

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday December 18, 2017 in the Middle School Cafeteria.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President Keith Gibson.

ROLL CALL

Keith Gibson – President	Present
Todd Bandow – Vice President	Present
Joe Falgner	Present
John Panetta	Present
Chuck Shonkwiler	Present (arrived at 5:06 pm)

Superintendent Dean D. Lynch and Treasurer Darlene Kassner were in attendance along with the following who signed the register:

Molly Campbell	Corey Campbell
Jennifer Campbell	Carrie Bandow
Mike Kassner	Dwayne Dearth
Kyle Wilson	Mike Williams
Kathy Gephart	Lisa M. Jones
Reilly Hopkins	Curt Bandow
Raechel Purdon	Michelle Elston
Barb Lambros	Donna L. L. Gosney
Tina Fischer	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Shonkwiler arrived at 5:06 pm

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bandow that the meeting agenda be adopted.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Bandow, Falgner, Shonkwiler and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Shonkwiler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Falgner that the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting be approved.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Shonkwiler, Falgner, Bandow, Panetta and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

WELCOME AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Gibson welcomed everyone and stated this was the last meeting for Joe, Chuck and him.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Shonkwiler reported that there was support on the agenda later for SB 216. Other things are moving slowly.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Falgner that the Board approve the following:

- Policy updates

BDDH (KD)	Public Participation at Board Meetings
DI	Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
DN	School Properties Disposal
EBBA	First Aid
EBBA-R	First Aid
GBE	Staff Health and Safety
GBE-R	Staff health and Safety
GBP	Drug Free Workplace
GBQ	Criminal Records Check
IGA	Basic Curricular Program
IGBM	Credit Flexibility
IGCH (LEC)	College Credit Plus
IGCH-R (LEC-R)	College Credit Plus
IGDJ	Interscholastic Athletics
IGEE	Awarding HS Diplomas to Veterans of War
IJA	Career Advising
JEA	Compulsory Attendance Ages
JEG	Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
JFG	Interrogations and Searches
JFG-R	Interrogations and Searches
KBA	Public's Right to Know

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Falgner, Bandow, Shonkwiler and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

Mr. Shonkwiler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that the following be approved:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 40-17** supporting SB 216 Ohio public School Deregulation Act

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Shonkwiler, Panetta, Falgner, Bandow and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

Mr. Bandow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panetta that the following be approved:

- OSBA Membership for 2018

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Bandow, Panetta, Falgner, Shonkwiler and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

Mr. Falgner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shonkwiler that the following be approved:

- Real Estate Lease Agreement with Gerald May beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Falgner, Shonkwiler, Bandow, Panetta and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

- Election of President Pro Tem for Reorganizational Meeting

Mr. Falgner nominated Mr. Panetta. Mr. Bandow moved to close the nominations.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Falgner, Bandow, Shonkwiler, Panetta and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shonkwiler that to board approve the following:

- APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS
200-9710 National Honor Society 2000.00

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Shonkwiler, Bandow, Falgner and Gibson

Mr. Gibson 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. Salary will be based upon the adopted salary schedule and will reflect the appropriate steps for training and experience.

Mr. Shonkwiler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bandow that the following be approved:

Certified Staffing

- **SHELLY ADKINS** – 2 days unpaid leave January 16, 2018 and January 17, 2018
- **CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES**

Benjamin Pence

Classified Staffing

- **LINDA LARRICK** – 5 days unpaid leave from January 29, 2018 through February 2, 2018
- **SUBSTITUTES**

Megan Musselman
Patty Blankenbeckler

Other Staffing

- **VOLUNTEER COACHES**

THOMAS GERLACH – HS BOYS BASKETBALL

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Shonkwiler, Bandow, Panetta, Falgner and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recognition of Board Members – Mr. Lynch spoke about each retiring Board Member and gave each of them a time for a response.

Chuck Shonkwiler

Mr. Shonkwiler has served four (4) years as a BOE member from 2014 -2017. He was selected by his peers to be President of the Board for two (2) years. He served on the Transportation, Food Service, Curriculum and Technology Committee's, the Board's Legislative Liaison and the boards representative to the Ohio School Board's Association.

Chuck brought to the Board a vision to increase the use of technology throughout the district support in obtaining chrome books for every students and improvements to the track. He should be proud to have followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather by serving on a school board.

I'm going to miss our luncheons, time spent in the car traveling to conferences and your positive attitude. Thank you for your leadership as our Board President and the encouragement and wisdom over the past four years.

Mr. Shonkwiler responded that it had been a privilege to serve a high functioning school district. He also spoke about the inclusiveness of the group of Board Members. He said that we trust we leave it better than we found it.

Joe Falgner

Mr. Falgner has served fourteen (14) years as a BOE member from 2004-2017. He was selected by his peers to be President of the Board for four (4) years. He has served on the Transportation, Food Service, Curriculum, Finance and Buildings and Grounds Committees.

Joe brought to the Board a heightened attention for special education program services throughout the district. Joe would always listen to both sides of an issue before making a decision often paraphrasing issues using some analogy (some humorous at times) to help better explain a situation. He was a strong “quiet” leader on the Board, he said very little, but when he spoke, he was like “E.F. Hutton” the people listened.

He understood the importance of following and respecting the chain of command within an organization. He played an active role in the Capital Improvements projects throughout the district. He was active in supporting two new roofs’, upgrading our athletic facilities, getting our buses on a purchasing schedule and updating curriculums in Math, Language Arts and Science.

I don’t think I’ll forget those Superintendent/Board President discussions at your farm, especially the one in the cab of your tractor as you baled hay! Your advice, encouragement, humor and pop-in visits on rainy days are going to be missed.

Mr. Falgner responded that he had worked with 8 board members, 4 Superintendents and 1 Treasurer. He attended over 200 Board Meetings, saw over 1500 kids graduate and made countless ice cream floats at Putman. He enjoyed the special events and watching people grow. He stated we had a strong district when he got here and its even stronger now. We have wonderful teachers, kids, staff and parents. He thanked everyone who voted him in over the years.

Keith Gibson

Mr. Gibson has served twenty-two (22) years as a BOE member from 1996-2017. He was selected by his peers to be President of the Board for five (5) of those years. He served on the Food Service, Transportation, Finance and Negotiation Committees.

Keith brought to the board a composed leadership style focusing on people and finances. As a first year Board member 22 years ago, he was handed a district that was struggling financially; during his tenure he has been part of a group of

administrators who strengthen and sustained a strong financial balance to the budget.

Keith was one who wanted as much information as he could get. Took the time to absorb the information, made a decision, justified that decision and didn't waiver. He sees good in everyone and desires that all be treated with honor and dignity. He is one of the most honest individuals I have ever met. I know without hesitation BEA and OAPSE members would all agree Keith will be missed at the negotiation table.

I going to miss your morning phone calls and the pre-board meetings in your basement during planting and harvest seasons. You are a man of great respect and character. I'm sure Walter Nicholas (a respected educator in this district and Clinton County) would have been proud of your tenure as a member of the Blanchester School Board. Thank you for your wisdom and discernment in helping me with many difficult decisions.

Mr. Gibson responded that he always remembered that he was 1/5 of a decision making body. He recalled during his tenure the Board Office was a little green building outside of Putman. When the new buildings were built, he got to pick out the brick. When the district closed Jefferson we had the largest decommissioning ceremony with over 400 people in attendance. There were no state test when he started and our people have excelled at that over the years. When he started the district had \$35,000, now we have over 5 million, with no operating levies asked of the voters. He has worked with good people, 5 Superintendents and 2 Treasurers. We have hired excellent people that transferred knowledge to the students. He thanked the people for keeping him on the Board. He also paid recognition to Claire Ledford, whose term he was finishing. She was on the Board 2 years before him and was a part of all the above mentioned items.

Mr. Lynch finished with the following:

Our human nature, if left unchecked will tend to gravitate to acts that create discord, hatred, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, and/or factions. As a school board member you have restrained yourself and exhibited behaviors of patience, peace,

gentleness, kindness, goodness, peace, joy and faithfulness, and above all self-control. Against such there are no laws to keep in check.

Thank you for grooming this Superintendent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Financial Reports
2. 2018 Meeting Schedule
3. Dec. 21 Staff Breakfast Red Zone 6am-9:30am
4. Dec. 22 Christmas Break Begins
5. Jan. 3 School Resumes
6. Jan. 8 Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting
7:30 pm Middle School Cafeteria
7. Jan. 20 Board Work Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bandow that the meeting be adjourned:

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Bandow, Falgner, Shonkwiler and Gibson

Mr. Gibson declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.