West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, April 24, 2024)
Generated by Adam J Fisher on Friday, April 26, 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 6:01 PM

A. Call to Order

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

B. Agenda Approval

1. **2024-061 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 4/24/24 Board of Education Regular Session. If any board member wishes to move any consent agenda items to the regular agenda for further discussion, please let it be known now.

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
3. WBCEA Comments - None

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see reports on Board Docs

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Updates

a. Honored Student - Senior Kennedy Berger - Mrs. DeShields read accolades from Kennedy's teachers.

b. Honored Staff Members -

1. Mrs. Rachael Basalla (March) - Middle School Math Teacher - Mr. Schlueter read accolades for Mrs. Basalla.
2. Mrs. Brenda Sharp - High School Math Teacher - Mrs. DeShields read accolades for Mrs. Sharp
3. Mrs. Diane Uyselt - High School Secretary - Mr. Coffee read accolades for Mrs. Uyselt

c. Aultman Hospital Telehealth Presentation - Representatives from Aultman Hospital came and gave a presentation on the Telehealth services that our students and staff will be able to receive once we receive the carts that were purchased with a grant earlier this year.

d. Woodshop Expansion Project - Mrs. Egli gave an update on the project. Mr. Hoopes received bids for the services needed for the project and chose many of them. There are still a few that need to be done. He hopes to get the project started as soon as school is done for the year.

2. Recognitions

Cheerleading Competition Squad qualifying and participating at Disney World. At Disney they earned a first place, as well as being named overall Grand Champion.

Jocelynn Brink -- first female wrestler to represent West Branch at state tournaments.

Elks' Teenagers of the Month
April -- Lillian Smith

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.

Aladdin, Jr. -- Mrs. Krista Clay, cast and crew (and all the volunteers) for an outstanding performance.

F. Treasurer's Report

1. Monthly Updates

a. Possible switch to Farmers Bank - Mr. Fisher explained that Huntington Bank's fees are approaching $1,000 a month, and he reached out to Farmers Bank to see if they could be a less expensive option. He informed the board that we could save anywhere from $2,000 to $5,000 a year compared to Huntington. He hopes to have a decision soon, and if a move happens, it will be July 1st.

b. Medical Insurance Report - Mr. Fisher explained that he and Mrs. Egli had explored other options to replace our health insurance consortium. While exploring other options, an independent analysis was done by a third party to determine what might be the best course of action for us. The report showed that we are spending close to $1 million dollars less per year than other schools our size in Ohio. Because of this, we will remain in the current consortium.

G. Consent Items

1. **2024-062 Consent Items**

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

1. Minutes
    1. March 20, 2024 Work Session
    2. March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting
    3. April 8, 2024 Special Meeting

2. Financial Reports
    1. Cash Summary Report March 2024
    2. Cash Reconciliation March 2024
    3. Monthly Investment Statement March 2024
    4. SM2M Report March 2024
    5. Detailed Check Register March 2024
    6. Appropriations Summary March 2024

3. Accounts Payable
    1. Recommend to pay invoice from the ESC of Eastern Ohio - $27,214.53

4. Gifts and Donations
    1. Ruthrauff Farms - $50.00 to FFA
    2. Kenneth & Rebecca McCracken - $300.00 to FFA
    3. Sebring/West Branch Community Foundation - $550.00 to Middle School Environmental Club
    4. Courtney Stowe - $100.00 to FFA
    5. Johnny's Excavating - $500.00 to FFA
    6. Envelope 1, Inc. - $500.00 to FFA
    7. Dragonfly Spa and Salon - $100.00 to FFA
    8. DP Operating Company - $200 to FFA

Superintendent's Consent Items

1. **Personnel**
    1. **Retirements**
        1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Natela Martig, Third Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.
        2. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Dorothy Wartluf, Bus and Playground Aide, effective July 1, 2024.
    2. **Retire/Rehire**
        1. Recommend approval to accept the retire/rehire of the following classified and confidential staff:
            1. Barb Smith, EMIS Coordinator, effective May 31, 2024.
            2. Diane Uyselt, High School Secretary, effective June 30, 2024.

3. Mona McNeely, Central Office Secretary, effective June 30, 2024.

3. **District Resignations**
    1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Lauri Edwards, Intervention Specialist, effective July 9, 2024.
4. **Substitutes -- Modified Certificated -- $95 daily rate** (pending certification)
    1. Emma Egli
    2. Ariah Hagan
5. **Substitutes -- Classified (pending certification)**
    1. Mary Bloss
6. **Employment**
    1. Recommend approval to employ Amanda Hopkins as a bus driver effective May 1, 2024.
    2. Recommend approval to employ Michael Ginocchi, Assistant Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2024.
    3. Recommend approval to employ Sean Congemi as an Intervention Specialist for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
    4. Recommend approval to employ Sheryl Bazley as an Language Arts teacher for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
    5. Recommend approval to employ Kierstin Fillman as a Guidance Counselor for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
7. **Supplementals**

Summer Conditioning -- Football	Tim Cooper
Summer Conditioning -- Girls' Basketball	Walt DeShields
Summer Conditioning -- Volleyball	Josh Kuszmaul
Summer Conditioning -- Boys' Basketball (1/2)	Scott Loudon
Summer Conditioning -- Boys' Basketball (1/2)	John Hancock
Football Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	Tim Cooper
Cross Country Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	Stacey Cederbloom
Boys' Soccer Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	Sam Martucci
Girls' Tennis Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	John Hancock
Boys' Golf Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	Frank Edie
Girls' Golf Head Coach (2024 - 2025)	Dan Hall
Varsity Cheerleading (2024 - 2025) -- 3/4 Stipend	Denise Ginocchi

2. **Volunteers**
    1. Recommend approval for Daniel Zippay to be a volunteer for the fine arts programs.
3. **Unpaid Leave**
    1. Recommend approval to grant Curt Wuthrick unpaid medical leave through 5/7/24.
4. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**
    1. April 2024 List Attached

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

H. New Business

1. **2024-063 Approval of Woodshop Expansion Bids**

Recommend approval to accept the bids from Caplea Architects, Inc. for the Woodshop Expansion Project as listed below.

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

2. **2024-064 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 $18,000 for a three-week, four hour per day summer program.

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

3. **2024-065 Student Insurance**

Recommend approval of Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company as the student insurance provider for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

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

4. New Fieldhouse Scoreboard - Tabled until May

5. **2024-066 HWS Best Health Contract**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with HWS Best Health Consulting for mental health services during the 2023 - 2024 and 2024 - 2025 school years.

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

6. **2024-067 Out of State Field Trip**

Recommend approval for the fifth grade to travel to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, PA on May 22, 2024.

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

7. **2024-068 Memorandum of Understanding with WBCEA**

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

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

8. **2024-069 Appointment of Treasurer**

Resolved, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.22, the Board reappoints Adam Fisher as Treasurer for the five-year period beginning August 1, 2024, and ending on July 31, 2029, and authorizes and directs the Board President to execute an employment contract with the Treasurer on behalf of the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon by the parties.

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

I. Executive Session

1. **2024-070 Executive Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

__X__ 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
__X__ 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

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

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

J. Adjournment

1. **2024 -071 Adjourn**

Recommend motion to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

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 8:22 P.M.

President

Attest:

Treasurer