

**West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, April 20, 2026)***Generated by Adam J Fisher on Tuesday, April 21, 2026***Location:** West Branch High School Media Center, 14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, OH 44609**Members present**

Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

*Also present were Superintendent Matt Manley and Treasurer Adam Fisher.***Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM****A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Agenda Approval****1. 2026-063 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the April 20, 2026 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.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

**C. Comments****1. Visitor's Comments - None**

2. WBEA Comments - Mrs. Rockwell gave shoutouts to all the people that were present during the recent negotiations. She specifically thanked Mrs. Hel, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Manley, and her fellow teachers, as well as the Board as a whole. She wanted to make sure that the union feels respected for the first time in a long time.

**3. WBCEA Comments - None****D. Building Reports**

1. Building Reports - Please see BoardDocs for building reports

**E. Superintendent's Report**

1. Recognitions

**Academic Challenge Kiwanis Academic Challenge** - Advisor Mary Jo Kidd, Students - Mollie McDorman, Gavin Clay, and Jack Mudger;

Alternates were Colton Carli, Colt Williamson, and Destiny Mutchler.

**YWCA Young Women With a Bright Future Winner** -- Raelyn Walker**High School Students of the Month** (list attached)**Elks' Teenagers of the Month** -- Lucas Dyke and Mollie McDorman**Cheerleaders and Denise Ginocchi (Advisor)** --- who competed at Disney World.**Mahoning County Green Team Billboard Art Contest Winner** -- Makenna Mason won the subject contest. Her artwork will be displayed on a billboard in Mahoning County soon.**Athletics****Girls Basketball**

- EBC Champions, District Champions, Regional Runner-Up
- Madi Hoopes - All State Second Team, Audrey Eaton All State Honorable Mention
- Madi Hoopes - All Northeast Inland District First team | Audrey Eaton - All Northeast Inland District Second Team | All Northeast inland District Honorable Mention - Alli Kanagy and Tallie Muniz | Walt DeShields NE Inland District COTY
- EBC Awards - Walt DeShields EBC Coach of the year, Madi Hoopes EBC Player of the year
- EBC First Team - Madi Hoopes, Audrey Eaton | Second Team - Tallie Muniz, Alli Kanagy | HM - Sammi Beatty, Hallie Vie Burton

**Boys Basketball**

- District Runner-Up
- Jeremiah Thomas All-State Special Mention
- Gavin Gregory All-State Honorable Mention
- Jeremiah Thomas - Northeast Inland District First Team | Gavin Gregory Second Team | Grady Hirst HM
- EBC First Team - Jeremiah Thomas and Gavin Gregory | HM - Grady Hirst and Kasen Weaver

#### Boys Wrestling

- Beau Nezbeth - placed 2nd in state, All-State First Team, Sectional Champion, EBC First Team, EBC Player of the Year, Eowl Champion in 150 lb weight class
- Gavin Hang - EBC First Team, State Alternate, EOWL Champion in 115 lb weight class
- EBC Second Team - Jackson Shinn, JJ Marra, Mahlon Fritz | EBC HM - Carter Day, Case Sanor

#### Girls Wrestling

- Grace Bates - State Qualifier, EBC First Team
- Rodger Sharp - EBC Coach of the Year
- Abigail Janosik - EBC First Team, State Alternate
- EBC Second Team - Abigail Benner, Layla Shinn | EBC HM - Trista Swanson, Eve Falstad

#### Competition Cheer

- OASSA State Runner-Up

2. Honored Student of the Month - 2nd Grader Grady Beverly - Mrs. Baker read accolades about Grady.

3. Honored Staff

a. Certified - Jessica Haupt - Kindergarten teacher - Mrs. Baker read accolades

b. Classified - Ted Lenigar - Custodian - Mrs. Baker read accolades

#### F. Consent Items

##### 1. 2026-064 Consent Items

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

#### Treasurer's Consent Items

##### 1. Minutes

1. March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

##### 2. Financial Reports

1. Cash Summary Report March 2026
2. Cash Reconciliation March 2026
3. Monthly Investment Statement March 2026
4. SM2M Report March 2026
5. Detailed Check Register March 2026
6. Appropriations Summary March 2026
7. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources April 20, 2026
8. Appropriations Resolution Dated April 20, 2026

##### 3. Gifts and Donations

1. Deerfield AG Services - \$500 to FFA
2. Katie & Greg Bibri - Snacks for ELC Staff Lunch Room valued at \$100 for ELC Staff Wellness Initiative
3. Harvesting Hope - 30 Student Snack Boxes valued at \$1,500 for ELC students in need
4. Free Three - 60 Hygiene Kit Bags values at \$720 for the ELC Caring Closet

#### Superintendent's Consent Items

##### 1. Personnel

##### 1. Retirements

1. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Lonnie Wutrick, Custodian, effective June 1, 2026.
2. Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Ken Harris, Counselor, effective July 1, 2026.

##### 2. Retire/Rehire

1. Recommend approval to accept the continued retire/rehire of the following staff:
  1. Lynn Moore, Technology
  2. Diane Uyselt, Secretary
  3. Barb Smith, Confidential Employee
  4. Mona McNeely, Confidential Employee
  5. Bob Shepherd, Physical Education
  6. Denise Ginocchi, STEM Teacher
3. **Substitutes – Classified** (pending certification)
  1. Kim Keyes, effective March 24, 2026
  2. Wendy Wagner
  3. Jennifer Bonar
4. **Substitutes – Certificated** (pending certification)
  1. Anne Sellaroli
  2. Kelly Swiger
  3. Felix Moreno (\$95 rate)
5. **Extended Days**
  1. Recommend approval to grant Samantha Hofmann up to three extended days for services for preschool evaluations.
6. **Employment** (pending certification)
  1. Recommend approval to grant a three-year contract to Michael Ginocchi as an Assistant Athletic Director.
  2. Recommend approval to employ the following as Maintenance Technician:
    1. Phil Walter
    2. Gerry Brain
  3. Recommend approval to employ Jacob Foltz as a High School Math Teacher for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
  4. Recommend approval to employ Dion Franket as a High School Engineering Teacher for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
  5. Recommend approval to employ Molly Hopple as a High School English Teacher for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
  6. Recommend approval to employ Clayton Adams as an Intervention Specialist for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
7. **Supplementals**

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Middle School Math Club (2025 - 2026 School Year)     | Rachael Basalla |
| Middle School Math Club (2025 - 2026 School Year)     | Tina McMullen   |
| Head Boys' Basketball Coach (2026 - 2027 School Year) | Scott Loudon    |
| Head Boys' Wrestling Coach (2026 - 2027 School Year)  | Chris Dorris    |
| Head Girls' Wrestling Coach (2026 - 2027 School Year) | Rodger Sharp    |
| HS Musical Assistant (4%) (2025 - 2026 School Year)   | Tessa Murphy    |

## 2. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**

1. April 2026 List Attached

Discussion: None

Motion by Penny DeShields, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

## G. **New Business**

### 1. **2026-065 Student Insurance**

Recommend approval of Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company as the student insurance provider for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### 2. **2026-066 WBEA Contract**

Recommend the adoption of the tentative agreement between the West Branch Local School District Board of Education and the West Branch Education Association for 2026-2027, 2027 - 2028 and 2028 - 2029 contract years.

Discussion: None

Motion by Peggy Shaver, second by Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **3. 2026-067 Supplemental Contract**

Recommend approval to grant a supplemental to Walt DeShields for the 2026-2027 Head Girls' Basketball Coach.

Discussion: None

Motion by Peggy Shaver, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

Abstain: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields

### **4. 2026-068 Career Counseling Services Contract -- Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the ESC of Eastern Ohio for Career Counseling Services for the 2026-27 school year.

Discussion: Mrs. Kanagy asked if this is the same thing we vote in every year. Mr. Fisher said yes that these items are on paid for on an as-needed basis.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **5. 2026-069 Frontline Contract (formerly Forecast 5 Analytics)**

Recommend approval of contract with Frontline Technologies Group LLC (formerly Forecast 5 Analytics) at a cost of \$17,573.25.

Discussion: None

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **6. 2026-070 ACCESS Contracts**

Recommend approval to enter into agreements with ACCESS to provide: application services for FY27 at \$39,196.75. A portion of these services will be paid for or reimbursed through the E-Rate program.

Discussion: None

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Penny DeShields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **7. 2026-071 HWS Best Health Contract**

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with HWS Best Health Consulting for mental health services during the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Discussion: None

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **8. 2026-072 Teacher Resignation**

Resolved, that the Board accepts the resignation of teacher Jaclyn Kornick for personal reasons, effective at the end of business on June 1, 2026, and authorizes the Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer to execute documents relating to her separation from employment.

Discussion: None

Motion by Penny DeShields, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **9. 2026-073 Alternative School Agreement**

Recommend that the West Branch Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Mahoning Valley Community School as an alternative school for West Branch students for the 2025-26 school year.

Discussion: There was a question on whether that was a typo and should have been the 26-27 school year. Mr. Fisher said that it was for this year as we had just had a student go there last month.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Penny DeShields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

#### 10. **2026-074 NEOLA Policy**

Recommend the Board adopt the following NEOLA policy -- waive the first reading.

Discussion: None

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

#### 11. **2026-075 NEOLA Policy - Second Reading**

Recommend the Board adopt the following NEOLA policy -- second reading.

Discussion: None

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Penny DeShields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

### **H. Adjournment**

#### 1. **2026-076 Adjourn**

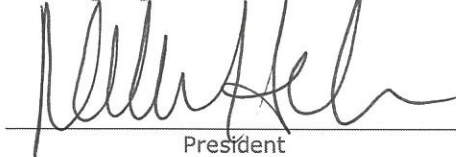
Recommend motion to adjourn at 6:33 P.M.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Penny DeShields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Mikki Kanagy, Penny DeShields, Peggy Shaver, Tonya Dean, Debbie Helm

**Meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.**

  
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President

Attest:

  
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Treasurer