

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, August 20, 2025)

Generated by Adam J Fisher on Thursday, August 21, 2025

Location: West Branch High School Media Room, 14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, OH 44609**Members present**

Bryan Hobbins, David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Members Not Present

Mikki Kanagy

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2025-102 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 8/20/25 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: Mrs. Egli informed the Board of items that had been added to the agenda after the initial publishing and asked if there were any questions about anything. There were no questions.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

a. Mrs. Svetlana Herron - Mrs. Herron had several points she talked about: She requested the school hold a public meeting for the candidates running for school board; She called for Mrs. Egli and Mrs. Kanagy resign from their positions; She asked the current board members that are running for school board to step down due to their silence, She read several statistics about the district's for reading and math proficiency and asked for the reasons for the drop in scores since 2011 and asked what the plan was to improve scores. She said she expects to have an answer emailed to her; She read that it was recommended that children were to have 20 minutes of recess per day and asked why ours only had 15 minutes; She brought up a concern that the district has an over-reliance on the use of technology in the classroom, especially for kindergarteners.

Reports: 2. WBEA Comments

a. Mrs. Candy Rockwell spoke for the Association and brought up several points on behalf of the Association: She said that they were looking forward to the new school year; They reiterated that they believe that a levy be put on the ballot until it is passed; They would like to see a Meet the Candidate Night for prospective board members and said the Association would hold it; Relayed that they are moving forward from the recent events and that the Board's actions will speak louder than their words.

Reports: 3. WBCEA Comments - None

D. Superintendent's Report**1. AP Scores:**

For 2 years in a row, Mr. Blommel's American Government and Mrs. Angie Mulinix's US History students showed 100% mastery- meaning every student scored proficient or above. Additionally, all students in Mr. Dan Hall's AP Computer Science course scored proficient or above. The 24-25 school year was the first year we offered AP Computer Science.

2. Start and end times for each building:

Preschool 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30

ELC: 9:00 - 3:30

WBMS grades 3-5: 8:55 - 3:40

WBMS grades 6-7: 7:40 - 2:50

WBHS: 7:40 - 2:50

3. Bus route information has all been posted in My Ride K-12 App. Please note we are starting the year with 2 less drivers than last year and routes are being affected due to the shortage. We have been actively seeking additional drivers, but have not been successful in our attempts. We are also starting the year down two bus drivers compared to the end of last school year. We have not been able to find bus drivers.

4. Maintenance Expenditures vs. Savings Summer 2025

5. Board Policy 0131.1 Technical Corrections states: " Periodically, it may be deemed necessary to make technical corrections to policies that have already been adopted through normal procedures. These technical corrections may include consolidation of sections; transfer of sections; combining or dividing sections; renumbering subsections, sections, chapters, and titles; corrections or additions for grammatical or typographical errors; alterations and omissions; and/or updating the name(s) of the individual(s) who serve as District compliance officer(s), as long as the position/title remains the same as listed in the applicable Board policy, not affecting the constructions or meaning of those sections, subsections, chapters, titles, or policies as a whole, and are of a non-substantive nature.

The Superintendent is authorized to identify and undertake technical corrections, as identified above, found in the policies and regulations. Upon completion of the technical and formatting corrections, the Superintendent shall provide a brief summary of the corrections to the Board for review. Should the Board determine that a correction is substantive in nature, it will utilize the normal policy adoption procedure in Policy 0131 - Legislative to

adopt the amendments to the policy or regulation."

The following Policies are in need of Technical Corrections to ensure that the policies reflect the correct Compliance Officers for the 2025 - 2026: 1422, 1623, 1662, 2260, 2260.01, 2266, 3122, 3123, 3362, 4122, 4123, 4362 and 5517.

The Compliance Officers are:

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E. Consent Items

1. 2025-103 Consent Items

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes

1. July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report July 2025
2. Cash Reconciliation July 2025
3. Monthly Investment Statement July 2025
4. SM2M Report July 2025
5. Detailed Check Register July 2025
6. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources FY26
7. Commercial Paper Reporting for FY2025

3. Gifts and Donations

1. Family Farm and Home - Donation of welders and welding accessories valued at \$2,500 to Industrial Maintenance/Vo-Ag Weld Shop
2. Salty Mama's Snacking Boards, LLC - Donation of toys valued at \$1,000 to the ELC PBIS program.
3. Bethel United Church of Christ - \$250 to the Backpack Program & \$250 to Student Lunches
4. Gina and Randy Stull - \$3,000 to Girls Soccer

Superintendent's Consent Items

1. Personnel

1. Resignations

1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Tiffany Woods as a nurse aide effective August 11, 2025.

2. Classified Substitutes

1. Recommend approval to employ the following as Classified Substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 school year(pending certification):
 - Alisha Lawson
 - Denise Elder
 - Megan Woods
 - Brandi Paukner
 - Joanie Coffman
 - Olivia Dawes

3. Certificated Substitutes

1. Recommend approval to employ the following as Certificated Substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 school year (pending certification)
 - Monika Padure
 - Monica Ewing
 - Amy Albert

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

Cheerleader - Volunteer

Marissa Frame

Freshman Football (Co)

Sean Congemi

Freshman Football (Co)

Alek Wilson

5. Clock/Scoreboard Operators and Ushers

1. Recommend approval to employ the following for athletic clock/scoreboard operators and ushers for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

1. Rob Todor
2. Andy Todor
3. Victor Trimmer
4. Evan Hancock
5. Kristie Sihock
6. Matt Williams
7. Scott Breese
8. Bruce Hostetter

6. Technical Workers (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to hire Corey Clay as an hourly technical worker for the 2025-2026 school year.

7. Employment of Retire/Rehire Employees

1. Recommend the Board employ Greg Sharp as a part-time high school VoAg teacher/advisor under the Retire/Rehire provision of the negotiated agreement between the West Branch Board of Education and the West Branch Classified Employees Association effective September 1, 2025.

8. Employment (pending certification)

1. Recommend approval to employ Matt Vizzuso as a 2.25 hour aide at the Middle School for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
2. Recommend approval to employ Olivia Dawes as a 3.5 hour nutrition staff/aide at the Early Learning Center for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
3. Recommend approval to employ James Helm as a Community Liaison Consultant at the consultant rate for the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Supplementals

NHS (Co)

Krista Clay

NHS (Co)

Jaret Baker

9. 2025 - 2026 Band Volunteers

Jodi Kurtz

Band Chaperone

2. EMT Coverage

Recommend approval to enter into a contract with Beloit and Damascus Fire Departments to provide EMT services at football games during the 2025-2026 school year at \$100 per game.

3. Extended Days

Recommend approval for the extended time for the attached positions for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

F. Old Business - None

G . New Business

1. 2025-104 Approval of Pre-Engineered Metal Building Bid

Recommend approval to accept the bid from Caplea Architects, Inc. for the Pre-Engineered Metal Building Bid for the Wellness Center Project as listed below.

Discussion: None

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2025-105 Employment of Substitute Teachers

Recommend approval to modify the educational requirements for the employment of substitute teachers for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Substitutes meeting this criteria will be paid at the rate of \$95 a day. All individuals must successfully complete a criminal records check, as well.

Discussion: Mrs. Egli explained that this was for people that did not have their degree, and we have done this the last three years.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2025-106 Tuition Application

Recommend approval to accept the attached tuition application for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion: Mrs. Egli informed the Board that this student had paid tuition each of the past two years.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Bryan Hobbins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2025-107 Payment in Lieu of Transportation

Recommend the Board adopt the following resolution for In Lieu of Transportation for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

The West Branch Board of Education, after examination of factors as identified in 3327.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, has declared by Board resolution that such transportation by school conveyance is "impractical" and hereby agrees to pay the parent or guardian of said pupil in lieu of providing such service. Payment shall be based upon the reimbursement rate set by the Ohio Department of Education, and shall not exceed the average cost of transportation per pupil in the State of Ohio.

Discussion: None

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2025-108 SRO Contract

Recommend to approve the contract with Goshen Township Board of Trustees to supply School Resource Officers (SROs) to the District for the 2025 -2026 and 2026 - 2027 school years.

Discussion: Mrs. Egli informed the Board that the cost was the same as last year but included a cost of living increase.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. 2025-109 VAZA Contract

Recommend approval to enter into a contract with VAZA Consulting for finance advocacy and consultation for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by David Yaggi, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2025-110 NEOLA Policy

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education adopt Policy #7440.03 and waive the second reading.

Discussion: Mrs. Egli informed the Board that this policy change is due to the Ohio High School Athletic Association changing their policy on the use of drones during practices. Drones are still not allowed during contests. This policy change is to align our policy with the OHSAA's new policy.

Motion by Bryan Hobbins, second by Joe Courtwright.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. Executive Session

1. 2025-111 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 5:57 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 David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Mr. Hobbins left the meeting at 6:29 P.M.

2. 2025-112 Exit Executive Session

Recommend West Branch Board of Education exit Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by David Yaggi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Not Present at Vote: Bryan Hobbins

I. Adjournment

1. 2025-113 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

Motion by Joe Courtwright, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: David Yaggi, Joe Courtwright, Debbie Helm

Not Present at Vote: Bryan Hobbins

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.



Vice - President

Attest:



Treasurer

