

**BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND
REGULAR MEETING
BLANCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUXILIARY CAFETERIA
January 9, 2024
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

NOTE: President Pro Tempore - Jeremy Kaehler

A. Meeting called to order: Roll Call

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Oath of Office for Elected Board members

- a. John Panetta
- b. Chris Baker

D. Election of Board President

Nominations: _____

E. Election of Board Vice President

Nominations: _____

Motion to close nominations was made

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

___ Panetta ___ Kaehler ___ Gephart ___ Williams ___ Baker

F. Oath of Office

a. President

b. Vice President

G. Establishment of Business Procedures and Standing Authorizations for 2024 (Attachment RESOLUTION 1-2024)

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS PROCEDURES AND STANDING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2024

- A. Establish date, time and place of regular board of education meetings.
- B. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills, except in cases where Board Policy applies, within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- C. Authorize the Treasurer to sign checks.

- D. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- E. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds.
- F. Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds.
- G. Authorize the Treasurer to adjust appropriations as needed and submit to the board for approval at the next board meeting.
- H. Petty Cash Fund and Change Fund Approvals
 - a. Athletic Change Fund \$2,500
- I. Service Fund - establishes a service fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be a part of the general fund, in accordance with section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- J. Treasurer shall be appointed to attend as the board designee public records training per Board Policy KBA. Furthermore, the district office has distributed the public records policy to the Treasurer who shall be also named the records custodian.
- K. Authorize the Treasurer to annually balance all Student Activity Accounts within the parameters of Board approved appropriations.
- L. Authorize the Treasurer to approve the tuition rate annually, as set by the Ohio Department of Education.
- M. Work with Clinton County Jobs and Family services to share any additional costs of transporting students in foster care to their school of origin, if determined in the best interest of the child.
- N. Authorize the Superintendent to represent the Board in the application for all special State and Federal Funds.
- O. Authorize Membership in the Chamber of Commerce for the year 2024.
- P. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district and authorizes the purchasing agent to approve purchases up to \$25,000.00 without further Board action. In addition, in the case of a catastrophic event, this

limitation will not apply in order to restore operations of the district in the most expedient manner.

- Q. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board, provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- R. Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

- S. Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.
- T. Authorize the Superintendent, without further action by said Board, to apply on behalf of said district to participate in any federal or state project or program for which approval by said Board is required. Authorize the Treasurer to pay stipends in the amount specified to Community Members/Staff Members when

authorized by grant applications, i.e. Local Professional Development Committee, etc.

- U. The Superintendent and/or Treasurer be permitted to attend seminars, meetings, and conferences that constitute informative and professional growth for the benefit of the school district without further Board of Education action and that reasonable expenses in connection therewith be allowed.
- V. Compliance with the Civil Rights Act - said Board in the expenditure of federal funds continues to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1965 and with all other appropriate state and federal statutes, standards and regulations.
- W. Unless otherwise delegated by the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall serve in all capacities that require an annual Board of Education appointment to implement adopted Board policies.
- X. The Board believes it is important to demonstrate appreciation to its employees.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to identify unique means of demonstrating the Board's appreciation. The following are examples of forms of this appreciation, but are not limited to: refreshments, small gifts, plaques, awards, flowers.

- Y. Authorize the attendance at special schools outside the district as needed; i.e. physically handicapped students for the upcoming school year.
- Z. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to approve Facility Use Applications

Vote:

___Panetta ___Kaehler ___Gephart ___Williams ___Baker

H. Establishment of Superintendent Committees and Representatives

- a. Facilities/Grounds and Transportation
- b. Finance/Budget
- c. Curriculum and Instruction
- d. Policy
- e. Legislative Liaison

I. Agenda Corrections

J. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

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K. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes for December 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

___Panetta ___Kaehler ___Gephart ___Williams ___Baker

L. Board Member Recognition

- a. Kathy Gephart - 6 years
- b. Jeremy Kaehler - 4 years
- c. John Panetta - 16 years
- d. Mike Williams - 6 years
- e. Kyle Wilson - 6 years
- f. Chris Baker - Welcome

M. Welcome and Public Participation of Agenda Items

a. Blanchester Foundation Presentation - Tony Long

N. Business of the Board

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

1. For the remainder of the 23-24 school year (6 month membership) and for the 24-25 school year (annual membership), the Board will pay for membership dues in the Buckeye Association of School Administrators for Raechel Purdon, Assistant Superintendent.

Vote:

___ Panetta ___ Kaehler ___ Gephart ___ Williams ___ Baker

O. Business of The Treasurer

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

1. Review Financial Report(s) (Packet)
 - a. December 2023 Reports
 - i. Cash Balances
 - ii. Appropriations
 - iii. Cash Summary
 - iv. Checks Written
2. Update on the fiscal office
3. Then and Now
 - a. ABRE Platform License 9/1/23 to 8/30/2026 Payment 1 of 3 in the amount of \$11,231.00

Vote:

___Panetta ___Kaehler ___Gephart ___Williams ___Baker

P. 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. Certified Staffing
- b. Certified Substitutes
 - i. Substitute Teachers (Packet) -
- c. Resignations
- d. Supplemental Contracts

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

2. Classified Personnel

- a. Classified Staffing

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Patty Reed	Transportation	Midday Preschool Route	22

- b. Resignations
 - i. Angela Bishop from cafeteria position due to acceptance of secretary/OSB position in Transportation
- c. Classified Substitutes
- d. Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Greg Short	High School	Asst JV Baseball	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Brayden Sipple, Asst HS Boys Basketball, volunteer

Kevin Brown, Asst Baseball, volunteer

Kyle Campbell, Asst Baseball, volunteer

Bradon Pyle, Asst Baseball, volunteer

Kaleb Goodin, Asst Baseball, volunteer

Vote:

Panetta Kaehler Gephart Williams Baker

IX. Public Participation of Non- Agenda items

X. Other

a. Information Items

- i. Winter Wonderland at Putman ES, Thursday, January 11 from 5 to 7pm serving cheese coney

b. Discussion Items

XII. Adjournment

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

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End Time _____