification):

Boys' Basketball - Varsity Assistant	Daniel Laut
Boys' Basketball - JV Coach	Brad Smith
Boys' Basketball - Freshmen	John Hancock
Boys' Basketball - Varsity Volunteer	Mike Falasca
Boys' Basketball - Seventh Grade	Mark Cosma
Boys' Basketball - Seventh Grade Volunteer	Jon Cosma
Girls' Basketball - Head Coach	Walt DeShields
Girls' Basketball - Varsity Assistant	Bob Shepherd
Girls' Basketball - JV Coach	Lou Sellarolli
Girls' Basketball - Varsity Volunteer	Mike Butcher
Girls' Basketball - Eighth Grade	Anthony Lucente
Girls' Basketball - Seventh Grade	Chris Adams
Cheerleading - High School Volunteer	Marissa Frame
Football Volunteer	Alek Wilson
Wrestling - Head Coach	Chris Dorris

Wrestling - Varsity Assistant	Mathew Galchick
Wrestling - Varsity Assistant	Mark Brink
Wrestling - Varsity Assistant	Alec Schopfer
Wrestling - Varsity Volunteer	Dakota Kirksey
Wrestling - Middle School	John James
Wrestling - Middle School	Cameron Martig
Wrestling - Middle School Volunteer	Steven Marra

9. Supplementals/Volunteers

1. Recommend approval of the following supplementals:

Vo-Ag	Greg Sharp
Vo-Ag	Courtney Cooper
Yearbook - High School	Jen Smith
Student Council - High School	Courtney Watt
Sophomore Class Advisor	Colleen Hermann
Esports - High School	Dan Hall
Aultman Ambassador - Volunteer	Teresa Santee
Lead Mentor	Abbie Millard
Environmental Club - Middle School	Dennis McCacken
Power of the Pen	Rachelle Ring
Yearbook - Middle School	LaDonna Handy

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. Old Business

1. 2023-154 Rescind 2023-096 Contract with RW Sports Information

Recommend approval to rescind Resolution 2023-096 - Contract with RW Sports Information

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

I. New Business

1. 2023-155 NEOLA Policy

Recommend the Board adopt the following NEOLA policy effective immediately and waive the second reading.

po0141.2	Conflict of Interest
po0164	Notice of Meetings
po2623.02	Third Grade Reading Guarantee
po3120.08/4120.08	Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
po5113.01	Intra-District Open Enrollment
po5337	Care of Students with Active Seizure Disorders
po6240	Board of Revision Complaints and Countercomplaints
po6550	Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
po6700	Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
po7440	Facility Security
po8120	Volunteers
po8210	School Calendar
po8600	Transportation
po8650	Transportation by School Van
po9160	Public Attendance at School Events
po9211	District Support Organizations
po9270	Equivalent Education Outside the Schools and Participation in Extra Curricular for Students Not Enrolled in the District

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

2. 2023-156 Resolution for Provisional Changes to Board Policy

Recommend approval to adopt the resolution to make provisional changes to board policies and administrative guidelines and forms to comply with HB 33.

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023, the 135th Ohio General Assembly passed the state's biennial Operating Budget for FY 24-25 ("Amended Substitute House Bill 33" or "H.B. 33"), and Governor DeWine signed the legislation into law on July 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Amended Substitute House Bill 33 makes significant structural changes to the Ohio Department of Education, including renaming the Department of Education as the Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW"), creating the position of a director of education and workforce who will be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, establishing within the DEW the Division of Career-Technical Education and the Division of Primary and Secondary Education, each of which will be led by a deputy director appointed by the director of education with the advice and consent of the Senate, creating the "Department of Children and Youth," creating the position of a director of children and youth, and transferring most of the powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the DEW, the Director of Education and Workforce, the Department of Children and Youth, and/or the Director of Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, most of the State Board of Education and/or Superintendent of Public Instruction's powers prior to the effective date of H.B.33 will now fall under the auspices and/or jurisdiction of the DEW, the Director of Education and Workforce, the Department of Children and Youth, and/or the Director of Children and Youth, the State Board of Education retains the following duties: (1) adopt requirements for educator licensure; (2) process and issue educator licenses; (3) investigate and resolve educator misconduct complaints; (4) evaluate background checks, evaluate eligibility for licensure and participate in the retained applicant fingerprint database program; (5) determine school district territory transfer disputes; and (6) administer the teacher and school counselor evaluation systems; and

WHEREAS, during the period of transition and until such time as respective roles are clearly delineated, the Board of Education desires to recognize and give full effect to the structural changes made by H.B. 33 and align its practices accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education that any and all references to the "Department of Education," "Ohio Department of Education," "Department," or "ODE" contained in the Board's existing policies and corresponding administrative guidelines and forms, shall, after the effective date of HB 33 (i.e., on or about October 2, 2023), mean the "Department of Education and Workforce" ("DEW") or the "Department of Children and Youth" for all purposes set forth and described in HB 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent that existing Board policies and corresponding administrative guidelines and forms reference the "State Superintendent of Public Instruction" and/or the "State Board of Education," such references, after the effective date of HB 33, shall be mean the "Department of Education and Workforce" ("DEW"), the "Director of Education and Workforce," the "Department of Children and Youth" and/or the "Director of Children and Youth" as applicable and appropriate and as set forth and described in HB 33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, until such time as the Board's existing policies and corresponding administrative guidelines and forms are updated to reflect the changes set forth above, the Superintendent shall act and direct other school staff to act and carry out their responsibilities in a manner consistent with HB 33 and the above-identified provisional changes to Board policies and corresponding administrative guidelines and forms.

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

3. 2023-157 eGroup Contracts

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the following schools to provide services through eGroup for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

Sebring Local Schools
 Boardman Local Schools
 Springfield Local Schools
 Campbell Local Schools
 St. Vincent St. Mary High School

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

4. 2023-158 Approval of Bus Routes 2023-2024 School Year

Recommend the Board approve the bus routes and stops for 2023 - 2024 and give authorization to make changes and adjustments as needed in the interest of safety and efficiency.

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

5. 2023-159 Pathway Contract

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Pathway Caring for Children to offer counseling and consultation for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

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

6. 2023-160 Woit Speech Therapy Contract

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Woit Speech Therapy for the 2023 - 2024 School Year.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2023-161 Spectrum Education Contract

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Spectrum Education Center (Center for Autism Intervention and Advocacy) to provide services to eligible students for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2023-162 Payment in Lieu of Transportation

Recommend the Board adopt the following resolution for In Lieu of Transportation for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. 2023-163 Memorandum of Understanding with WBEA

Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with WBEA as attached below.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. 2023-164 Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy

Recommend approval to join the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding for the 2023 - 2024 school year for \$3,482.

VOUCHER JOINER RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the State has adopted a universal voucher system; and

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-604, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in school districts and ESC's; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from funds available to authentic public education further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund authentic public education increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1. Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the universal voucher program is harmful to the districts, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

Section 2. The Board of Education authorizes and directs the School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section

3. Section 3. Coalition dues for the 2023 - 2024 school year are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts to challenge the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher program. Coalition Dues (a total of \$2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

11. 2023-165 Ohio Schools Council

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Schools Council for auction services for unused equipment, furniture, buses, etc.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

12. 2023-166 Appropriations

It is recommended that the 2023-2024 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 Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

13. 2023-167 Dispensing Statutory Bidding Procedures

Recommend approval to dispense statutory bidding procedures due to conditions of urgent necessity to make emergency repairs/improvements to the HVAC and lighting systems throughout the district. This updates Resolution 2023-104 passed at the July 8, 2023 Special Meeting.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3313.46, it is found and determined that there is an urgent necessity and need for expeditiously entering into a contract for the completion of the Project.

It is further found and determined that compliance with the bidding procedure contained in Ohio Revised Code §3313.46 would unduly delay the Project, which would threaten the normal operations of the Board, including the opening of the school year and provision of education, and would thereby be contrary to the health, safety and welfare of buildings, students served by the Board, staff and visitors.

The Treasurer and the President of this Board have received a proposal for the Project and have recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Trane in substantially the form currently on file with the Treasurer for \$3,864,036. The President or Vice-President and Treasurer of this Board are authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of this Board with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District and that are approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the School District, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the contract by the President or Vice-President and Treasurer of this Board.

The Superintendent and Treasurer of this Board, or such other School District officials as shall be designated by those officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any certificates or documents, and to take such other actions as are desirable, advisable, necessary or appropriate, to consummate the transactions and carry out the work contemplated by this Resolution and the agreement.

This Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to act on behalf of the Board with respect to resolution of contractor claims and to consider and approve modifications, including a change order, construction change directive or a minor change in the work, and increases in any contract sum payable to the contractor up to an aggregate cap of five percent (5%) of the contract sum. No modification shall be approved, signed or delivered that would require the Board to spend an additional amount for costs unless the Treasurer of this Board shall certify that there is available, or in the process of collection, to the credit of an appropriate fund and not encumbered for any other purpose the amount needed to meet the Board's additional obligations incurred by virtue of the modification. The Board further authorizes the authorized representative to act on behalf of the Board with respect to decisions required by the Board for the work, which includes the authority to approve schedules and amendments to the schedules.

Any actions previously taken by School District officials or agents of this Board in furtherance of the matters set forth in and related to this Resolution are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board which may be inconsistent with or duplicative of this resolution.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Bryan Hobbs, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

14. 2023-168 Trane Contract

Recommend to approve the contract with Trane for the HVAC and Lighting Project to start in October 2023.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Bryan Hobbs, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

J. Executive Session**1. 2023-169 Executive Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:43 P.M. 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 Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. Adjournment

1. 2023-170 Adjourn

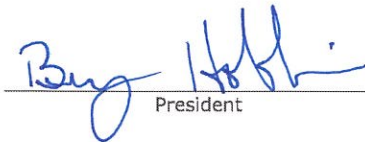
Recommend motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

