

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, January 30, 2024)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Wednesday, January 31, 2024***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 6:02 PM****A. Call to Order**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2024-017 Approve Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agenda for the 1/30/2024 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 - Mr. Shaheen asked the board what the money from the drilling at Knox was going to be used for. Mr. Fisher answered that at this time the money we received went into the General Fund to use for operations. Mr. Shaheen suggested that the money be put into a rainy day fund. Mr. Fisher informed Mr. Shaheen that money is out into something similar to a rainy day fund at the end of each year and this money could be part of that. Mr. Shaheen also inquired if the Board was planning on a levy in the future. The Board and Mr. Fisher responded that there were no plan for a levy in the immediate future. Mr. Shaheen commented that if we did, that we should go for an income tax levy because everyone's property taxes went up 30%.

2. WBEA Comments - Mrs. Shreve thanked the Board for their support.

3. WBCEA Comments - None

4. School Board Recognition Month - Mrs. Egli read the following:

January is 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 13th year as a board member.

Mr. Aaron Hawk - Beginning his 5th year as a board member.

Mr. Bryan Hobbins - Beginning his 3rd year as a board member after election (fulfilled two years previously for former member).

Mr. Joe Courtwright -- Beginning his 3rd year as a board member.

Mr. David Yaggi -- Beginning his 3rd 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

1. **Elks Teenagers of the Month - December** - Haley Close & Beau Alazaus
2. **Elks Teenagers of the Month - January** - Macy Wilson & Christian Mikol
3. **Spelling Bee Winners - Middle School** - Champion -- Christopher Kosenski, Alternate -- Brianna Call; **Intermediate (Grades 4 & 5)** - Winner -- Michael Rodriguez, Runner-up -- Avery Cushman
4. **Winter Homecoming Queen & Court** - Queen Bri Thomas, Court: Sophia Ayers, Mirabella Beckett, Haley Close, Mady Klingensmith, Ava Parris and Macy Wilson. Student Council and Advisor Courtney Watt for sponsoring the dance.

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see attachments on Board Docs for Building Reports.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Honored Student - High School student Chase Scott - Mrs. DeShields read many accolades for Chase from his teachers and friends.

2. Honored Staff - High School Teacher Kristen Tice and Mechanic Mark Sanor

3. Monthly Updates

a. Eclipse on April 8th - Mrs. Egli presented the board with examples of what many schools in the area are doing the day of the eclipse. Many schools, especially toward and in Stark County are closing. She has not decided what would we are going to do yet. She is concerned about the number of calamity days but also concerned about traffic and student safety since the eclipse will be happening at the time of dismissal.

F. Consent Items

1. 2024-018 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 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. January 8, 2024 Special Meeting
3. January 11, 2024 Organizational Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report December 2023
2. Cash Reconciliation December 2023
3. Monthly Investment Statement December 2023
4. SM2M Report December 2023
5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for December 2023
6. Detailed Check Register December 2023
7. Advance Returns ESSER III and Equity for Each Grant Advances from November

3. Accounts Payable

1. Recommend approval to pay:
 1. Joe Dickey Electric \$16,126.00
 2. Proactive Behavior Services \$4,907.50
 3. USI Insurance Services \$3,359.00

4. Gifts and Donations

1. Anonymous - \$50,000 for expansion of the wood shop
2. Anonymous - \$651.94 for a sound system at the Preschool
3. Anonymous - \$1,500 for tools and supplies for the wood shop
4. Anonymous - \$554 for delinquent school fees
5. Anonymous - \$100 for delinquent lunch accounts
6. Salem Area Visiting Nurse Association - Four file shelving units valued at \$5,000
7. Anonymous - \$350.00 for delinquent lunch accounts
8. Damascus Methodist Church - \$2,000 to the High School Principal's Fund

9. Alliance Elks Charities - \$5,000 to delinquent lunch accounts and MS Backpack program

Superintendent' Consent Items**1. Personnel****1. Resignation**

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Mike Helm, Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2024.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Misty Hughes, Cashier, effective January 19, 2024.
3. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Tracy Dearth, Cook's Helper, effective January 19, 2024.
4. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Rachelle Ring for half the supplemental of Power of the Pen for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
5. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Cheryl Ficco as Girls' Soccer Coach.

2. Employment

1. Courtney Watt, High School Science Teacher, effective August 15, 2023.
2. Morgan Hutton, Aide, effective January 16, 2024.
3. Tracy Dearth, Cashier, effective January 22, 2024.
4. Misty Hughes, Transportation Secretary (2 hours), effective January 22, 2024.
5. Katie Robinson, Cook's Helper, effective January 29, 2024.

3. Certificated Substitutes (pending certification)

1. Kip DeShields

4. Classified Substitutes

1. Carson Graham

5. Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments

1. January 2024 List Attached

6. Athletic Supplementals (pending certification)

Seventh Grade Boys' Basketball (1/2 stipend)	Jon Cosma
Head Baseball Coach	Rick Mulinix
Assistant Varsity (1/3)	Ryan Wolf
Assistant Varsity (1/3)	Shawn Alazaus
Assistant Varsity (1/3)	Nick Wilson
Head JV Baseball Coach (1/3)	Scott Libb
JV Baseball Coach (1/3)	Gary Martin
JV Baseball Coach (1/3)	Chris Dorris
Baseball Volunteer	Adam Myers
Baseball Volunteer	Scott Loudon
Baseball Volunteer	Gino Sabatine
Baseball Volunteer	Chris Tucker
Head Softball Coach	Jennifer Woods
Varsity Softball Assistant	Cheyenne Heath
JV Softball Coach	Madison Pidgeon
Softball Volunteer	Larry Griffith
Head Girls' Track Coach	Mike Falasca
Girls' Track Assistant	Chris Adams
Girls' Track Assistant	Tim Cooper
Head Boys' Track Coach	Bryce Ostheimer
Boys' Track Assistant	Vallie Teague
Boys' Track Assistant	Dave Ruggles
Head Volleyball Coach (2024 - 2025)	Joshua Kuzmaul
Head Boys' Tennis Coach	John Hancock

7. Supplementals

1. Recommend approval to grant a half of the Middle School Power of the Pen Supplemental to Cindy DeRienzo for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

8. Volunteers

1. Recommend approval for Stacy Aldridge as a parent volunteer for Academic Challenge.

2. Authorization to Participate in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Recommend approval for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (High School and Middle School) 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, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

H. New Business

1. 2024-019 Bus Bid

WHEREAS, the West Branch Local School District is a member of the Ohio Schools Council. On November 3, 2023, the Ohio Schools Council received bids for school buses on behalf of its members. The West Branch Local School District Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1) - 72-passenger school bus chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the West Branch School District Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1) - 72 passenger school bus chassis and bodies from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on November 3, 2023.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2024-020 College Credit Plus

Recommend approval to participate in the College Credit Plus Option for high school students for the 2024 - 2025 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

3. 2024-021 Fair School Funding Plan, Inc.

Recommend approval to support Fair School Funding Plan, Inc at a cost of \$.30 per student for a total of \$525.00.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2024-022 2024 - 2025 School Calendar

Recommend the West Branch Local School District Board of Education adopt the following school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. Executive Session

1. 2024-023 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:35 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 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 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 Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

L. Adjournment

1. 2024-024 Adjourn

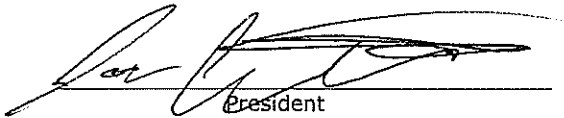
Recommend motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

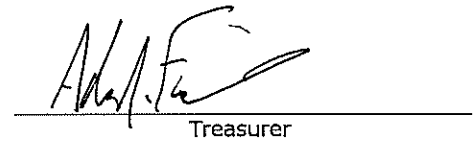
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Aaron Hawk, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

