

**BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
With Corrections
BLANCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUXILIARY CAFETERIA
February 18, 2025
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

A. Meeting called to order: Roll Call

- a. Jeremy Kaehler
- b. Mike Williams
- c. John Panetta
- d. Kathy Gephart
- e. Chris Baker

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Adoption of Meeting Agenda with Corrections

- a. Under G.6 add Resolution
- b. Under H.1.c Supplemental Contracts add
Jenny Hartmann, Home Instructor, Up to 5 hours/week

Ready Set Glow Family Engagement Event:

Zach Canty, Sara Carruthers, Stephanie Cummings, Tonya Gerhringer, Kimberlee Bisig, David Wood, Nicole Miller, Laura Yablonsky, Terri Cook, Craig Anderson, Britni Ashford, Julia Perry, Kurt Ballinger, Mike Cook, Tom Greve, Angelyn Buchanan

- c. Under H.2.d add
James "Bryant" Abt, HS Track & Field, Step 2
Brett Bandow, Asst HS Track & Field, volunteer
Aleck Strange, Asst Softball, volunteer

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Vote:

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D. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes for January 07, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

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E. Welcome, Recognitions and Public Participation of Agenda Items**F. Business of the Board**

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1. Approve 2 days of out of state travel for Winterguard to compete in the Tristate Marching Arts events in Lexington, Ky at Lafayette HS on March 1,2025 and Tates Creek HS on March 15,2025.
2. Approve the internet service provider contract with MVECA FY2026
3. Approve the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan
4. Approve the Certified HRA Plan FY2025
5. Approve the Classified HRA Plan FY2025
6. Approve the 2025-2026 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
7. Approve the following donation to the Athletic Fund
 - a. Donation for breakfast in memory of Claire Ledford-\$20.00
 - b. Play On Sports-\$1005.39
 - c. Lifetouch-\$134.28
 - d. OhioPyle Prints-\$81.17
 - e. WatchUs Inc.-\$76.31
8. Approve the following donation to Boys Basketball
 - a. Wildcat Porta Potti-\$100.00
 - b. Boosters-\$97.00
 - c. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$80.50
 - d. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$82.00
 - e. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$76.00
9. Approve the following donation to Baseball
 - a. China Dragon-\$300.00
10. Approve the following donation to Girls Basketball
 - a. Boosters-\$97.00
 - b. Harris- \$396.67
 - c. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$80.50
 - d. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$82.00
 - e. Boosters Half Court Shot-\$76.00
11. Approve the following donation to HS Cheer

- a. End Zone Athletics-\$50.00
- 12.** It is recommended to approve the following policy updates.
- a. JECBC-Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education
 - b. IGD-Co Curricular and Extracurricular Activities
 - c. JED- Student Absences and Excuses
 - d. EBBA- First Aid
 - e. EDE-Computer/Online Services
 - f. IGAH/IGAI- Family Life Education/Sex Education
 - g. GCD-Certified Staff Hiring
 - h. GDC/GDCA/GDD-Classified Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring
 - i. ACC (New)-Political Commitments
 - j. JEDC-(New)-Religious Expression Days
 - k. JFCA-R-Student Dress Code
 - l. JFCA-Student Dress Code
- 13.** 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.
- a. Billie Jo Cockerham to transport one student to Wilmington Christian Academy
- 14.** Approve the overnight trip to Columbus, Ohio from March 10-12th, 2025 for 33 students to attend the Deca State Competition. Chaperones are Karen Vanderhorst, Amie Sawyer and Cynthia King. Transportation is covered by Great Oaks.

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G. Business of The Treasurer

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1. Review Financial Report(s) (Packet)
 - a. Cash Summary
 - b. Checks Written
 - c. Cash Flow Report
 - d. Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balance Analysis
2. Transfers
 - a. Approve the transfer of Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,723.36.
 - b. Approve the transfer of Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$5,663.91
3. Unclaimed Fund
 - a. Approve the Treasurer to create an Unclaimed Funds Account (007-9010) to track unclaimed checks. If not claimed by the lawful owner within a period of five years, the money shall revert to the general fund.
4. Audit
 - a. The auditor needs the Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire completed by all board members.
5. Auction update (approved at the November 2024 meeting)
 - a. Bus 2007 International School Bus sold on GovDeals for \$2,400.00
 - b. Weight Room equipment will be posted on GovDeals
 - c. Two more buses will be posted on GovDeals
6. Approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor (attach to minutes)

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H. Business of the Superintendent

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

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.

1. Certified Personnel**a. Transfers****b. Certified Staffing**

- i. Approve a dock day for Kierstan Kaplan on January 21, 2025
- ii. Approve the resignation of Tom Greve effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year or May 31st, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.

c. Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Julia Strider	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Krissy Laubernds	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Mary Looney	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Chanda Addington	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Paula White	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Brittany Ahrmann	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Nicole Paulson	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr
Shelly Adkins	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr
Emily Bogan	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr

Nicole Malone	HS	Home instruction/5 hrs weekly	Daily Hourly Rate
Jenny Hartman	HS	Home instruction/5 hrs weekly	Daily Hourly Rate
Zach Canty	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Sara Carruthers	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Stephanie Cummings	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Tonya Gehringer	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Kimberlee Bisig	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
David Wood	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Nicole Miller	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Laura Yablonsky	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Terri Cook	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Craig Anderson	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Britni Ashford	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Julia Perry	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Kurt Ballinger	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Mike Cook	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Tom Greve	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Angelyn Buchanan	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr

It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Savanna Morlatt	HS	Science	M/Step 6

d. Certified Substitutes

i. Substitute Teachers (Packet)

Corey Allen, Zachary Bambic, Mikayla Griffith (temporary), Cheyenne Shotts(temporary) and Karlie Payton

2. Classified Personnel

a. Classified Staffing

- i.** Approve the resignation of Tracy Manning from the position of HS cook effective February 2,2025 for the purpose of retirement.
- ii.** Approve the resignation of Diane Helmer from her position as preschool aide effective June 1,2025 for the purpose of retirement.
- iii.** Approve two dock days for Donna Braley on January 21,2025 and February 7,2025.

b. Transfers -None

c. Classified Substitutes-None

d. Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Jason Whitaker	HS	Asst JV Baseball Coach	3
Regan Ostermeier	HS	V Track and Field (throws)	2
James "Bryant" Abt	HS	Track and Field Boys	2

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	TIMESHEET
Diane Helmer	Putman	Winter Wonderland	Hourly Rate

It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Robert Schooley	HS	Varsity Head Football Coach	1

Volunteers (non-employees):

Kevin Brown-assistant baseball (24-25 yr)
 Ricky Roush-assistant baseball (24-25 yr)
 Braydyn Wiley-assistant baseball JV (24-25 yr)
 Thomas Bare-MS track and Field (24-25 yr)
 Phillip "Pete" Jackson-MS Track and Field (24-25 yr)
 Brett Bandow, Assistant HS Track & Field, volunteer (24-25 yr)
 Aleck Strange, Assistant Softball, volunteer (24-25 yr)

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I. Other

a. Discussion Item

- i. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
- ii. Open Enrollment with the following class size limit
 1. Kindergarten:90 students
 2. First through Fourth:95 students per grade level
 3. Fifth through Eighth:100 students per grade level
 4. High School:120 per grade level
- iii. Discuss the retire/rehire of a current employee.
- iv. MS Family Night Thursday, Feb. 20 5:30-7pm
- v. Initial state budget projections
- vi. Facility naming

J. Executive Session

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

- a. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

_____ Time Entered _____ Time Exited

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K. Additional Action Items (if needed)

L. Adjournment

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End Time _____