

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday March 16, 2020 in the Board of Education Office.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Kyle Wilson.

ROLL CALL

Kyle Wilson-President	Present
John Panetta-Vice President	Present
Kathy Gephart	Present
Jeremy Kaehler	Present
Mike Williams	Present

Superintendent Dean Lynch, Treasurer Megan Thompson were in attendance along with the following who signed the register:

Donna L L Gosney	Chanda Addington
Barb Lambros	Lilly McCann
Betty Hodge	MK Lindsey
Paula Chaney	Abigail Lindsey
Sara Carruthers	Tracy Shank
Troy Ballinger	Mikayla Shull
Renea Woodell	Julia Perry
Maria Campisi	Mary Roark
Korina Bennett	Andrea Harpin
Pam Hurtt	Michael Cook
Susan McCollister	Anne Cook
Bella Cook	Christian Woodyard
Brandy McCollister	Stephenie Eriksson

DaShannon Lovin
Scott Shepard
Emily Ledford
Bradon Pyle
Andrew Freeman
Terri Cook
Shauna Woodyard
Sara Estrada
Michelle Kirkindall
Melissa Rich
Carly Page
Megan Coomer
Stephanie Cummings
Julie Fortner
Michael England
David Wood
Krissy Lauberdens
Tiffany Singleton
Julia Strider
Melissa Wallace
Jon Mulvihill

John Lovin
Aaron Lawson
Bess Long
Jill Wilson
Andrea Jones
Michelle Elston
Tori Mallott
Shelley Pembleton
Mary Looney
Kelley Neumann
Kate Slusher
Kendall Slusher
Kristina White
Ray Coomer
Julie Inabnitt
Mary Ann Reinhart
Lynn Lewis
Lindsay Tussey
Angela Kees
Jamey Grogg
Jenny Hartman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Panetta made a motion seconded by Mr. Williams that the agenda be adopted as amended. The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Gephart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaehler that the minutes of the February 18, 2020 regular meeting be approved.

YEAS: Gephart, Kaehler, Panetta, Williams, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

Welcome - Mr. Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Andy Hamm spoke regarding reductions

Mr. Nicholas Lansing Blanchester graduate spoke regarding online foreign language

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION 15-20

**APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, given the financial condition of the School District and projected budget deficit at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, due to the failure of the Blanchester Local School District's 1% Income Tax Levy on November 5, 2019 and to abide by The Ohio Department of Education's mandate to provide them with a plan to address the district's budget deficit; the School District, in an effort to adjust for lost revenue, must enact cost reductions, and

WHEREAS, Section 3319.17 and 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Article 21 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Blanchester Local School District Board of Education and OAPSE Local #477 authorizes the implementation of a reduction in force (RIF), and

WHEREAS, Section 3319.17 and 3319.172 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Article 17 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Blanchester Local School District Board of Education and BEA Local authorizes the implementation of a reduction in force (RIF), and

WHEREAS, the board directs the Superintendent of schools to provide written notices of this action to the affected member(s) of OAPSE Local #477 and the BEA as well as the President of OAPSE Local #477 and the President of the BEA, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed and considered the recommendations of the Superintendent concerning the possible necessity of a staff reduction for the 2020-2021 School Year, which takes into consideration (1) the needs of students based on enrollment

in various grade levels, subjects, accreditation requirements, and minimum program requirements for continued state funding; (2) the funds available to implement the District's educational program and services; (3) the curriculum offerings needed in light of these factors, and the number of positions required to operate a revised education program, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended to the board of education that the following staff reductions and reduced expenditures be implemented beginning for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Staff Reductions
 - Classified Staff
 - Aides
 - Putman Title (3)
 - I.S./M.S. Receptionist (1)
 - Bus Drivers (2)
 - Secretary (224 Day - 11.5 months) (1)
 - Certified Members
 - Classroom Teachers (6)
 - MS Language Arts (2)
 - HS Foreign Language
 - HS Librarian
 - HS Science
 - HS Vocational Agriculture
- Reduced Expenditures
 - Transfer Vocational Agriculture Program to Great Oaks.
 - Suspend seventeen (17) supplemental contracts.
 - Suspend transportation/busing in Grades 9-12.
 - Reduce hours of Payroll Clerk.
 - Reduce the number of bus stops.

- Reduce Building budgets.
- Reduce Intermediate School Principal Salary Schedule
- Reduce Services from the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center (SOESC).
- Eliminate and/or reduce the District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan budgets/projects.
- Eliminate Hopewell Special Education Regional Resource Center Cooperative Contract.
- Eliminate multiple P.M. home/sitter stops.
- Eliminate students riding home on a bus that is not their originally assigned bus.
- Eliminate students riding elementary P.M. routes after school events/activities.

YEAS: Panetta, Kaehler, Williams, Gephart, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

Mr. Panetta made a motion seconded by Mrs. Gephart to approve the revised 2019-2020 revised school calendar.

YEAS: Panetta, Gephart, Kaehler, Williams, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION 16-20

The donation of additional dairy food to The Exchange through 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Kaehler made a motion seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve the resolution.

YEAS: Kaehler, Panetta, Williams, Gephart, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Panetta made a motion seconded by Mr. Williams that the board approved the following:

APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS

001-9010 MS PBIS

ADVANCES

019-9010 Learn and Service Grant

NEW FUND

200-9500- opu 004 MS/INTERMEDIATE ART

RESOLUTION 17-20

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Gephart made a motion seconded by Mr. Kaehler that the board approved the following:

CERTIFIED STAFFING

TRANSFER JULIA INABNITT from Intermediate School to Putman Elementary

TRANSFER CHANDA ADDINGTON from Putman Elementary to Intermediate School

YEAS: Gephart, Kaehler, Panetta, Williams, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

CLASSIFIED STAFFING

Mr. Williams made a motion seconded by Mr. Panetta that the board approved the following:

CERTIFIED STAFFING

RESIGNATIONS

DAVID FANGMEYER Buildings & Grounds HVAC Supervisor effective 3/17/2020

PAULA CHANEY Salary Step Corrections Bus Driver Step 18 to Custodian Step 22; Custodian Step 22 to Aide Step 22

VOLUNTEER COACHES

DAN PETERS- Softball

MATT SEXTON- Softball

CLAYTON BOYD- Baseball

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Williams Panetta, Gephart, Kaehler, and Wilson
Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

Discussion Items

Quarterly Policy Updates were provided and Mr. Kaehler spoke regarding insurance updates.

Update regarding the Corona Virus

Informational Items:

March 24 Four County Board Meeting Cancelled

March 30-April 3, 2020 Spring Break

April 20 Next Board Meeting

April 21 FFA Banquet 6:00 p.m. at the High School

April 22 Academic Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the High School

Public Participation of Non-Agenda items:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Panetta made a motion seconded by Mr. Williams that the meeting to into executive session.

The following resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

Executive Session lasted from 8:24 pm until 11:40 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Gephart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaehler that the meeting be adjourned.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Gephart, Kaehler, Panetta, Williams, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm

Board President

Board Treasurer