

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday December 21, 2015 in the High School Gymnasium.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Chuck Shonkwiler.

ROLL CALL

Chuck Shonkwiler – President	Present
Joe Falgner – Vice President	Present
Keith Gibson	Present
Claire Ledford	Present
John Panetta	Present

Treasurer Darlene Kassner was in attendance along with the following who signed the register legible.

Lillian Flora	Barbara Lambros	Brian Rhodes
Michelle Rhodes	Connie Abirached	Lisa M. Jones
Pamela Ficke	Donna L. L. Gosney	Amin Abirached
Alicia Fravel	Lisa Simpson	Rick Fravel
Kayla Dugger	Melissa Dugger	Jenny Hartman
Lizzy Hartman	Autumn Leasher	Tonya Abney
Kassidy Abney	Molly Campbell	Blake Coffman
CJ Sheadler	Jennifer Campbell	Kennedy Campbell
Corey N. Campbell	Charity Bass	Sam Pham
Pat Haley	Brenda Haley	Tim Woodyard
Rebecca Doughman	Sydney Doughman	Cierra White
Aaron Brooks	Leslee Brooks	Mercedes Ewing
Elissa Dashley	Deborah Winemiller	Lexie Winemiller
Alannah Dailey	Jennifer Sprague	Peyton Jones
Heather O'Neill	Rita O'Neill	Matthew O'Neill
Leanna Vestal	Rebecca Vestal	Tracy Snyder
Marco Torres-Garcia	Dylan Fawley	Marie Haines
Judy Richardson	Bryan Richardson	Larry Rausch
Tamara Rausch	Emma Rausch	Gloria Rannells
Timothy Rannells	William Rannells	McKenzie Hamm
Alec Richardson	Cam Carroll	Matthew Grogg
Jack Kirby	Rachel Akers	Cory Garrison
Paul Jackson	Tom Kittle	Eric Patton
Elaina Patton	Ida Patton	Emylee Patton
Jared Willison	Sheila Jorge	Bonnie J. Doyle
Bronwyn Miller Hutchinson		Cindy McQuitty
Stephanie Black	Makayla Shank	Savanna Shank
Reno Graff	Brian Phillips	Gary Marburger
Shonda Marburger (Lynch)		Paul Burns
Melanie Heitzman	Audrey Heitzman	Emily Collins
Ashley Collins	Kelly Lynch	Joel King
Bridgid Carson	Tom Greve	Blaine Snyder

Bill Ostermeier	Amber Fawley	Brighton Morris
Diane Fawley	Joy Penquite	Jeff Penquite
Lindsey Smith	Tracy Adams	Somer Malott
Jim West	Kim West	Cameron West
Josh Helton	Phil Richardson	Scott Honaker
Sheila Richardson	Kathy Honaker	Brandi Combs
P. Ballinger	G. Ballinger	Amy Martin
Jack Fisher	Shyanne Halstrom	Michelle White
Josh Creekmore	Jim Collier	Marsha Collier
John Shoemaker	Lisa Shoemaker	Susan Barr
The Davis Family	Todd Bandow	Carrie Bandow
Brant Bandow	Leah Burden	Rudy Burden
K. Marita Hayslip	Dylan Schmurr	Kyra Richards
Kayla Lindsey	Zane Bolin	Allie Evans
Tanner Bolin	Curt Bolin	Robin Bolin
Patty Worstell	Charlene Docter	Lois Wainscott
Dick Wainscott	Amie Sawyer	Melissa Rich
Raechel Purdon	Carly Page	Chuck Rich
Shelly Adkins	Suzanne Curless	Andrea Harpen
Julie Mulvihill	Jon Mulvihill	Pam Jones
John Jones	Megan Coomer	Ray Coomer
Andrea Richardson	Kristin Unversaw	Phillip Jordan
Troy Ballinger	Brandy McCollister	Aaron Stahley
Lauren Stahley	Lynn Martin	Michael Cook
Bella Cook	Carole Haines	Melissa Wallace
Michelle Kirkendall	Melissa Lindsey	Judy Hamilton
Susan Mc Collister	Rhonda Fugate	Jessica Fugate
Jim Fugate	Daniel Fugate	Hanna Allen
Alexa Sams	Rebekah Sams	Todd Sams
Stephenie Eriksson	Tracy Shank	Emily Ledford
Margaret Shepherd	Lillian McCann	Mary Roark
Bennie Carroll	Kurt Ballinger	Clarissa Parker
DaShannon Lovin	John Lovin	Harbor Lovin
Jamey Grogg	Bradon Pyle	Marla Sams
Jessie Brandenburg	John Brandenburg	Cyndi King
Jill Girard	Mark Baughman	Paula Wallace
Mike Wallace	Georgetta Wallace	Sarah Wallace
Sydney Wallace	Helen Wiederhold	Casey Phillips
Lindsey Tussey	Tiffany Singleton	Kristina White
Mary Ann Reinhart	Laura Kirkendall	Lindsey Nuhn
Stephanie Carson	Kathleen Kefauver	Casey Phillips
Kristina Laubernds	Shauna Woodyard	Andrew Hamm
Sara Nicholls	Aaron Lawson	Bess Long
Margie Slocum	Jim Wilson	Judy Wilson
Brady Wilson	Erin Wilson	Blake Baker
Cindy Sutton	Linda J. Beatty	Kevin Brown
Lori Conover	Jenna Weisflock	Curt Bandow
Betty Hodge	Bryant Hodge	Tyler Muncy
Justin Shoemaker	Faylen Ballard	Justin Ballard
Brooke Honaker	Richard T. Hinkle	Eric Hinkle

Elizabeth Hinkle	Kayla Gregg	Makenzie Miller	Laura Robles
Johnny Schirmer		Jim Johnson	
Andrew Freeman	Chad Cottle		Julie Cottle
Tina Fischer	Mark Bergen	Lisa Stephens	
Samantha Collier	Evan Ostermeier		Tom Gerlach
Cheyenne Rhodes	Merri Lindsey	Jen Gerlach	
Savannah Rhodes	Regan Ostermeier		Abby Babcock
Ruth Johnson	Jordan Freeman		Michelle Brown
Cheyenne Brown	Jake Moore		Mark Conner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Falgner that the meeting agenda be adopted. The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Falgner, Ledford, Gibson and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Shonkwiler spoke that many were here to support Mr. Hosler and there would be no discussion or action on Mr. Hosler employment. HE also spoke of the procedure for speakers this evening.

Connie Abirached – Support of Mr. Hosler

Mrs. Abirached spoke in support of Mr. Hosler and also gave testimonies of others that she quoted. She said the outpouring of support for Mr. Hosler was amazing. Her first meeting with Mr. Hosler was a Freshman Orientation and his speech was powerful. She knew then he was a true leader. As President of band Boosters she meet with Mr. Hosler and she saw that he truly cared about the students. He would often asked how her family was doing. She stated that the kids knew he had their best interest in mind and gave them a constant drive to make them better. She could not ask for more as a HS parent. She spoke for a former student and staff member that commended Mr. Hosler for caring for everyone and making the HS great. The former teacher said Mr. Hosler is a good man and a good administrator. She also stated that she was glad to call Mr. Hosler a friend and that he had given his life to the students and staff of BHS.

Bill Ostermeier – Community Statement about Accountability

Mr. Ostermeier said he had a son that had recently graduated and a daughter still in school. In light of recent events he was asked to be a leader and be a voice for over 700 students, staff and parents. We are not a small group of disenfranchised people. We will be heard especially when we install new board members. Working with and listening to the community is what the Board is about. He stated that the Board is the education watchdog for the community and they should take care to be legal and ethical. The board should be honest, ethical and open to public and accountable. He stated that Mr. Hosler is a good man and the Board is keeping him from doing what he does. He is a good disciplinarian, but still liked by the student body. He is visible in school greets everyone with a smile and is at all events –

Band, FFA, Plays and never gives up on students. His involvement is second to none. The Board needs to hear that the Supt has gone out of his way to bring bad publicity to this district. BHS has performed above the state average on testing while being in the lowest Cost per pupil. We are a small tight knit community and morale is at an all time low. He announced that a new group has formed. The Community Alliance for Responsible Education (CARE). This group will hold all Board members accountable for their actions. They are promoting the loss of staff and to return Mr. Hosler to his position. They are asking for an audit of the Board for finances and have filed complaints with the Ohio Ethics Commission. He said he will hold his head high on what he did here tonight.

Richard Davis – Principal Hosler

Richard Davis is a freshman at BHS. HE stated that the school has been thrown into a mood of distrust. He said Mr. Hosler is a passionate man who is involved in the student's lives. He asked the Board to take into consideration the student the students will have if Mr. Hosler is not here. It would be a great tragedy to loose a man who has had a positive effect on so many lives. He stated we can solve any problem if we work together. If all sides acknowledge their mistakes then work together to fix them. We have chaos and disruption we need to work together. He proposed that Mr. Hosler be reinstated. He also asked that a task force be formed of students and community to work together to solve problems.

Michelle Rhodes

Mrs. Rhodes stated she had 2 students in the school district. She stated she had some questions under Policy BDDH. She asked where is Mr. Lynch this evening. Mr. Shonkwiler stated he was sick at home. She also asked if the Board felt they were following policies and procedures? She also asked if the Board felt any and all people should follow the policies and procedures? She asked if the Board agreed with the Superintendents statement that any reports should be taken seriously. She also asked if Mr. Hosler is allowed to make decisions while on leave. She asked if the Superintendent or Board would be able to make administrative decisions if there was an ongoing investigation into their ethical behavior and criminal activity?

Sara Abirached

Sara said there were many emotions that describe the HS students. The atmosphere is not what it used to be and it is not a healthy environment. She stated that the board took away their leader. This has flipped the HS upside down for students, staff and parents. The seniors need him. She asked who sill shake their hand at graduation. He has been there for all of us. She state that the media attention is not good. The media does not just make the HS look bad but the whole school. She asked who do you think pushes the staff and students to do their best? Mr. Hosler. She stated that we need him bad, we are drained and empty without him. It seem like the Board is only making a decision for themselves. Please give us our leader that makes the machine run like a well oiled machine.

Mark Bergen

Mr. Bergen stated that a board job can be a difficult one. He stated that he lived in Wilmington and chose to send two youngest children to BHS. We have always felt Blanchester is a great school. He stated he cannot make a decision on what he doesn't know, but he can make a decision on what he does know. He knows that Mr. Hosler is a good speaker and passionate about the school. The school does a good job. Mr. Bergen

had a coin of excellence that he brought to the attention of Mr. Hosler. Mr. Hosler now uses it as a an Award of Excellence for Outstanding Performance. He stated we have an excellent school district and asked the Board to listen to the student who are feeling the impact.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Gibson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that **RESOLUTION NO. 53-15** be adopted approving a President Pro Tem for the January 4, 2016 Reorganizational Meeting. Mr. Falgner nominated Mr. Shonkwiler as President Pro Tem.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Gibson, Panetta, Ledford and Falgner

ABSTAIN: Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ledford that **RESOLUTION NO. 54-15** be adopted approving the **RN/LPN Salary Schedule**.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Ledford, Gibson, Falgner and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Gibson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that **RESOLUTION NO 55-15** be adopted authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,055,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, series 2016.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Gibson, Panetta, Ledford, Falgner and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE TREASURER

Mrs. Ledford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Falgner that the Board adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 56-15** approving Appropriation Modifications and New Funds

APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS

019-9007 Learning Links Grant 18,914.30

NEW FUNDS

LEARNING LINKS GRANT 019-9007

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Ledford, Falgner, Gibson, Panetta and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

It is recommended that the following personnel be employed as listed, subject to maintaining appropriate Certification/Licensure as well as satisfactory criminal records checks from the BCI and the FBI, or whatever else necessary for employment. Salary will be based upon the adopted salary schedule and will reflect the appropriate steps for training and experience.

CERTIFIED STAFFING

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ledford that the Board approve **JAMEY GROGG as HS WINTER EVENTS COORDINATOR and VOLUNTEER BASKETBALL.** Salary will be at **STEP 2** of the Supplemental Salary Schedule.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Ledford, Gibson, Falgner and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Gibson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Falgner that the Board approve the following as **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.**

**ANGELA BAXTER GARDNER
NATHAN KINCAID
HANNAH PATTON
RYAN RIFFLE
TERRY STATEN**

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Gibson, Falgner, Panetta, Ledford and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ledford that the Board approve **JULIE INABNITT** for a continued **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for the remainder of the 15-16 School Year.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Ledford, Falgner, Gibson and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

CLASSIFIED STAFFING

Mr. Falgner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gibson that the Board approve **ANGELA PUTMAN** as **RN** beginning January 4, 2016. Salary will be at **STEP 20** of the RN/LPN Salary Schedule. Mrs. Putman has 30 years of experience in nursing. She has most recently worked at the Clinton County Health Department. The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Falgner, Gibson, Ledford, Panetta and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mrs. Ledford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that the Board accept the

RESIGNATION of **JUDY ADKINS** as **AIDE** effective December 4, 2015. Mrs. Adkins is resigning to take a position closer to home.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Ledford, Panetta, Gibson, Falgner and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ledford that the Board approve the **CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS** for 2016. This calendar is the same as years before.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Ledford, Gibson, Falgner and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

Mr. Falgner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that the Board approve **DOUG NAYLOR** to the Blanchester Public Library Board of Trustees from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2022. The elected school board has to vote on trustees of the Public Library.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Falgner, Panetta, Ledford, Gibson and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recognition of Mr. Keith Gibson – Mr. Shonkwiler recognized Mr. Gibson as this is his last meeting as Board Member. Keith has served the community for 20 years on the Board. Mr. Gibson was given a round of applause.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Financial Report
2. Cash Reconciliation Report
3. Investment Report
4. Jan. 4 Reorganizational Meeting. Budget Hearing 7pm HS Media Center.
5. Jan. 19 Next Regular Board Meeting – Walter Nichols Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gibson that the meeting be adjourned. The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Gibson, Falgner, Ledford and Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Board President

Treasurer