

**West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Tuesday, July 22, 2025)***Generated by Adam J Fisher on Wednesday, July 23, 2025***Location:** West Branch High School Media Room, 14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, OH 44609**Members present**

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

**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. 2025-092 Approve Consent Agenda**

Discussion: None

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 7/22/25 Board of Education Regular Session.

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

a. Jeri Cameron - Did audience participation by asking everyone to imagine the best teacher at West Branch. She asked for what they saw that teacher doing. Mr. Hobbins, Mrs. Kanagy, and Mr. Yaggi responded. Mrs. Cameron said teacher morale is the lowest it's been in 20 years. She said we are only as good as our teachers and asked the Board what change we can make, and encouraged the Board to support them and tell them that they are valued.

b. Svetlana Herron - Spoke once again about the unethical behavior of the text message exchange and asked again for Mrs. Kanagy's and Mrs. Egli's resignations. Asked the other Board members that have not condemned them what they were going to do.

**2. WBEA Comments**

a. Mrs. Lyons spoke on behalf of the WBEA. She commented on how nice the campus looked, and that the new barn and football field will vastly benefit our students. She mentioned that the teachers do not agree with the hiring of a Director of Instructional Programming because of budget cuts and lack of funding and is a luxury we can't afford. She also mentioned that the WBEA believes a levy should be placed on the ballot and not taken off until it passes and not count on the government to provide the proper funding and that the community needs to support our children. Lastly, the union stands behind their last two statements, that the Board President should resign because it is in the best interests for our students.

**3. WBCEA Comments - None****4. Retire-Rehire of Greg Sharp Public Input**

a. Mrs. Mary Fannin spoke about how happy she was that we were bringing back Mr. Sharp because he is so knowledgeable and helpful when it comes to knowing how to take care of animals and thanked the Board for bringing him back.

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

a. Mrs. Egli gave a brief presentation explaining the district's Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid and Student Wellness and Success Plan for the 2025-26 school year.

**E. Consent Items****1. 2025-093 Consent Items**

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

**Treasurer's Consent Items****1. Minutes**

1. June 24, 2025 Regular Meeting

## 2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report June 2025
2. Cash Reconciliation June 2025
3. Monthly Investment Statement June 2025
4. SM2M Report June 2025
5. Detailed Check Register June 2025
6. Revised Final Appropriations from June 2025 meeting
7. Revised Final Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from June 2025 Meeting
8. Transfers, Advances, and Advance Returns from June and July 2025
9. Revised FY25 Temporary FY25 Appropriations
10. FY26 Amended Certificate Of Estimated Resources

3. Pay Invoice - Tyler Technologies for the amount of \$7,493.20

## 4. Gifts and Donations

1. Anonymous - \$200,000 - Donation to Stadium Turf Project
2. Anonymous - \$200,000 - Donation to Stadium Turf Project
3. Farm Credit - \$20,000 - Donation to Vo-Ag Barn

2. Mr. Fisher read the gifts and donations aloud and thanked the donors for their generosity.

3. Mr. Fisher gave a brief explanation of the Budget Bill that was passed last month and that the bill he was worried about taking funding from us was not included in the bill. The bill that passed will not affect the funding from the state at this time, although many property tax reform bills are under discussion.

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

1. Angeline Theis, Director of Instructional Programs, effective July 31, 2025.
2. Seth Fieldhouse, Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach.
3. Chelsea Shafer, as Assistant Treasurer/Budgetary, effective July 25, 2025.

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

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Summer Conditioning - Volleyball    | Josh Kuszmaul   |
| Varsity Cheerleading (1/4 stipend)  | Katelyn Tedrow  |
| Seventh Grade Volleyball -- Co      | Amy Adams       |
| Seventh Grade Volleyball -- Co      | Melissa Wutrick |
| Cross Country - Varsity Assistant   | Vallie Teague   |
| Middle School Cross Country         | Bryce Ostheimer |
| Middle School Football -- Volunteer | Zane Peterson   |

3. **2025 - 2026 Musical/Choir Chaperone** (pending certification)

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| Traci Raga |  |
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4. **2025 - 2026 Band Chaperones** (pending certification)

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| Mike Dyke | Teresa Dyke |
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5. **Employment** (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Terryl Swejk as the Director of Instructional Programing for the 2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027 school years. pending certification.
2. Recommend approval to employ John Ault as Building Administrator at Knox/PreSchool beginning August 1, 2025 and ending on July 31, 2026.
3. Recommend approval to employ Tyler Kennedy as an athletic training career technical educator for 12 hours per week at \$30.00/hour, pending certification.
4. Recommend approval to employ Kate Flowers as a Bus Driver for the 2025 - 2026 school year, pending certification.

6. **Extended Days**

1. Recommend approval to grant Jeff Novak up to an additional 10 extended days at his per diem rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

7. **Title Tutors**

1. Recommend approval of the following Title Tutors:
  1. Marian Gainor
  2. Mandy Zadigian

3. Stephanie Muhleman
4. Anne Sellarolli
8. Recommend approval to employ Jennifer Woods as a Tutor for the 2025 - 2026 school year at the rate of \$30 per hour.
9. **2025 - 2026 Supplementals (pending certification)**

|                                               |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Senior Class                                  | Diane Uyselt        |
| Junior Class                                  | Cori Sands          |
| Sophomore Class                               | Colleen Hermann     |
| Instrumental Music -- High School             | William Sheak       |
| Instrumental Music -- Assistant               | Chris Brown         |
| Instrumental Music -- Middle School           | Bryan Stehura       |
| Musical -- High School                        | Krista Clay         |
| Musical Assistant -- High School Choreography | Tessa Murphy        |
| Pep Band                                      | William Sheak       |
| Majorette Advisor -- Co                       | Lona Wells          |
| Majorette Advisor -- Co                       | Tessa Murphy        |
| Flag Line Advisor                             | Debi Hartzell       |
| Young & Alive                                 | Krista Clay         |
| Academic Challenge -- High School             | Mary Jo Kidd        |
| Esports -- High School                        | Dan Hall            |
| Rising Educators (Future Teachers)            | Erica Ross          |
| Environmental Club -- High School             | Kirsten Wordeman    |
| Environmental Club -- Middle School           | Dennis McCracken    |
| Lead Mentor                                   | Abbie Millard       |
| Pep Club                                      | Frank Edie          |
| Power of the Pen -- Co                        | Cindy DeRienzo      |
| Power of the Pen -- Co                        | Victoria Daquelente |
| Robotics/STEM -- Elementary                   | Bridget Scofinsky   |
| Student Council -- High School                | Courtney Watt       |
| Student Council -- Middle School              | Michael D'Amico     |
| Washington DC Trip Coordinator - Co           | Courtney Watt       |
| Washington DC Trip Coordinator - Co           | Tina Williams       |
| Yearbook - High School                        | Brenda Sharp        |
| Yearbook - Middle School -- Co                | Lori Schlueter      |
| Yearbook -- Middle School -- Co               | Jen Johnson         |
| SADD (Volunteer)                              | Marissa Frame       |
| Ruriteens (Volunteer)                         | Jana Stitle         |
| Aultman Ambassador (Volunteer)                | Teresa Santee       |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Volunteer)  | Beth Cooley         |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Volunteer)  | Gary Martin         |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Volunteer)  | Tara Robb           |

## 2. **Use of Facilities**

1. Recommend approval to grant permission to the West Branch Little Warrior Football to utilize the fields at the Middle School beginning July 1, 2025 in coordination with the Athletic Director and/or Building Principal (pending completion of proper paperwork).

## 3. **School Fees**

1. Recommend approval to establish the following fee schedule for the 2025 - 2026 school year:
  1. **General Fee** -- Kindergarten - Twelfth Grade -- \$40
  2. **Chromebook Insurance** (Optional, but recommended) -- \$25

## 4. **Job Descriptions**

1. **Recommend approval to accept the following job descriptions.**
  1. Nutrition Services Staff
  2. Courier

**5. Flowers**

1. Recommend approval for the superintendent to purchase flowers on behalf of the School Board for the purpose of granting condolences on an as needed basis for the 2025 -- 2026 school year.

**6. Confidential Employee Pay Scale**

1. Recommend approval of the Confidential Pay Scale for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

**7. Online Day Plan**

1. Recommend approval to adopt a plan for online make-up hours (up to three days) in accordance with O.R.C. 3313.482 for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
  1. Reference: O.R.C. 3313.482 requires boards of education to adopt plans to provide instruction via online delivery in order to make up hours in that school year for which it is necessary to close schools for disease, epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for use.

**8. West Branch FFA Trip**

1. Recommend approval for the West Branch FFA travel to the National FFA Convention October 29, 2025 to November 1, 2025 and the State FFA Convention in Spring of 2026.

**9. Substitute and Miscellaneous Rates**

1. Recommend approval for substitute and miscellaneous rates for the 2025-2026 school year.

**10. Establish Cafeteria Prices**

1. Recommend approval of the Cafeteria Prices for 2025 - 2026 school year.

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| Breakfast (K - 12)    | \$1.50 |
| Lunch (K - Grade 5)   | \$2.75 |
| Lunch (Grades 6 - 12) | \$3.00 |
| Student Milk          | \$.50  |
| Adult Breakfast       | \$1.75 |
| Adult Lunch           | \$4.00 |

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 - None****H. New Business****1. 2025-094 CARTS Agreement**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Agency of Columbiana County's Community Action Rural Transit System (CARTS) for the 2025 - 2026 school year for transportation on an as needed basis.

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

**2. 2025-095 East Central Ohio Educational Service Center Contract**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center to facilitate Title 1 D programming.

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

**3. 2025-096 Classified Substitute**

Recommend approval to employ Kim Courtwright as a classified substitute 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, Debbie Helm

Abstain: Joe Courtwright

**4. 2025-097 Musical/Choir Chaperone**

Recommend approval for Tiffany Hobbins to volunteer as a music/choir chaperone.

Discussion: None

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Bryan Hobbins

## 5. 2025-098 GAAP Compilation

Recommend approval of a contract with the Local Government Services section of the Ohio Auditor of State for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the statements covering fiscal year 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

## I. Board Recommendation - None

## J. Executive Session

### 1. 2025-099 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:52 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 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
- ☒ To consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

### 2. 2025-100 Return from Executive Session

Recommend the Board of Education exit Executive Session at 6:49 P.M. 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. 2025-101 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:49 PM

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

**Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.**

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President

Attest:

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Treasurer