

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, January 21, 2025)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Thursday, January 23, 2025***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 5:29 PM****A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval

1. Consent Agenda Questions or Discussion - None

2. 2025-013 Approve Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the agenda for the 1/21/2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting. 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 Joe Courtwright.

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. School Board Recognition Month

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 14th year as a board member.

Mr. Aaron Hawk - Beginning his 6th year as a board member.

Mr. Bryan Hobbins - Beginning his 4th year as a board member after election (fulfilled two years previously for former member).

Mr. Joe Courtwright -- Beginning his 4th year as a board member.

Mr. David Yaggi -- Beginning his 4th 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 - January** - Clarice Martin & Jase Libb
2. **Spelling Bee Winners - Middle School** - Champion -- Brianna Call, Alternate -- Avery Cushman; **Intermediate** (Grades 4 & 5) - Winner -- Kase Coffee, Runner-up - Nolan Wolford

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see Board Docs

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Monthly Updates

a. Mrs. Egli brought to the attention of the Board that it is time to decide whether to keep the Open Enrollment Policy the same or if they would like to amend it. Mrs. Egli recommended extending the limited allowability to Grades 7-12 instead of 8-12. This will be discussed in a future Board meeting.

b. Because of weather concerns, Mrs. Egli asked the Honored Staff and Student to stay home and that we'd recognize them next month.

F. Executive Session1. **2025-014 Executive Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:41 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.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. **2025-015 Return to Regular Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education exit Executive Session and return to the Regular Session at 5:45 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

G. Consent Items1. **2025-016 Consent Items**

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

1. December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. January 2, 2025 Organizational Meeting
3. January 7, 2025 Special Meeting

2. Financial Reports

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

3. Gifts and Donations

1. Bryan Whinnery and Family - Donation of 50 pounds of ground beef to the food pantry. Value is approximately \$250.00

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

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Christopher (Mike) Hoffman, Maintenance Director, effective January 17, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Dan Hall, Girls' Golf Coach.

2. Retirement

1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Teresa Santee, Nurse's Aide, effective May 30, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Dennis Howell, Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2025.

3. Employment

1. Brian Baker, Interim Maintenance Director effective January 18, 2025.
2. Maria Jarvis, Middle School Intervention Specialist effective January 7, 2025.
3. Dana Payton, Custodian, effective January 23, 2025.

4. Certificated Substitutes (pending certification)

1. Stephanie Hahlen (effective January 3, 2025)
2. April Boals
3. Tyler DeShields
4. Campbell Tuel

5. Classified Substitutes

1. Robert Tedrow

6. Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments

1. January 2025 List Attached

7. Athletic Supplementals (pending certification)

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| 1. Boys Baseball | |
| Assistant Varsity (1/3) | Rick Mulinix |
| Assistant Varsity (1/3) | Shawn Alazaus |
| Assistant Varsity (1/3) | Nick Wilson |
| Head JV Baseball Coach (1/2) | Scott Libb |
| JV Baseball Coach (1/2) | Gary Martin |
| Baseball Volunteer | Dylan Davin |
| Baseball Volunteer | Adam Myers |
| Baseball Volunteer | Scott Loudon |
| Baseball Volunteer | Gino Sabatine |
| Girls Softball | |
| Varsity Assistant (1/2) | Jennifer Woods |
| Varsity Assistant (1/2) | Madison Pidgeon |
| JV Assistant (1/2) | Delaney Rito |
| Softball Volunteer | Larry Griffith |
| Girls Track | |
| HS Girls' Track Assistant | Chris Adams |
| HS Girls' Track Assistant | Alexis Gregory |
| MS Head Girls' Track | Nick Cooper |
| MS Girls' Track Assistant | Chris Dorris |
| Boys' Track | |
| HS Boys' Track Assistant | Vallie Teague |
| HS Boys' Track Assistant | Dave Ruggles |
| MS Head Boys' Track | Frank Edie |
| MS Boys' Track Assistant | Tim Lucik |
| Boys' Tennis | |
| Assistant | Carl Davanzo |
| Fall Coaches | |
| Football Head Coach (2025-2026) | Tim Cooper |
| Cross Country Head Coach (2025-2026) | Stacey Cederbloom |
| Boys' Soccer Head Coach (2025-2026) | Sam Martucci |
| Girls' Soccer Head Coach (2025-2026) | Zach Dean |
| Girls' Tennis Head Coach (2025-2026) | John Hancock |
| Boys' Head Golf Coach (2025-2026) | Frank Edie |
| Girls' Head Volleyball Coach (2025-2026) | Josh Kuszmaul |

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 2025-2026 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

H. New Business**1. 2025-017 College Credit Plus**

Recommend approval to participate in the College Credit Plus Option for high school students for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Aaron Hawk.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2025 -018 2025 - 2026 School Calendar

Recommend the West Branch Local School District Board of Education adopt the following school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Hobbins asked if there were other choices since there was only one attached to the agenda. Mrs. Egli informed that the calendar that was uploaded was the one voted on by the WBEA.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2025-019 Ohio Education Policy Institute Membership

Recommend approval to become members of the Ohio Education Policy Institute for Calendar Year 2025 at a cost of \$1,000.

Discussion: Mrs. Kanagy asked what the purpose of joining this is. Mr. Fisher informed that this organization would provide continuous analysis of the Fair School Funding Plan, State report card, property tax reform, legislation that impacts local taxation, and other issues. Mr. Fisher said with the new legislature, there is uncertainty of many items concerning school funding and any information regarding any possible changes to funding, it would be very beneficial to stay on top of it. Mrs. Egli also added that there were two gentlemen on the email that are highly respected across the state.

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. 2025-020 Executive Session**

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:49 P.M. for the purpose of discussion with regard to:

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No action will be taken.

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. 2025-021 Adjourn**

Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:18 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 6:18 P.M.

President

Attest:

Treasurer