

The Blanchester Board of Education met for a reorganizational and regular board meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7pm in the Blanchester Middle School auxiliary cafeteria at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

In attendance: John Panetta, Mike Williams, Chris Baker, Aaron Brewster and Tyler Binkley

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Tony Long, Tracy Brewster, Alivia Brewster, Raechel Purdon, Jeri Earley, Jeryl Weis, Jim Cook, Eric Cook, Letty Cook, Patty Radloff, Annette Cook, Eric Lawson, Ryan Briggs, Josh Burlile, Amanda Burlile, Penelope Burlile, Michelle Elston, Kristin Unversaw and Emily Ledford.

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office for Elected Board Members

Mr. Unversaw administered the oath of office to Mike Williams, Aaron Brewster and Tyler Binkley.

Election of Board President

Mr. Binkley nominated Mike Williams for Board President and Mr. Brewster seconded the nomination.

Mr. Panetta made the motion to close nominations and Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

All present voted in favor of closing nominations. All present voted to approve the nominee for President.

Election of Vice President

Mr. Williams nominated John Panetta for Board Vice President and Mr. Baker seconded the nomination.

Mr. Williams made the motion to close nominations and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion.

All present voted in favor of closing nominations. All present voted to approve the nominee for President and Vice President.

Oath of Office for Board President and Vice President

Mr. Unversaw administered the oath of office to Mike Williams and John Panetta.

Appoint a member of the Board to the Blanchester Education Foundation

Mike Williams appointed Aaron Brewster to the Board of the Blanchester Education Foundation.

**Establishment of Business Procedures and Standing Authorizations for 2026
(Attachment Resolution 1-2026)**

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS PROCEDURES AND STANDING
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2026**

- 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. Designate inactive / interim funds at \$5,000,000.00.
- H. Authorize the Treasurer to adjust appropriations as needed and submit to the board for approval at the next board meeting.
- I. Petty Cash Fund and Change Fund Approvals
 - a. Athletic Change Fund at \$2,151.00 - Brad Ballinger
 - b. High School Change Fund at \$150.00 - Melissa Wallace
 - c. Board Office Change Fund at \$150.00 - Heather Mandelstein (reduced)
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. Authorize the Treasurer to annually balance all Student Activity Accounts within the parameters of Board approved appropriations.
- M. Authorize the Treasurer to approve the tuition rate annually, as set by the Ohio Department of Education.
- N. Authorize the Superintendent to 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.
- O. Authorize the Superintendent to represent the Board in the application for all special State and Federal Funds.
- P. Authorize Membership in the Chamber of Commerce for the year 2026..
- Q. 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.

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

All present voted to approve the Business Procedures and Standing Authorizations for 2026.

The Required Fraud Reporting and Training Video was watched by the board members, superintendent, and treasurer during the organizational meeting.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Agenda with corrections

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded. All present voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes from December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Brewster made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Board Member Recognition

John Panetta- 18 years

Mike Williams- 8 years

Chris Baker- 2 years

Aaron Brewster- Welcome

Tyler Binkley- Welcome

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- "Making the Shift to the Science of Reading" case study presented by Raechel Purdon.
- Jeri Earley presented certificates to Letty Cook, Penelope Burlisle and Bryten Nakata for the Clinton County Recycled Christmas Ornament Contest.
- Ryan Briggs presented certificates to Juliet Means and Lucas Norton for the Clinton County Recycled Christmas Ornament Contest.

Business of the Board

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to accept all items included under Business of the Board.

- Approve the following donations:

DONATOR	AMOUNT	FUND
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$1500.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$200.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund (athletic participation fee)
Kroger Community Rewards	\$65.12	NHS
Kiwanis Club of Wilmington	\$600.00	MS Band
Kroger Community Rewards	\$43.15	Boys Basketball
Bowling Fundraiser	\$2163.50	Girls Basketball
One Stop Signs LLC	\$500.00	Girls Basketball
Kroger Community Rewards	\$62.93	MS Principal

- Approve the schedule of Board meetings for the year 2026.
- Resolution: To approve the recommendation to reappoint Jim Johnson to the Blanchester Library Board of Trustees for a term to run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2030.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer with corrections

Mr. Panetta made a motion and Mr. Baker seconded to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

- **Review Financial Report(s)**
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written
 - Cash Flow Report
 - Forecast Compare Report
 - Redtree Investments
- **Transfers**
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,928.58
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,317.11
 - Approve the transfer from Title I to Title II-A in the amount of \$24.72
 - Approve the transfer from Title I to Title IV-A in the amount of \$11.90
 - Approve the transfer from General Fund to Title I in the amount of \$0.01.
- **Discussion Items**
 - Forecast
 - Cash balance Policy(first reading)
 - Other business items

- Discussed tax bills and effect on district
- Our cash balance gives us time to react to these changes

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent with Corrections

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Panetta seconded to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

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.

- **Certified Personnel**
 - Certified Staffing
 - Supplemental Contracts:

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Mary Looney	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/ hour
Krissy Laubernds	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour
Julia Strider	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/ hour
Brittany Ahrmann	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/ hour
Laureen Bingham	Putman	sub/3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/ hour

- **Classified Personnel**
 - **Classified Staffing**
 - Approve a dock day for Brenda Maier on January 14, 2026.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Kelly Smith	Putman	SPED Para	1(5 hours)

Amy Butler	Transportation	Van Driver	1
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- **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Jeremy Lansing	HS	Asst. Softball	3
Matt Sexton	HS	Boys Tennis	3
Regan Ostermeir	HS	Varsity Track and Field	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Kevin Brown- asst. Baseball
 Greg Short- asst. Baseball
 Levi Mobley- asst. Baseball
 Aleck Strange- asst. Softball
 Tyler Binkley- asst. Softball
 Mike Sexton- asst. Boys tennis
 Brett Bandow- asst. HS track and field

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

Other

- **Discussion Items**

- Winter Wonderland- Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- Glow Night in February

Adjournment

Mr. Baker made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.



Board President



Treasurer

**BLANCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
2026**

January	12	Reorganizational and Regular Meeting		MS Aux Cafe
February	23	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
March	16	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
April	20	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
May	18	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
June	29	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
July	27	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
August	24	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
September	21	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
October	19	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
November	16	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria
December	21	Regular Meeting	Monday	MS Auxiliary Cafeteria

All meetings are at 7:00 P.M. The Public is cordially invited to attend all meetings.

February 23, 2026 and August 24, 2026 - For Board approval of three year forecast

