

West Muskingum Board of Education
Agenda
September 11, 2025
West Muskingum Administration Center, 5:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Dan Ankrum, Marcus Farley, Julie MacLaine, Bryan Melsheimer, Ab Vousden

Note:

This is a meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting. The portion of the meeting which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to 30 minutes. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question a board member individually. All cellphones should be turned off during board meetings.

Citizens of the West Muskingum School District and employees who wish to speak with the Board are requested to keep items presented as brief as possible. Items are limited to five minutes. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

Call to Order:

Pledge:

Roll Call:

Mr. Ankrum ____ Mr. Farley ____ Mrs. MacLaine ____ Mr. Melsheimer ____ Mr. Vousden ____

Additions to the Agenda:

Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

Public Participation:

Presentations:

New Employee Recognition:

The West Muskingum Board of Education would like to welcome the new employees for the 2025-2026 school year. A short reception will follow introductions.

Brittany Agnor	- WMES Kindergarten Teacher	Jeffrey Nezbeth	- WMHS Paraprofessional
Christy Bateson	- Bus Driver	Lori Rowlands	- Bus Aide
Vanessa Beardstley	- WMES Paraprofessional	Kathleen Seeley	- WMHS Custodian
Anthony Crane	- WMES Custodian	Olivia Simon	- WMMS Math Teacher
Alaina Dougherty	- WMES Intervention Specialist	Allison Underwood	- WMES Kindergarten Teacher
Angela Hammond	- WMES Custodian	Alaina Weiner	- WMHS Science Teacher
Ross Holcombe	- WMHS Custodian	Matthew Whatley	- Custodian (District Wide)

Mary Beth Jones	- WMES Cook/Cashier	Lynda Whetstone	- WMMS Administrative Assistant
Robyn Matlock	- WMES Cook/Cashier	Joshua Willison	- WMHS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
Heather McCorkle	- WMES Paraprofessional	Kathryn Wilson	- WMES Paraprofessional
Brieanna Moore	- WMES Kindergarten Teacher	Wesley Woodie	- WMMS Social Studies Teacher
Lea Musselman	- WMMS Administrative Assistant	Kaitlyn Zumbro	- WMHS Math Teacher

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Minutes of previous meeting(s) - Attachment

Recommendation to approve the minutes from August 14, 2025, regular board meeting.

Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

2. Financial Report - Attachments

Recommendation to approve the August 2025 financial reports as presented.

Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

3. Amended Certificate and Appropriation Modifications

Recommendation to approve the amended certificate and appropriation modifications as presented.

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4. Treasurer Discussion

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - PERSONNEL

1. Retirement(s)

Recommendation to approve the following retirement(s):

- a. Holly Brady, WMHS Secretary, effective November 30, 2025

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2. Classified New Contract(s) FY26

Recommendation to approve the following classified contract(s), salary based on negotiated contract, pending proper certification of personnel requirements:

- a. Kathleen Seeley, WMHS Afternoon Custodian, effective September 4, 2025
- b. Cassandra Pettit, Bus Driver (floating), effective September 16, 2025
- c. Dave Finley, 6 hr. Bus Aide (bus 18), effective September 16, 2025

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3. Leave(s) of Absences

Recommendation to approve FMLA leave for the following employee(s). FMLA request will include paid leave of absence until depletion of accrued sick, personal and birthday leave. If applicable, remainder of FMLA will be unpaid leave.

- a. Cheryl Drumheller, Bus Driver – effective August 20, 2025

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4. MVESC Master Certificate Substitute List

Recommendation to approve the September 2025 MVESC Master Certificated Substitute List as approved and prepared by the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

5. District Cafeteria Prices

Recommendation to approve Adult Breakfast price increase from \$1.75 to \$1.80, based on State of Ohio Adult Meal Price Calculator.

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6. Project(s)

Recommendation to award Pioneer Plumbing the replacement project of WMMS hot water boiler and expansion tank and replacement of the WMHS hot water tank.

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7. Donations

Recommendation to approve the following donation(s):

- a. OHSAA to West Muskingum High School for Athletic Enrichment Fund - \$1,500.00
- b. Academic Fund to West Muskingum Schools for 25 Chromebooks - \$6,926.78

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8. Discussion Items

II. Board Member Reports and Concerns

- a. Legislative Report
- b. Mid-East Career and Technology Center Report
- c. Facility Committee Report
- d. Policy Committee Report

III. Executive Session

WHEREAS boards of education and other governmental bodies are required by statute “to take official action and to conduct all deliberations upon official business only in open meetings, unless the subject matter is specifically excepted by law”;

WHEREAS “the minutes need only reflect the general subject matter of discussions in executive session”, and

WHEREAS the members of a public body may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of consideration of any of the matters set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 121.22, the board hereby enters executive session for the reason(s) herein stated:

- personnel matters
 - o appointment of employee(s) (re-employment)
 - o promotion or compensation
 - o dismissal, discipline, or demotion of employee(s) or student(s)
 - o investigation of charges or complaints of employee(s) or student(s)
- consider the purchase of property for public purposes
 - o sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantages to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest
- conference with an attorney to discuss matters which are subject of pending or imminent court action
- preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees
- matters required by federal law or state statutes to be confidential
- specialized details of security arrangements

Motion: Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

§ Time entered executive session: _____ p.m.

§ Time returned to public session: _____ p.m.

Roll Call: Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

IV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment at _____ P.M.

Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____