

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2024 in the auxiliary cafeteria in the Blanchester Middle School at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

In attendance: John Panetta, Mike Williams, Kathy Gephart, and Chris Baker, Jeremy Kaehler

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Interim Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Jennifer Chapin, Steve Feirl, Cathy Falgner, Jeryl Weis

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with Corrections

- Added item F.7. (Forward Edge Contract for Tech Services)
- Added item F.8. (Montgomery County ESC Services)
- Added item H.1.b. and corrected item (MH teacher)
- Corrected items H.2.b.i. and H.2.b.ii. (Aide reassignments)

Mrs. Gephart made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded. All present voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes from June 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Baker made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

Business of the Board

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded the motion to accept all items included under Business of the Board.

- Approve the following overnight events
 - George N. Parks Drum Major Academy at Otterbein University, Westerville, OH - July 9-12, 2024 (2 students)
 - Color Guard Team Building Event - Staying at a cabin in Laurelville, OH. Check in July 26th at 4pm and check out July 28th by 10am (4 students)

- Approve the following donation to the Football Fund:
 - Wildcat Porta-Potti - \$500.00
 - Master Feed Mill - \$400.00
 - FNB - \$500.00
 - Blanchester Eagles - \$7,000.00
 - Dirt Worx - \$500.00
 - Hornsby - \$100.00
 - Blanchester Youth Football - \$195.00
- Approve the following donation to the Baseball Fund:
 - Tom Lawson Memorial Golf Tournament - \$100.00
- Approve the following donation to the Principal's Fund:
 - Jostens - \$259.86
- Approve the following Soccer Scholarships to be paid to the college of their choice:
 - Olivia Potts - \$1,000.00
 - Destiny Blankenbeckler - \$1,000.00
- Approve the FY25 Contract with Forward Edge for On-Site Services.
- Approve the FY25 Contract with Montgomery County ESC for Low/Vision/Orientation & Mobility Services

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer

Mr. Panetta made a motion and Mr. Baker seconded to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

- Review Financial Report(s)
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written
 - Cash Flow Report to Forecast Compare Report - Actual cash on 6/30/2024 exceeded the five year forecast by \$154,827 or by 2.8%. Purchased services costs were the largest difference.
- Transfers (Approved in July)
- Increase Interim / Inactive Funds from \$3,000,000.00, as approved in November 2023 to \$4,500,000.00, which may be invested per board policy by the Treasurer. The Penquite Scholarship may be fully invested to allow for needed cash flow as determined by the treasurer.
 - Locking in rates before the Feds decrease rates.
 - Ensuring cash flow can handle long-term investment.
- Approve the minimum payment in lieu of transportation for the 2024 - 2025 school year in accordance with ORC 3327.02 the board of education may determine that it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from under ORC 3327.01.
 - Melissa Sahadi for transporting one student to Milford Christian Academy

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent with Corrections

Mr. Kaehler made a motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

It is recommended that the following personnel be employed as listed, subject to maintaining appropriate Certification/Licensure. Salary will be based upon the adopted salary schedule and will reflect the appropriate steps for training and experience.

- Certified Personnel
 - Transfers
 - Approve the voluntary transfer of Jenny Hartman to High School MH position.
 - Certified Staffing

It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2023-2024 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Kyle Hamilton	HS	BLT Team	Timesheet

It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	SCHEDULE/ STEP
Joey Catilla	MS	Intervention Specialist	M15/Step 10

- Certified Substitutes
 - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
Tammy Allen, Jessica Chase, Dorothy Countryman, Kaleb Goodin, Jason King, Alexis Lennert, Mavis Mabry, Trista Mount, Karen Preston, Ethel "Jean" Tedrick
- Classified Personnel
 - Classified Staffing

It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Jenny Belmont	Putman - MH Classroom	Special Ed Aide Degree	Step 2

- Transfers
 - Approve the reassignment of Jennifer Goodin to Middle School MH Aide
 - Approve the reassignment of Jennifer Chapin to Middle School MH Aide
- Classified Substitutes
 - Approve Robert Brown as a substitute custodian
- Classified Staffing
- Supplemental Contracts

It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Austin Knight	HS	Asst HS Football	1
Zach Canty	MS	Football	3
Shelbie Rose	HS	Varsity Volleyball	1
Madison Creager	HS	Asst Volleyball	1
Mandi Moe	MS	Volleyball - 8th	1
Hope Blankenbeckler	MS	Volleyball - 7th	1
Kevin Brown	MS	Event Manager	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

- Dan Scott, Assistant HS Football, volunteer
- Colt Conover, MS Football, volunteer
- Chris Baker, MS Football, volunteer
- Noelani Tangonan, Assistant Cheer (HS & MS), volunteer

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

Other

- **Discussion Items**
 - August 9, 2024 Active Aggressor event at BHS/BMS

- Open house August 16, 2024 5pm to 7pm (meet the teams to follow)
- New teacher orientation August 6 and 7
- Next regular Board meeting August 19, 2024 7pm

Adjournment

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Board President

Treasurer