

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, February 21, 2024)

Generated by Adam J Fisher on Thursday, February 22, 2024

Members present

Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, Joe Courtwright

Members not present

David Yaggi

Also present were Superintendent Micki Egli and Treasurer Adam Fisher

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P.M.**A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2024-028 Approve Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agenda for the 2/21/24 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments

1. Visitor's Comments - None
2. WBEA Comments - None
3. WBCEA Comments - None
4. Recognitions
 - a. Elks Teenagers of the Month - Mary Buehler and James Hill

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see reports on Board Docs

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

a. Honored Student - Pre-School student Hannah Martin - Hannah was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Whaley. Mr. Ault and Mrs. Szymanski read Hannah's accolades to the board. Mrs. Egli presented Hannah with a certificate and a gift card to Dairy Queen.

b. Honored Staff - Preschool Paraprofessionals Mrs. Patti Flickinger and Mrs. Susanne Dickerhoof and Preschool Van Driver Roy Barringer.

F. Consent Items**1. 2024-029 Consent Items**

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes
 1. January 30, 2024 Work Session
 2. January 30, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report January 2024
2. Cash Reconciliation January 2024
3. Monthly Investment Statement January 2024
4. SM2M Report January 2024
5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for January 2024
6. Detailed Check Register January 2024
7. Appropriations Summary January 2024

3. Gifts and Donations

1. Deerfield Farms - \$500 to FFA
2. John and Rachel Hancock - \$20 to Boys Basketball in memory of Shawn Pinkerton
3. Timothy and Dawn Hart - \$25 to Boys Basketball in memory of Shawn Pinkerton
4. Raymond and Donna Moser - \$30 to Boys Basketball in memory of Shawn Pinkerton

Superintendent' Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Retirements

1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Michelle Esterle, Aide, effective July 1, 2024.

2. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Andy Lamancusa as a consultant in the Transportation Department effective March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 paid at his per diem rate.
2. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Ryan Wolf as Athletic Director effective August 1, 2024.
3. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Andy Lamancusa as Transportation Supervisor effective April 1, 2024.
4. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Angeline Theis as Director of Instructional Programming effective August 1, 2024.
5. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Amanda Strausbaugh as Food Service Director effective July 1, 2024.
6. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Brittany Woodard as a School Psychologist effective July 1, 2024.
7. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Sarah Scarazzo as a School Psychologist effective July 1, 2024.
8. Recommend approval to employ Paul Hostetter as a High School Math Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Substitutes -- Classified (pending certification)

1. Gina Bondoni, effective February 2, 2024
2. Tracey Dean
3. Casey Court

4. Athletic Supplementals (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)

1. Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach -- Carl Davanzo
2. Middle School Boys Track (Head Coach) -- Frank Edie
3. Middle School Boys' Track -- Tim Lucik
4. Middle School Girls' Track (Head Coach) -- Nick Cooper
5. Girls' Varsity Head Soccer Coach (2024 - 2025 School Year) -- Zach Dean

5. Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments

1. February 2024 List Attached

6. School Psychologist Pay Scale

1. Recommend approval to update the School Psychologist Pay Scale for the following school years: 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027.
2. Recommend approval to amend Stephanie White's contract to be in line with the School Psychologist Pay Scale.

2. Authorization of Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio.

1. Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio to provide services sought by the District.

3. Authorization of Superintendent

1. Recommend approval to authorize Micki Egli, Superintendent, to obtain and secure financial grants in order to promote and enhance educational opportunities on behalf of the West Branch Local School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. Contracts and Agreements

I. Old Business

1. **2024-030 Amend Retirement Date**

Recommend approval to amend Jody Edie's retirement date from May 1, 2024 to April 1, 2024.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

J. Executive Session

1. 2024-031 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:58 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.

Action will be taken

2. 2024-032 Return from Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education leave executive session and return to regular session at 6:29 P.M.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. New Business

1. 2024-033 Matt Manley

Recommend approval to renew Matt Manley's contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2024-034 Resignation

Resolved, that the Board hereby accepts the resignation of bus driver Elena Spahr, for personal reasons, effective as of the date in the separation agreement, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute necessary documentation relating to Ms. Spahr's separation from employment.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2024-035 2024 -- 2025 Open Enrollment

Recommend approval to continue offering the Open Enrollment option for the 2024 -- 2025 school year for both adjacent and non-adjacent school districts.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2024-036 ACCESS Contracts

Recommend approval to enter into agreements with ACCESS to provide: voice service for FY25 at \$24,710.90, and application services for FY25 at \$39,196.75. A portion of these services will be paid for or reimbursed through the E-Rate program.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2024-037 Mahoning County School Employee Insurance Consortium Resolution

Recommend approval of an amendment to the consortium's agreement to clarify certain inconsistencies. The consortium needs 2/3 of its members to pass this resolution to adopt.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2024-038 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 2023 - 2024 school.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2024-039 Out of Town/Over Night Trip

Recommend approval to the Warrior Jazz Ensemble to travel to Ohio State University for Jazz performance March 23 - March 24, 2024 (pending finalization of appropriate travel arrangements and itinerary).

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

L. Adjournment**1. 2024-040 Adjourn**

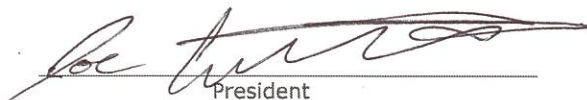
Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

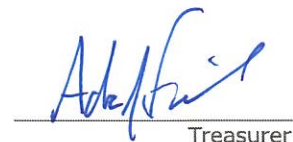
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, Joe Courtwright

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

