

West Muskingum Board of Education
Agenda
October 15, 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:

FFA Presentation

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. **Minutes of previous meeting(s)** - Attachment
Recommendation to approve the minutes from the September 2026, regular board meeting.

Ankrum ____ Farley ____ MacLaine ____ Melsheimer ____ Vousden ____

2. **Financial Report** - Attachments

Recommendation to approve the September 2026 financial reports as presented.

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3. **Amended Certificate and Appropriation Modifications**- Hand carry

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

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4. **Fleet Card**

Recommendation to grant approval for the Treasurer to obtain a district fleet card for District gasoline fueled bus fleet.

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II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – PERSONNEL

1. **Classified New Employee Contract(s)**

Recommendation to approve the following new classified contract(s) FY27 school year, pending proper completion of personnel requirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jamie Dillon	WMMS Paraprofessional	October 14, 2026

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2. **Supplemental/Limited 3313.53 Contract(s) FY27**

Recommendation to approve the following Supplemental/Limited 3313.53 Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year, pending proper completion of personnel requirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary/Stipend</u>
Chet Coleman	Varsity Swimming	\$4,116.42
Erin Scott	Varsity Swimming	Volunteer
Chloe Hill	JV Softball Coach	\$2,469.86

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3. **Snow Removal**

Recommendation to approve the following as temporary employee(s), as needed for snow removal for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of federal minimum wage per hour:

- David (Tommy) Duemmel, Jr.
- Jacob Hammonds
- John Kimble

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4. **Gate Workers – Winter Sports**

Resolution to authorize the employment of the necessary temporary game workers for athletic events and the authorization to compensate for those personnel as needed, per approved hourly rates:

Kylee Martin	Tina Jones	Steve Wamack
Marcia Wamack	Shawn Wiseman	Michelle Wiseman

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5. **Leave(s) of Absence**

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

- Christy Gutridge, effective November 17, 2026

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6. **Classified Contract Change(s)**

Recommendation to approve the following contract changes, effective October 1, 2026.

- Cheryl Drumheller, WMHS Cook, 2.5 hours, to WMHS 2.0 hours
- Jeff Riggle, WMHS Cook 2.75 hours, to WMHS 2.5 hours
- Karen Moon, WMHS Cook 3.5 hours, to WMHS 3.75 hours

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7. **MVESC Master Certificate Substitute List**

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

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III. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

8. **Group Healthcare**

Recommendation to approve the OSBC fully funded Group Healthcare Plan Renewal with an 8% premium rate increase, effective January 1, 2027 and Vision rate increase of 1.6%, effective January 1, 2027.

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9. **West Muskingum Gifted Handbook** – Attachment

Recommendation to approve the updated West Muskingum Local School District Guide to Identification and Services for Students Who are Gifted.

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10. Textbook Adoption

Recommendation to approve the adoption of the instructional material Physics for High School by OpenStax, published on March 26, 2020 by Kendal Hunt Publishing.

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11. West Muskingum Signage

Recommendation to approve the contract with Kessler Sign Company for new LED illuminated signage on Kimes Road. Straker Grant funds are being used to pay a portion of the signage, with the remainder being funded from the general fund.

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12. Memorandum of Understanding – Attachement

Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the West Muskingum Education Association (WMEA) addressing the re-employment of retirees.

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13. FFA National Convention

Recommendation to approve the student overnight field trip to the FFA National Convention being held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Students will be leaving October 22, 2026 and returning October 24, 2026.

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14. Donations

Recommendation to approve the following donation(s):

- Primecare of SEO/Dr. Seth Vensil to Athletics/Girls Golf - \$2,250.00

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15. Discussion Items

IV. Board Member Reports and Concerns

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

V. 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 ____

Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment at ____ P.M.

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