

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, June 24, 2025)

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Location: West Branch High School Auditorium, 14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, OH 44609

Members present

Mikki Kanagy, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM**A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2025-078 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 6/24/2025 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 David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

a. Construction Progress - Vo-Ag Barn is nearly complete; Stadium project is on schedule for being finished by August 1st; New weight room is still having utilities moved and won't be finished by the start of school

2. Recognitions

1. Chris Tucker, Girls Softball Team -- EBC Champs
2. John Hancock, Boys Tennis -- EBC Champs
3. Spring Sports Awards:

Baseball

1st Team- Anthony Perry

2nd Team- Boston Mulinix, Charlie Biskup

Hon Mention- Jeremiah Thomas, Grady Close

Softball

1st Team- Mati Hawk, Ellie Tucker, Klary McKay

2nd Team- Josie Milliken, Addie Craven, Zoe Metzger

Hon Mention- Sara Schmidt, Libbie Davis

Tennis

1st Team- Caden Zion, Evan Hancock, Camden Lane, Zak Karlen, Damon Edwards

Hon Mention- Cameron McCartney, Jeremy Augustein, Austin Hawk

Coach of the Year- John Hancock

Player of the Year- Caden Zion

Track

1st Team- Luke Fye

2nd Team- Gavin Clay, Alli Kanagy, Jocelyn Brink

Hon Mention- Aiden Handy, Jax Rockwell, Sophia Dorris, Clarice Martin

3. 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 17 reports that led to 4 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.

D. Treasurer Report

1. Mr. Fisher gave a presentation on House Bill 335, a potential bill that, if passed, would cause the district lose nearly \$2 million per year.

E. Comments

1. 2025-079 Waive 30-Minute Policy

Mr. Courtwright motioned for the Board to waive the 30-minute policy so that everyone that signed up to speak had an opportunity to speak.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

a. Yvonne Boyle - Spoke positively about the administration and board. She praised Mrs. Egli and all she has accomplished since she's been the superintendent. She also praised each board member individually. She encouraged the community not to let a few from the outside to affect the good we have in our community.

b. Annette Postiy - Spoke about "See something, Say something," and how we failed one of our students who did exactly what we encourage to do. She was ridiculed by her peers and adults alike. She said everyone has a right to feel safe at school. She apologized the student's brother to pass along to her since she was not there. She asked what the policy was when a student reports something and what happens after?

c. Svetlana Herron - Apologized for speaking loudly at the last meeting. She requested the resignation of Mrs. Kanagy and Mrs. Egli for misconduct and called out the rest of the Board for allowing it to happen and hoped that they would not run again.

d. Dawn French - Spoke of her disappointment with the incident involving Coach DeShields, especially that children were brought into the incident. She mentioned that wanting a video of a student is none of the community's business. She was appalled at the actions of some at the last Board meeting and said that we should all be setting an example for our children. She praised Mrs. Egli and the Board.

e. Janet Knepp - Agreed with Mrs. Herron, asking for the resignation of Mrs. Kanagy and Mrs. Egli. She told the rest of the Board that they should have stopped what was being texted.

f. Jeri Cameron - She said she was an advocate for communication and quality of education. She wants to see pride return to the school and community. She advocated for the teachers saying that they are working in a culture of fear and disrespect, and that it was not a safe work environment for them. She pleaded with the Board to "turn this around because morale sucks!"

g. Mrs. Egli read a letter from Mike Springer. He commended the Board for their incredible work and the funding they've secured with nearly \$4 million in grants over the years. He mentioned how the extra funding strengthens our district.

h. Mrs. Egli read a letter from Lorie McLaughlin. She believes the community has misguided anger, and that they're forgetting the most important thing, the students. She encouraged everyone to put our differences aside and come together to be the great school district that we are. He also mentioned the program "See Something, Say Something. She praised Ally Kanagy for being brave enough to say something. She reminded everyone of Remington Jones and doesn't want another family to go through that horror.

2. WBEA Comments - Said that the Board had over-stepped their authority, and the teachers union is distrustful of the Board and administration. They asked that all future and present Board members to make decisions that are in the best interests of the students. They requested the resignation of Mrs. Kanagy to help heal.

3. WBCEA Comments - Thanked the Board and Mrs. Egli for the new contract

****Mr. Hobbins arrived at 5:49 PM and was added to the roster as present.****

F. Consent Items

1. 2025-080 Consent Items

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

Discussion: None

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

1. May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report May 2025
2. Cash Reconciliation May 2025
3. Monthly Investment Statement May 2025
4. SM2M Report May 2025
5. Detailed Check Register May 2025
6. Appropriations Summary May 2025
7. June 2024 Transfers
8. Final Appropriations Summary for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented
9. Final Appropriation Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 as presented
10. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for June 2025

11. Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 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 2025. 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. West Branch Athletic Boosters - \$100,000 (from one anonymous donor) to the Stadium Turf Project
 2. Anonymous - \$200,000 to the Stadium Turf Project
 3. Anonymous - \$200,000 to the Stadium Turf Project
 4. Anonymous - \$197,485.39 to the Stadium Turf Project
 5. Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church - \$275.00 for student lunches
 6. Arlene Barnett - Donation of services in the amount of \$1,680 for musical accompaniment for high school and middle school Solo and Ensemble Competitions.

Superintendent's Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Resignations

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Brittany Woodard, School Psychologist, effective July 31, 2025.
2. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Maria Jarvis, Intervention Specialist, effective June 30, 2025.
3. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Brian Baker, Custodian, effective June 27, 2025.
4. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Casey Court, Cooks Helper, effective June 24, 2025.

2. 2025 Summer School Instructor

1. Dan Hall for Summer School Program, \$30 per hour

3. Athletic Supplementals for the 2025 - 2026 School Year (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)

1. **Varsity Football Assistant** - Nick Wilson
2. **Varsity Assistant Boys' Golf** - Wesley Daley
3. **Girls' Golf (1/4)** -- William Sheak

4. Retire/Rehire

1. Recommend approval to amend Greg Sharp's retirement on October 17, 2024 from retire to retire/rehire in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement effective June 1, 2025.

5. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to grant Chris Berni a three (3) year contract as an Assistant Principal for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Recommend approval to employ Amber DeSantis as an Intervention Specialist for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
3. Recommend approval to employ Lisa Kesseg as an Intervention Specialist for the 2025 -2026 school year.
4. Recommend approval to employ Casey Court as a paraprofessional for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
5. Recommend approval to employ Cari Close as a paraprofessional for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
6. Recommend approval to employ Rex Billiter as a custodian effective June 30, 2025.
7. Recommend approval to employ Tavia Hagan as summer custodial help effective June 30, 2025.

6. Van Drivers -- Pending Certification

Mark Brink	Courtney Cooper
Ryan Wolf	Walt DeShields
Chris Dorris	Frank Edie
Mike Falasca	Denise Ginocchi
John Hancock	Jon James
Andy Lamancusa	Madison Libb
Tracy Muckleroy	Rick Mulinix
Bryce Ostheimer	Bob Shepherd
Larry Steed	Amanda Teague
Chris Tucker	

7. 2025 -- 2026 Substitute Lists

1. Recommend approval of the Classified and Certificated Substitute List for the 2025 -- 2026 School year.

8. 2025 - 2026 Band Chaperones -- Pending Certification

Erika Knopp	Jennifer Karlen
Aimee Strong	Karen Suggett
Madeline Hanna	Sheila Herold
Christine Brown	Rachael Blasiman
Shawna Lewis-Seeley	Danielle Clarkson
Janelle Corallo	Derek Day
Kylee Shafer	Jeremy McCammon
Lora Merrick	Krista Clay

Corey Clay	Haley Thomas
Olivia Booth	

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

10. **2025 - 2026 Musical/Young & Alive Chaperones** - Pending Certification

Molly Daley	Stacey Janosik	Leisha Crutchley
Genna Case	Corey Clay	Ariana Aldridge
Stacey Aldridge	Rachael Basalla	Brianne Black
Jessica Bloss	Abby Booth	Olivia Booth
Christy Brammer	Katie Robinson	Chris Brown
Christine Brown	Ally Burkey	John Burkey
Janelle Corallo	Mike Daley	Mark Herold
Matthew Huntsman	Rachael Huntsman	Jodi Kurtz
Joseph Kurtz	Courtney Legros	Linda McClarren
Nikki McDorman	Megan McLaughlin	Annette Postiy
Cat Ruthrauff	Connor Ruthrauff	Karen Suggett
Jessica Wallace	Anissa Zarbo	Andrea Zippay
Dan Zippay		

11. **Ticket/Gate Workers**

Barb Cackovic	Traci Courtney	Zach Dean
Misty Hughes	Teresa Lins	Jackie Lyons
Rhonda Moffett	Rose Ridgway	Candy Rockwell
Rae Ann Sanor	Dina Sprague	Cathy Tedrow
Sis Woods	Tiffany Woods	Diana Wolf
Rachael Muniz	Josh Hergenroder	Rob Todor
Victor Trimmer	Evan Hancock	

2. **Special Services Contracts**

1. Dr. James Pietrzycki (orientation and mobility)
2. Jill Klettlinger (visually impaired)

3. **Student Handbooks**

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

4. **Young and Alive Trip**

1. Recommend approval for the Young and Alive Show Choir to travel to New York City December 7 - 8, 2025.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

G. Old Business

1. **2025-081 Caplea Architects Payment**

Recommend West Branch Local Schools Board of Education to retroactively approve the payment of \$346,141.98 to Caplea Architects to distribute to vendors at the completion of work done to the Community Center. \$344,350.46 was remaining ESSER funds and \$1,791.52 was from donations.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. **2025-082 Revision to Girls' Varsity Head Golf Coach**

Recommend approval to revise the supplemental contract of Brandon Bates as Girls' Varsity Head Golf Coach to a .75 supplemental contract, which was originally approved as a full supplemental in May.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. New Business

1. **2025-083 WBEA Memorandum of Understanding**

Recommend to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Branch Education Association to include Girl's Wrestling coaching positions to the list of supplemental contracts.

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

2. 2025-084 Varsity Girl's Wrestling Coach

Recommend approval to employ Rodger Sharp as a Varsity Girl's Wrestling Coach 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

3. 2025-085 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 2025 - 2026 school year.

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

4. 2025-086 Liability, fleet, building and property, and data compromise insurance

Recommend acceptance of a proposal for liability, fleet, building and property insurance with Wright Specialty Insurance Company through Kennedy Insurance Agency and data compromise insurance with Crum & Forster for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Discussion: None

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2025-087 HWS Best Health Contract

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with HWS Best Health Consulting for mental health services during the 2025 - 2026 school year.

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

6. 2025-088 WBCEA Negotiated Agreement -- Tentative Agreement

Recommend the adoption of the tentative agreement between the West Branch Local School District Board of Education and the West Branch Classified Education Association for 2025 - 2026, 2026-2027 and 2027 - 2028 contract years.

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

J. Executive Session

1. 2025-089 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:29 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 the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.
- ☐ 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 Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2025-090 return from Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education exit executive session at 7:48 PM 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

K. Adjournment

1. 2025-091 Adjourn

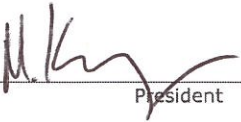
Recommend motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.



President

Attest:



Treasurer