

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, May 21, 2025)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Thursday, May 22, 2025***Members present**

Mikki Kanagy, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM**A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2025-065 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 5/21/25 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.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments**1. Visitor's Comments**

a. Dr. David Kanagy - Father, husband and community member - his daughter reluctantly reported an incident in the weight room between a male adult and a female student and had the video obtained from a public records request. He mentioned that Coach DeShields denied that the incident happened to the media because the adult male was his son. His daughter was unfairly attacked on social media and by peers as a liar and a "nark." He requested the school board and administration do more to protect their kids.

b. There was a request by a community member for the Board to waive the 5-day policy and allow her to speak. The Board chose to follow policy and asked her to request to speak at the next meeting.

2. WBCEA Comments - None**3. WBEA Comments - None****D. Building Reports****1. Building Reports - Please see Board Docs****E. Treasurer's Report**

1. Mr. Fisher presented his 5-Year Forecast and gave a Powerpoint presentation on the school's financial status. He said, based on current law, the school is still maintaining fairly even revenues and expenditures over the years 2025-2028 with deficit spending starting to happen in FY2029. He also mentioned that state funding is very uncertain at the moment and showed other potential possibilities depending on what happens in the state legislature.

2. In the presentation, Mr. Fisher also presented how several projects being done on the high school property this summer are being funded and that there will be \$0 spent from the school's general fund on the projects.

Powerpoint Presentation and Forecast Report are available on BoardDocs.

F. Superintendent's Report**1. Monthly Updates**

a. Mrs. Egli showed pictures of the progress being made on the Live Animal Barn and a rendering of the high school football field turf project.

2. Recognitions

National Honor Society -- Allie Brammer, Abigail Carver, Gavin Clay, Grady Close, Zachary Coffee, Adam Corallo, Amelia Corallo, Jude Corallo, Sophia Dorris, Lucas Dyke, Ciara Evans, Ethan Favazzo, Gavin Gregory, Abigail Janosik, Alli Kanagy, Addison Reichenbach, Chloe Sanor, Alaina Schluneker, Sara Schmidt, Raelyn Walker, and Kasen Weaver

Class of 2025**Valedictorians:** Ragan Greeneisen, Boston Mulinix (Speaker), Caden Zion**Salutatorian:** Lauren Cameron**Mascots** -- Warrior Chief - Dakota Cutlip, Assistant Warrior Chief - Mason Runk, Warrior Princess - Arya Patel**Prom Queen & King** -- Josie Milliken and Joey Jackson

STEM Night -- Mrs. Theis, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Walter and all the teachers and students who presented.

Introduction of New Hires Approved at Prior Meetings -- Brooke Courtney (Elementary), Matthew Tafe (MS Assistant Principal), Jaclyn Kornick (Intervention Specialist), Abigail George (HS VoAg), Erin Chaplow (Elementary)

Retirees: Walt DeShields (Warrior Academy/Tool Time), Amy Eddins (HS English), Denise Elder (Secretary), Dennis Howell (Bus Driver), Cheryl Kelly-Wutrick (Aide), Matt Manley (Assistant Principal), Cheryl Oblisk (Bus Driver), Arlene Roelen (Grade 3), Teresa Santee (Nurse Aide), Anne Sellaroli (Grade 4), Greg Sharp (Vo-Ag), Megan Woods (Aide), Nancy Yonkey (Aide)

****Mrs. Egli also recognized new employees that were hires at previous meetings but were unable to attend at the time they were hired.****

G. Consent Items

1. 2025-066 Consent Items

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

1. April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. May 5, 2025 Special Meeting
3. May 7, 2025 Special Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report April 2025
2. Cash Reconciliation April 2025
3. Monthly Investment Statement April 2025
4. SM2M Report April 2025
5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources April 30, 2025
6. Detailed Check Register April 2025
7. Appropriations Summary April 2025

3. Five-Year Forecast and Assumptions 2025-2029

4. Accounts Payable

1. Recommend to pay CARTS Community Action Rural Transit \$6,300.41 for services provided.

5. Gifts and Donations

1. Brunner's Farm Market - Soil and Flowers donated to FFA with a value of \$250.00
2. Hilltop Lawn & Garden - \$500.00 to FFA
3. Anonymous - \$1,000 to Choir
4. David & Garnet Yaggi - \$50.00 to FFA
5. Damascus Methodist Church - \$500.00 to HS Principal's Fund
6. Barnett & Son Trucking & Excavating - \$500.00 to FFA
7. Samantha Bardo - 3-D Printer donated to STEM Lab with a value of \$300.00
8. PPC Flex - Donated 2 scales to the Vo-Ag program for the new barn with a value of \$800.00
9. MAC Trailer - \$500.00 to FFA
10. CJ's Port-A-Potty - \$500.00 to FFA
11. Stratton Chevrolet - \$240.00 for Prizes - 5th Grade Study Island Blue Ribbon Challenge

Superintendent' Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Retirements

1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Carrie Utt, Third Grade Teacher, effective October 1, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Cheryl Kelly-Wutrick as an aide, effective August 22, 2025.

2. Resignations

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Sean Congemi as Intervention Specialist effective June 30, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Penny DeShields, Assistant Principal, effective July 31, 2025.
3. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Misty Hughes as Bus Driver and part time Transportation Secretary, effective August 6, 2025.
4. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Leslie Wilson as an Intervention Specialist, effective June 30, 2025.

3. Supplemental Resignations

1. Jennifer Smith, High School Yearbook

4. Limited Contracts

1. Recommend the approval of the certified staff limited contracts for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
2. Recommend the approval of the classified staff limited contracts for the 2025 - 2026 school year

5. Employment

1. Recommend approval to employ Curt Julian as a seasonal custodian effective May 1, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to grant a three (3) year contract to Stephanie White as School Psychologist effective July 1, 2025.
3. Recommend approval to employ Misty Hughes as Middle School Secretary for the 2025 -- 2026 school year, effective August 7, 2025.
4. Recommend approval to employ Patrick Hartzell as an Intervention Specialist for the 2025 -- 2026 school year (pending certification).

5. Recommend approval to employ Holly Kane as a Guidance Counselor for the 2025 -- 2026 school year (pending certification).
6. Recommend approval to employ Tyson Swiger as a High School Social Studies and Language Arts teacher for the 2025 -- 2026 school year (pending certification).
7. Recommend approval to employ Kaedin Ulbrich as a student custodial worker effective May 19, 2025 at the rate of \$13 per hour.
8. Recommend approval to employ the following individuals as Summer Custodial and Technical help at \$13 per hour:
 1. Evan Hancock
 2. Adam Corallo
 3. Felicia Bonar
6. **Summer STEM**
 1. Recommend approval to hire Bridget Scofinsky as a Summer STEM Camp instructor at \$30 per hour (August 4 - 8, 2025).
 2. Recommend approval to hire Cheryl Libb as a Summer STEM Camp assistant instructor at \$15 per hour (August 4 - 8, 2025).
7. **Success by Six - pending sufficient enrollment**
 1. Kylie Baker, Administrator, \$30 per hour
 2. Brooke Courtney, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 3. Amanda Lamancusa, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 4. Jorri Zmuda, Teacher \$30 per hour
 5. Kim Sabatine, Secretary, (rate per negotiated agreement)
 6. Casey Court, Aide, (rate per negotiated agreement)
8. **Summer School/Services**
 1. Kelsey McFarland, PS Extended School Year, \$30 per hour
 2. Heather Gramlich, ELC Transition Summer Services, \$30 per hour
 3. Morgan Hutton, ELC Aide Transition Summer Services, (rate per negotiated agreement)
9. **Supplementals** (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)
 1. **Girls Golf Head Coach** - Brandon Bates
 2. **Football**
 1. Varsity Assistant - Ken Harris
 2. Varsity Assistant - Shawn Alazaus
 3. Varsity Assistant - Carl Davanzo
 4. Varsity Assistant - Camcron Martig
 5. Varsity Assistant - Nick Cooper
 6. Freshman - Paul Hostetter
 7. 8th Grade - Anthony Lucente
 8. 8th Grade - Tyson Swiger
 9. 7th Grade - Chris Dorris
 10. 7th Grade - Chris Adams
 11. Football Volunteer - Mike Painter
 12. Football Volunteer - Chris Thomas
 13. Football Volunteer - Alek Wilson
 14. Football Freshman Volunteer - Josh Hergenroder
 3. **Volleyball**
 1. Head Coach - Josh Kuszmaul
 2. Varsity Assistant (1/3) - Falon Brill
 3. Varsity Assistant (2/3) - Jaret Baker
 4. Varsity Assistant - Kaley Davis
 5. 8th Grade - Sis Woods
 6. 7th Grade - Seth Fieldhouse
 7. Volunteer - Tiffany Woods
 4. **Girls' Soccer**
 1. Assistant Coach - Tim Lucik
 2. Junior Varsity Coach - Molly Daley
 5. **Boys' Soccer**
 1. Assistant Coach -- Ian Yarwood
 2. Junior Varsity Coach - Michael Bailey
 6. **Girls' Tennis**
 1. Varsity Assistant - Laura Sharp
 7. **Girls' Golf**
 1. Head Coach - Brandon Bates
 2. Assistant - Mike Falasca
 8. **Cheerleading**
 1. Head Coach (3/4) - Denise Ginocchi
 2. Freshman - Candy Rockwell
 3. Middle School (1/2) - Abbey Dawes
 4. Middle School (1/2) - Amber Sanor
 9. **Girls' Basketball**
 1. Varsity Assistant - Bob Shepherd

2. Varsity Assistant (2/3) - Jana Stittle
3. Varsity Assistant (1/3) - Mike Butcher
4. Junior Varsity - Lou Sellaroli

10. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**

1. Recommend approval of Professional and Superintendent Assignments.

11. **West Branch Policy and Procedure for Special Education Services**

1. Recommend approval to adopt the model policies and procedures as mandated by state and federal law.

12. **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.

13. **Permission to Use Softball Field**

1. Recommend approval to the Sebring-West Branch Fastpitch Softball League to utilize the softball fields for the 2025 Summer with coordination through the Athletic Department.

14. **Fifth Grade Field Trip**

1. Recommend approval for the fifth grade class to travel to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, May 23, 2025.

15. **Overnight/Out of Town Camps**

June 9 - 11, 2025	FFA	Berlin, OH/Amish Country
June 12 - 14, 2025	Girls Basketball	Sandusky, Ohio/Cedar Point
June 18 - 20, 2025	Girls Basketball	Sherrodsville
June 22 - 24, 2025	MS Girls Basketball	Sherrodsville
June 22 - 24, 2025	Girls Basketball	Greensboro, NC
June 26 - 28, 2025	Girls Soccer	Ashland University
July 21 - 23, 2025	Football	Ashland University

Discussion: None

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

****Mr. Fisher read the donations aloud and thanked the donators for their contributions.****

****Mrs. Egli recognized the new hires that were just approved and introduced them to the Board and community.****

H. New Business

1. **2025-067 Graduates List (Pending Completion of Local & State Requirements)**

Recommend approval of the list of graduates, pending completion of all West Branch High School and state requirements, for the commencement ceremony scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025.

Discussion: None

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. **2025-068 Extended School Year Service Agreement**

Recommend approval to enter into an Extended School Year Service agreement contract with Education Alternatives from June 2025 through August 2025.

Discussion: None

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. **2025-069 Education Alternatives**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Education Alternatives to provide services for students with special needs for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. **2025-070 Audiology Services**

Recommend approval to enter into an audiology services contract with Summit Educational Service Center for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2025-071 LLA Therapy

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with LLA Therapy to provide services to students with special needs for the 2025 - 2026 school year, on an as needed basis.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2025-072 Columbiana County ESC Services

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Columbiana County ESC for services on an as needed basis for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2025-073 ACCESS Contracts

Recommend approval to enter into agreements with ACCESS to provide: voice service for FY26-FY28 at \$23,085.90 per year, and application services for FY26 at \$39,196.75. A portion of these services will be paid for or reimbursed through the E-Rate program.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2025-074 Membership in Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Program

Recommend approval of membership in Equalis Group and their cooperative purchasing programs for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.. There is no cost to the school for these services.

Discussion: None

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

I. Executive Session

1. 2025-075 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:02 PM 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

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2025-076 Exit Executive Session

Recommend the Board of Education exit Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

J. Adjournment

1. 2025-077 Adjourn

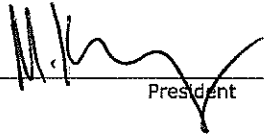
Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:51 P.M.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

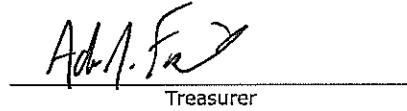
Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Meeting officially adjourned at 6:51 PM. Board members remained to answer questions from the community until 7:27 PM.



President

Attest:



Treasurer