

**West Muskingum Board of Education**  
**Agenda**  
**January 8, 2026**  
**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:**

**I. TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. **Minutes of previous meeting(s)** - Attachment  
Recommendation to approve the minutes from the December 2025 regular board meeting.

Ankrum \_\_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_\_

2. **Financial Report** - Attachments

Recommendation to approve the December 2025 financial reports as presented.

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_

3. **Appropriation and Amended Certificate Modifications** – Hand Carry

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

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_

**II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – PERSONNEL**

1. **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. Kendra Lucas, WMES Teacher – effective January 5, 2026

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_

2. **Gate Workers – Winter Sports**

Recommendation to approve the following workers for the winter sports season:

Lynda Whetstone

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_

3. **MVESC Master Certificate Substitute List**

Recommendation to approve the January 2026 MVESC Master Certificated Substitute List as approved and prepared by the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center.

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

4. **Discussion Items**

**III. Board Member Reports and Concerns**

- A. Legislative Report
- B. Mid-East Career and Technology Center Report
- C. Facility Committee Report
- D. Policy Committee Report

**IV. 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 \_\_\_

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Ankrum \_\_\_ Farley \_\_\_ MacLaine \_\_\_ Melsheimer \_\_\_ Vousden \_\_\_