

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, August 15, 2024)

Generated by Adam J Fisher on Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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. Moment of Silence for Remington Jones - Student that took his own life earlier this week
4. Roll Call

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2024-115 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 8/15/24 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 Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments

1. Visitor's Comments - None
2. WBEA Comments - None
3. WBCEA Comments - None

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Updates
 - a. Start & End Times for each building:
 1. ELC: 9:05 - 3:30
 2. WBMS Grades 3-5: 8:55 - 3:40
 3. WBMS Grades 6-7: 7:40 - 2:50
 4. WBHS - 7:40 - 2:50
 - b. Bus route information has all been posted in My Ride K-12 App
 - c. Community Eligibility Program Update - Many schools in the area have qualified for this program allowing for free lunch and breakfast for all students. However, we did not. It was determined by Mr. Fisher and Miss Strausbaugh that the doing this would cause our Food Service program to go into the red significantly every year.

E. Consent Items**1. 2024-116 Consent Items**

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes
 1. July 18, 2024 Work Session

2. July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report July 2024
2. Cash Reconciliation July 2024
3. Monthly Investment Statement July 2024
4. SM2M Report July 2024
5. Detailed Check Register July 2024
6. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources July 2024
7. Commercial Paper Reporting for FY2024

3. Gifts and Donations

1. REVISED FROM JULY MEETING- Heidi Davidz donation to the Math and/or Science Programs should have been \$2,500. Not \$250
2. Rocky's Whistlestop - \$150.00 - Athletics Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
3. County Line Veterinary Services - \$150.00 - Athletic Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
4. Gem-Young Insurance & Financial Services - \$500.00 - Athletic Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
5. Bad Boy Tattoo & Body Piercing - \$150.00 - Athletic Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
6. The Church Budget Monthly Mail Company - \$500 - Athletic Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
7. Stitle Construction - \$150.00 - Athletic Sponsorship/Fieldhouse Scoreboard
8. Anonymous - \$100.00 to Backpack Program

Superintendent's Consent Items1. **Personnel**1. **Resignations**

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Stephanie Derry as a cook's helper effective August 15, 2024.

2. **Certificated Substitutes**

1. Recommend approval to employ Chris Brown as a certificated substitute for 2024-2025 school year.
2. Recommend approval to employ Charles Mead as a certificated substitute for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
3. Recommend approval to employ Jessica Wallace as a certificated substitute for the 2024 2025 school year effective August 1, 2024.
4. Recommend approval to employ Caitlyn Marx as a certificated substitute for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

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

MS Football -- Volunteer Coach	Zane Peterson
Boys' Basketball -- Head Coach	Scott Loudon
Girls' Basketball -- Head Coach	Walt DeShields
Wrestling -- Head Coach	Chris Dorris
Girls' Softball - Head Coach	Chris Tucker
Boys' Baseball -- Head Coach	Ryan Wolf

4. **Clock Operator**

1. Recommend approval to employ Rob Todor as a clock operator for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

5. **Technical Workers (pending certification)**

1. Recommend approval to hire Eric Waggoner as an hourly technical worker for the 2024 -2025 school year.
2. Recommend approval to hire Cory Clay as an hourly technical worker for the 2024-2025 school year.

6. **Employment of Retire/Rehire Employees**

1. Recommend the Board employ Barb Smith as a confidential employee (EMIS coordinator) under the Retire/Rehire provision of the negotiated agreement between the West Branch Board of Education and the West Branch Classified Employees Association effective August 1, 2024.
2. Recommend the Board employ Mona McNeely as confidential employee (secretary) under the Retire/Rehire provision of the negotiated agreement between the West Branch Board of Education and the

West Branch Classified Employees Association effective September 1, 2024.

3. Recommend the Board employ Diane Uyselt as a high school secretary under the Retire/Rehire provision of the negotiated agreement between the West Branch Board of Education and the West Branch Classified Employees Association effective September 1, 2024.

7. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Nancy Barnett as an On Board Instructor for bus drivers for the 2024-2025 school year at her hourly rate.
2. Recommend approval to employ Curt Julian as a bus driver for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
3. Recommend approval to employ William Welch as a bus driver for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
4. Recommend approval to employ James Helm as a Community Liaison Consultant at the consultant rate for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Recommend approval to employ Chelsea Shafer as Treasurer's Assistant - Budgetary effective August 8, 2024. She will be place on the appropriate pay scale in the Confidential Salary schedule.

8. Supplementals

Senior Class Advisor	Diane Uyselt
Musical High School (2 Required)	Krista Clay
Musical Assistant -- HS Choreography	Tessa Murphy
Pep Band	William Sheak
National Honor Society	Greg Sharp
Vocal -- Middle School	Raeann Sanor

9. 2024 - 2025 Band Volunteers

Catherine Ruthrauff	Band Chaperone
Jessica Hartzell	Flagline Volunteer
Tessa Murphy	Majorette Volunteer

2. Use of Facilities

Recommend approval to grant permission to the Sebring West Branch Soccer Organization to utilize the fields at the the Early Learning Center in coordination with the Athletic Director and/or Building Principal (pending completion of proper paperwork).

3. EMT Coverage

Recommend approval to enter into a contract with Beloit and Damascus Fire Departments to provide EMT services at football games during the 2024-2025 school year at \$100 per game.

4. Substitute and Miscellaneous Rates

Recommend approval for substitute and miscellaneous rates for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

F. Old Business

1. 2024-117 Amend Resolution

Recommend approval to amend Resolution 2024-087 from a resignation of Connie Moracco, effective August 5, 2024 to a retirement of Connie Moracco, effective August 5, 2024.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. New Business

1. 2024-118 Employment of Substitute Teachers

Recommend approval to modify the educational requirements for the employment of substitute teachers for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Substitutes meeting this criteria will be paid at the rate of \$95 a day. All individuals must successfully complete a

criminal records check, as well.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2024-119 Payment in Lieu of Transportation

Recommend the Board adopt the following resolution for In Lieu of Transportation for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

The West Branch Board of Education, after examination of factors as identified in 3327.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, has declared by Board resolution that such transportation by school conveyance is "impractical" and hereby agrees to pay the parent or guardian of said pupil in lieu of providing such service. Payment shall be based upon the reimbursement rate set by the Ohio Department of Education, and shall not exceed the average cost of transportation per pupil in the State of Ohio.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2024-120 Tuition Application

Recommend approval to accept the attached tuition applications for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2024-121 Athletic Trainer Coverage

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Aultman Hospital to provide Athletic Trainer Coverage effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

Abstain: Mikki Kanagy

5. 2024-122 Initiation of Transfer of Funds Process to Revised Code Section 5705.14

WHEREAS, the West Branch Local School District Board of Education ("Board") passed a bond in 2000 that was refinanced in 2010 ("2010 Bond");

WHEREAS, the Board has established a bond retirement fund pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (Fund 002"), and such Fund 002 is a debt service fund;

WHEREAS, the 2010 bond expired with final payments being made prior to January 1, 2024;

WHEREAS, the residual funds remain in the bond retirement fund (Fund 002);

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to transfer any and all residual funds remaining in the bond retirement fund (Fund 002) to its permanent improvement fund, which is a capital project fund ("Fund 003");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(C)(2), monies in Fund 002 may be transferred to a specific permanent improvement fund provided the county budget commission of the county in which the school district is located approves the transfer, upon determination by the county budget commission that the money transferred will not be required to meet the obligations payable from Fund 002;

WHEREAS, the Board seeks the Treasurer to obtain approval from the county budget commission of the transfer of residual funds in Fund 002 to the district's permanent improvement fund, Fund 003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the West Branch Local School District Board of Education:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to initiate the process for seeking approval from the county budget commission of the transfer of residual funds in Fund 002 to the district's permanent improvement fund, Fund 003, pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14(c)(2).

Section 2. The Board President, Superintendent, and/or Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of the resolution, including, but not limited to, preparation of necessary documentation, submission of same to the appropriate entity, appropriate deposit of such funds.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public or in executive sessions as permitted by law.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2024-123 eGroup Contracts

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the following schools to provide services through eGroup for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

Sebring Local Schools

Boardman Local Schools

Springfield Local Schools

Campbell Local Schools

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2024-124 Imagine Learning Contract

Recommend to enter into an agreement with Imagine Learning (formerly Edgenuity) for the Warrior Academy and eGroup programs for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2024-125 SRO Memorandum of Understanding

Resolved, that the Board adopts the Memorandum of Understanding with the Goshen Township Board of Trustees and Goshen Township Police Department for the provision of school resource officers for the District for the 2024-2025 school calendar year and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute the Memorandum on behalf of the Board.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. Executive Session

1. 2024-126 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:23 P.M. at 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

☐ 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

☒ X 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, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright

I. Adjournment

1. 2024-127 Adjourn

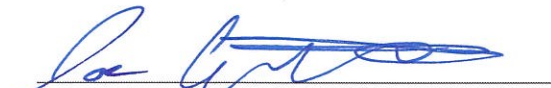
Recommend motion to adjourn at 7:13 P.M.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.



President

Attest:



Treasurer