

West Branch Local School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, May 18, 2026)*Generated by Adam J Fisher on Tuesday, May 19, 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 5:59 PM****A. Call to Order**

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

B. Agenda Approval**1. 2026-080 Approve Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer, approve the consent agenda for the 5/18/26 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 Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Comments

1. Visitor's Comments - None
2. WBCEA Comments - None
3. WBEA Comments - Thanked the Board and wished Mr. Fisher well at his new job.

D. Building Reports

1. Building Reports - Please see reports on Board Docs

E. Treasurer's Report

1. Mr. Fisher provided an updated financial forecast that he said would be more accurate for the end of the current fiscal year and more helpful launching into the budgets for Fiscal Year 2027. He highlighted that there would be some extra money at the end of this year that will be put aside to pay for buses in FY29. 2 Buses were originally in the Forecast in FY29. Doing this will bring the deficit spending down by about \$250,000 in FY29. He also mentioned that with some staff attrition this year and next will take the district out of deficit spending in FY28.

F. Superintendent's Report

1. Recognitions

National Honor Society -- Erin Albert, Sara Caporale, Olivia Leach, Alinee Bacconi, Grace Bates, Elly Biskup, Owen Bloss, Mackenzie Bonnot, William Brown, Colton Carli, Amelie Coldsnow, Luke Curry, Morgan Day, Audrey Eaton, Maylin Hartzell, Payton Manasco, Kammie McDorman, Destiny Mutchler, Grady Olinger, Jace Pierce, Katelyn Schank, Jackson Shinn, Ellie Tucker, Emma Wagler, Judson Weingart, Stella Zippay

Class of 2026**Valedictorians:** Allison Kanagy, Addison Reichenbach, Raelyn Walker, Kasen Weaver (Speaker)**Salutatorian:** Abigail Carver**Mascots** -- Warrior Chief - Mason Brown, Assistant Warrior Chief - Caleb Stinsman, Warrior Princess - Grace Bates

Prom Queen & King -- Allie Brammer and Lukas Black; Court -- Sophia Dorris, Kendyll Kaley, Allison Kanagy, Tallie Muniz, Chloey Sanor, Raelyn Walker, Grady Close, Zach Coffee, Gavin Gregory, Gavin Hang, Beau Nezbeth, Jeremiah Thomas. Special

thanks to Cori Sands for all her hard work in organizing and orchestrating all the details.

"Newsies" -- Mrs. Clay and the cast and crew for an amazing weekend of performances.

Festival of Bands -- Mr. Sheak and Mr. Stehura and all band members for an outstanding Festival of Bands.

Retirees: Carrie Utt - Grade 3 (26 years), Kevin Williams - Custodian (36 years), Micki Egli - Director of Special Services & Superintendent (10 years), Wendy Wagner - Nutrition Staff (5 years), Rick Estes - Custodian (4 years), Tracy Hinkle - High School English (27 years), Wendy Lough - High School Math (31 Years), Lynn Popa - Nutrition Staff (18 years), Rodger Sharp - Industrial Technology (27 years), Lonnie Wutrick - Custodian (26 years), Ken Harris - High School Math and Guidance Counselor (20 years)

G. Consent Items

1. 2026-081 Consent Items

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

Treasurer's Consent Items

1. Minutes
 1. April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
 2. May 7, 2026 Special Meeting
2. Financial Reports
 1. Cash Summary Report April 2026
 2. Cash Reconciliation April 2026
 3. Monthly Investment Statement April 2026
 4. SM2M Report April 2026
 5. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources April 30, 2026
 6. Detailed Check Register April 2026
 7. Appropriations Summary April 2026
3. Financial Forecast and Assumptions 2026-2029
4. Gifts and Donations
 1. Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church - \$333.18 - Middle School Delinquent Lunch Accounts

Superintendent' Consent Items

1. **Personnel**
 1. **Non-Renewal of Classified Staff**
 1. Recommend approval to non-renew Kelsey Wilson as an aide/nutrition staff in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 3319.081 effective May 31, 2026.
 2. **Certificated Substitutes**
 1. Addyson Jones (non-bachelors substitute) effective May 10, 2026
 3. **Resignations**
 1. Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Bridgette Vasbinder as a Bus Driver effective July 1, 2026.
 4. **Limited Contracts**
 1. Recommend the approval of the certified staff limited contracts for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
 2. Recommend the approval of the classified staff limited contracts for the 2026 - 2027 school year
 5. **Employment**
 1. Recommend approval to employ the following individuals as Summer Custodial and Technical help:
 1. Evan Hancock
 2. Adam Corallo
 3. Meritta Flickinger
 4. Kate Flowers
 5. Kathy Tedrow
 6. Rob Tedrow
 7. John Hancock
 8. Curt Julian

9. Aariah Hagan
10. Brian Smith
11. Jennifer Bonar
6. **Success by Six - pending sufficient enrollment**
 1. Brooke Courtney, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 2. Amanda Lamancusa, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 3. Cayla Bowers, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 4. Jorri Zmuda, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 5. Jessica Haupt, Teacher, \$30 per hour
 6. Kim Sabatine, Secretary, (rate per negotiated agreement)
 7. Casey Court, Aide, (rate per negotiated agreement)
 8. Pam Douglas, Nutrition Staff (rate per negotiated agreement)
7. **Summer School/Services** (rates per negotiated agreements)
 1. Heather Gramlich, ELC Transition Summer Services
 2. Jennifer Fye
 3. Karen Coffee
 4. Jessica Scullion
 5. Morgan Hutton, ELC Aide Transition Summer Services
8. **Summer Credit Recovery** (rates per negotiated agreement)
 1. Recommend approval to employ the following for the 2026 Summer Credit Recovery
 1. Dan Hall (co)
 2. Mary Jo Kidd (co)
9. **Supplementals** (pending certification and sufficient enrollment)
 1. **Pre-Season Conditioning**
 1. Tim Cooper - Football
 2. Sam Martucci - Boys' Soccer
 3. Josh Kuzmaul - Volleyball
 4. Scott Loudon - Boys' Basketball (1/2 stipend)
 5. John Hancock - Boys' Basketball (1/2 stipend)
 2. **Football**
 1. Varsity Assistant - Shawn Alazaus
 2. Varsity Assistant - Carl Davanzo
 3. Varsity Assistant - Cameron Martig
 4. Varsity Assistant - Nick Cooper
 5. Varsity Assistant - Paul Hostetter
 6. Varsity Assistant - Clayton Adams
 7. Freshman - Tyson Swiger
 8. Freshman - Alek Wilson
 9. 8th Grade - Anthony Lucente
 10. 7th Grade - Chris Dorris
 11. 7th Grade - Chris Adams
 12. Football Volunteer - Ken Harris
 13. Football Volunteer - Chris Thomas
 14. Football Volunteer - Ryan Wolf
 15. Football Volunteer - Josh Hergenroder
 3. **Volleyball**
 1. Varsity Assistant - Jaret Baker
 2. Junior Varsity - Erin Chaplow
 3. 8th Grade - Melissa Wutrick
 4. **Girls' Soccer**
 1. Assistant Coach - Molly Daley
 2. Assistant (1/2) - Tim Lucik

3. Assistant (1/2) - Alexis Gregory

5. **Boys' Soccer**

1. Assistant Coach - Michael Bailey

6. **Girls' Tennis**

1. Varsity Assistant - Laura Sharp

7. **Boys' Golf**

1. Assistant - Mike Falasca

2. Assistant - Wesley Daley

8. **Girls' Golf**

1. Assistant (pending sufficient enrollment) - Billy Sheak

10. **Professional Days/Superintendent Assignments**

1. Recommend approval of Professional and Superintendent Assignments.

11. **Summer School Fees**

1. Recommend approval to establish summer school fees at \$100 for .5 credit and \$200 for 1 credit.

12. **2026 - 2027 West Branch Pay to Participate**

1. Recommend approval to approve the 2026 - 2027 Pay to Participate Guidelines and Payment.

13. **Permission to Soccer Organization to Use Fields**

1. Recommend approval to the Sebring-West Branch Soccer League to utilize fields for the 2026 Summer with coordination through the Athletic Department.

14. **Overnight/Out of Town Trip**

1. Recommend approval for Young and Alive and the Marching Band to perform at Walt Disney World. Tentative plans are to leave at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2027 and return on Wednesday, March 17, 2027.

15. **Overnight/Out of Town Camps**

June 19 - 21, 2026	Track National Meet	Greensboro, NC
July 24 - 26, 2026	Boys' Soccer	Marietta College
July 27 - 29, 2026	Football	Ashland University

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

H. New Business

1. 2026-082 Graduates List (Pending Completion of Local & State Requirements)

Recommend approval of the list of graduates, pending completion of all West Branch High School and state requirements, for the commencement ceremony scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2026.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Mikki Kanagy

2. 2026-083 Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities Contract

Recommend approval to enter into a contract with the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Leonard Kirtz Summer Program) for extended school year 2026 program.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. 2026-084 Memorandum of Understanding -- Middle School Yearbook Supplemental

Recommend approval to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Branch Local School District and the West Branch Education Association to include Middle School Yearbook Supplemental for the 2026 - 2029 Contract.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. 2026-085 Columbiana County ESC Services

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with the Columbiana County ESC for services on an as needed basis for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 2026-086 Girls' Soccer Out of Town Trip

Recommend approval for the girls' soccer team to travel to Edinboro University on July 23 - July 25, 2026

Motion by Penny DeShields, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Tonya Dean

6. 2026-087 Girls' Basketball Out of Town Trips

Recommend approval to the girls' basketball team for overnight and/or out of state travel.

Motion by Peggy Shaver, second by Debbie Helm.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. 2026-088 Behavior Support Services'

Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Community Behavior Consulting, LLC for behavioral support services for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. 2026-089 Girls' Soccer Pre-Season Conditioning Supplemental

Recommend approval to grant Zach Dean a supplemental for girls' soccer pre-season conditioning for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Motion by Penny DeShields, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Tonya Dean

9. 2026-090 Girls' Basketball Pre-Season Conditioning Supplemental

Recommend approval to grant Walt DeShields a supplemental for girls' basketball pre-season conditioning for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Tonya Dean.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Abstain: Penny DeShields

I. Executive Session

1. 2026-091 Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 6:29 PM 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 chargers 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

 X To consider legal matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes

_____ To consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, or production techniques

_____ 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

Motion by Debbie Helm, second by Mikki Kanagy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. 2026-092 Exit Executive Session

Recommend the West Branch Board of Education exit Executive Session at 7:50 PM and return to the regular session.

Motion by Mikki Kanagy, second by Penny DeShields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

L. Adjournment

1. 2026-093 Adjourn

Recommend motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Motion by Penny DeShields, second by Peggy Shaver.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

President

Attest:

Treasurer