

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, June 20, 2024)

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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 6:11 PM**A. Call to Order**

1. Call to order - This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There us a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2024-086 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 6/20/2024 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 Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

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

4. Recognitions

1. Rick Mulinix, Coaching Staff and Baseball Team for being the 2024 State Champs!

2. Mike Falasca and Girls' Track State Qualifiers -- Sophia Gregory, Lauren Gossett, Zoe Sanders, Kennedy Berger (4 x 200 Relay & 4 x 100 Relay)

3. Spring Sports Awards:

Softball:

Ellie Tucker - 1st Team EBC

Klary McKay - 1st Team EBC

Sara Schmidt - 1st Team EBC

Addi Craven - 2nd Team EBC

Josie Miliken - 2nd Team EBC

Mati Hawk - Honorable Mention EBC

Libbie Davis - Honorable Mention EBC

Tennis:

Caden Zion - EBC Player of the Year and 1st Team EBC

Riley Hendershott - 1st Team EBC

Evan Hancock - 1st Team EBC

Xander Culbertson - 2nd Team EBC

Trey Thomas - 2nd Team EBC

Zakory Karlen - Honorable Mention EBC

Camden Lane - Honorable Mention EBC

Track:

Sophia Gregory - 1st Team EBC (200 M, 4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay) 2nd Team EBC (4x400 Relay)
 Lauren Gossett - 1st Team EBC (4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay, Long Jump) 2nd Team EBC (4x400 Relay)
 Zoe Sanders - 1st Team EBC (4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay)
 Kennedy Berger - 1st Team EBC (4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay), 2nd Team EBC (4x400 Relay)
 Luke Fye - 1st Team EBC (100 M Hurdles)
 Alli Kanagy - 2nd Team EBC (4x400 Relay)
 Clarice Martin - Honorable Mention EBC
 Hailie Singer - Honorable Mention EBC
 Jacob Weingart - Honorable Mention EBC
 Michael Dorris - Honorable Mention EBC

Baseball:

Beau Alazaus - 2nd Team OHSBCA All-State, EBC Player of the Year, 1st Team EBC
 Anthony Perry - 1st Team EBC
 Aaron Tucker - 2nd Team EBC
 Hunter Shields - 2nd Team EBC
 Boston Mulinix - Honorable Mention EBC
 Jeremiah Thomas - Honorable Mention EBC

D. Building Reports - None

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Updates

- a. Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan - Please see attached
- b. Woodshop Progress - Work on woodshop expansion is in progress and should be done at the start of school

2. Second Semester Bullying Report

In accordance with State Law and West Branch Local School District Policy 5517.01, I am providing you with a semi-annual report regarding incidents of bullying in the West Branch Local School District.

This report covers the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

During the second semester of the 2024 - 2025 school year we received 10 reports that led to 2 confirmed cases of bullying that required investigation and administrative action according to policy or guidelines.

I assure you that our administrative team is being proactive in addressing and reporting issues of bullying and harassment.

This information will be posted on the district website.

F. Consent Items

1. 2024-087 Consent Items

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

- 1. May 22, 2024 Regular Meeting

2. Financial Reports

- 1. Cash Summary Report May 2024
- 2. Cash Reconciliation May 2024
- 3. Monthly Investment Statement May 2024
- 4. SM2M Report May 2024

5. Detailed Check Register May 2024
 6. Appropriations Summary May 2024
 7. June 2024 Transfers
 8. Final Appropriations Summary for Fiscal Year 2024 as presented
 9. Appropriation Resolution for June 2024
 10. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for June 2024
 11. Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented
3. Treasurer recommends that the West Branch Board of Education approve the authorization of the treasurer to make transfers/advances/expenditure adjustments and/or appropriation modifications as required to close Fiscal Year 2024 with transactions to be reported at the regular meeting in July 2024. Furthermore, allow the treasurer to amend appropriations not to exceed the last Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources and bring them to legal requirements.
4. Gifts and Donations
1. MAC Trailer - \$1,000 for two \$500 scholarships for the MAC Trailer Art Scholarship

Superintendent' Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Resignations

1. Jessica Ruggles, Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 30, 2024
2. Connie Moracco, Cook's Helper, effective August 5, 2024
3. Robert Graham, ELC Principal, effective June 30, 2024

2. Summer PK Transition Program

1. Katie Whaley, Intervention Specialist for PK Transition Program, \$30 per hour
2. Morgan Hutton, PK Transition Program Parapro (rate per negotiated agreement)

3. Athletic Supplementals for the 2024 - 2025 School Year (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)

1. **Freshman Football** - Sean Congemi
2. **JV Boys' Soccer** - Chris Sam
3. **Assistant Girls' Tennis** -- Laura Sharp
4. **Cheerleading**

1. Varsity (3/4) - Denise Ginocchi
2. Varsity (1/8) - Elisha Kutz
3. Varsity (1/8) - Marissa Frame
4. Freshman - Candy Rockwell
5. Middle School (1/2) - Elisha Kutz
6. Middle School (1/2) - Amber Sanor

4. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Melissa White as an Intervention Specialist/TESOL for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
2. Recommend approval to employ William Sheak as an Instrumental Music Teacher for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
3. Recommend approval to employ Jaret Baker as a High School Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Recommend approval to employ Kirsten Wordeman as a High School Science Teacher for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
5. Recommend approval to employ Jeff Novak as a consultant in the Special Services Department for a maximum of 10 days at the the hourly rate of \$48.00 between June 17, 2024 and July 31, 2024.
6. Recommend approval to grant Jeff Novak a 2 year contract as the Director of Special Services beginning August 1, 2024.

5. 2024 -- 2025 Substitute Lists

1. Recommend approval of the Classified and Certificated Substitute List for the 2024 -- 2025 School year.

6. 2024 - 2025 Band Chaperones (pending certification)

Stacey Aldridge	Becky Blanchard
Rachael Blasiman	Abby Booth
Josh Booth	Christine Brown
Danielle Clarkson	Corey Clay
Janelle Corallo	Leisha Crutchley
James Crutchley	Derek Day
Mike Dyke	Teresa Dyke
Regina Greeneisen	Sheila Herold
Jen Karlen	Erika Knopp
Jodi Kurtz	Joseph Kurtz
Kelli Motherwell	Sarah Beth Stratton
Aimee Strong	Karen Suggett
Amanda Szijj	Eric Szijj
Jen Thomas	Andrea Zippay
Dan Zippay	

7. **Professional Days** -- See Attached List

2. **Special Services Contracts**

1. LLA Therapy
2. Education Alternatives
3. Education Alternatives (transportation services)
4. Dr. James Pietrzycki (orientation and mobility)
5. Jill Klettlinger (visually impaired)
6. Proactive Behavior Services
7. Summit County ESC Consortium Services (Audiology)
8. Woit Speech Therapy
9. Spectrum Center - Center for Autism Intervention and Advocacy (Mount Union)
10. Amergis Healthcare Staffing/Amergis Educational Staffing (formerly Maxim Healthcare)
11. Youngstown State University TOPS Program
12. Columbiana County ESC Services

3. **West Branch Policy and Plan for Identification and Service of Gifted Children**

1. Recommend approval to execute the Policy and plan for Identification and Service for Gifted Children.

4. **Administrative Addendum**

1. Recommend approval to execute an addendum to the contract of James Graham.
2. Recommend approval to execute an addendum to the contract of Christopher Michael Hoffman.

5. **Student Handbooks**

1. Recommend approval to adopt the PS - 12 Student Handbooks.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

G. Old Business

1. **2024-088 Amend Resolution 2023-118**

Recommend approval for West Branch Local Schools to retroactively change Resolution #2023-118 to replace the roof at the Early Learning Center in the summer of 2023 from Pitch Fork Roofing to Bronco Roofing.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. **2024-089 School Van Purchase**

Recommend West Branch Local Schools Board of Education to retroactively approve the purchase of two (2) school vans from Bus Service, Inc. through the Ohio Schools Council cooperative purchasing program. One van was purchased using Permanent Improvement funds and the other van was partially funded through the ARP Homeless Targeted Support Grant and the ARP Homeless Round II Grant.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2024-090 Industrial Maintenance Curriculum and Equipment

Recommend West Branch Local Schools Board of Education to retroactively approve the purchase of curriculum and equipment for the Industrial Maintenance program from Huffman Crow Inc., also known as Buckeye Educational Systems. The cost will be covered by using ESSER funds.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. New Business

1. 2024-091 Classified Substitute

Recommend approval to hire Kimberly Courtwright as a classified substitute for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Aaron Hawk, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Joe Courtwright

2. 2024-092 Ohio Coalition for Equity and Advocacy of School Funding

Recommend approval to join the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding for the 2024 - 2025 school year for \$3,502.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2024-093 New Fieldhouse Scoreboard

Recommend approval to purchase and install new scoreboard from Daktronics through Ohio Schools Council's Cooperative Purchasing program. The scoreboard will be paid for by donations and the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2024-094 Liability, fleet, building and property, and data compromise insurance

Recommend acceptance of a proposal for liability, fleet, building and property, and data compromise insurance with Wright Specialty Insurance Company through Kennedy Insurance Agency for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2024-095 Farmers Bank Depository Agreement Approval

Recommend approval of Bank Depository Agreement with Farmers National Bank for the period of May 30, 2024 thru May 29, 2029.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2024-096 NEOLA Policy

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education adopt the following additions, revisions and deletions (rescind) of policies; waive the second reading: NEOLA Policy Student Attendance/Grades 9-12.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2024-097 VAZA Contract

Recommend approval to enter into a contract with VAZA Consulting for finance advocacy and consultation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2024-098 Employment

Recommend approval to enter employ Evan Hancock as summer help at the student rate effective June 1, 2024.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

I. Executive Session

1. 2024-099 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 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 Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

J. Adjournment

1. 2024-100 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M..

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer

