

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2025 in the auxiliary cafeteria in the Blanchester Middle School at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

In attendance: Jeremy Kaehler, Mike Williams, John Panetta and Kathy Gephart

Absent: Chris Baker

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Rachel Bishop, Kristin Unversaw, Cathy Falgner, Eric Lawson, Brad Ballinger, Brysen Jackson, Amie Sawyer, Rodney Sawyer, Haley Sawyer, Riley Sawyer, Andy Hamm, Jeri Earley, J.R Jones, Jeryl Weis, Aaron Brewster, Jenny Hartman, Kristin Taylor, Pete Jackson, Ryan Briggs, Emily Ledford, Riley Ledford, Alison Trovillo, Emily Bates, Raechel Purdon and Chris Purdon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with Corrections

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

Approval of the Minutes from August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Gephart made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- District Recognitions
 - Ryan Briggs recognized J.R. Jones from People's Bank
 - Jeri Earley recognized DECA students Riley Ledford and Haley Sawyer
 - Eric Lawson recognized Jenny Hartman, Alison Trovillo and Emily Bates
 - Brad Ballinger recognized Brysen Jackson who helps out with athletics
- Drama Update
 - Opportunity to use Murphy Theater for a spring performance - Drama budget will rent the theater for the week.

Business of the Board

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

- Approve the following donation to the Athletic Fund:
 - OHSAA-\$1,250.00
 - Village of Blanchester/Curless Fund-\$3,500.00
 - Eagles-\$5,000.00 for MS Helmets
- Approve the following donation to the FFA:
 - Clermont County Machinery Club-\$200.00
- Approve the following donation to the HS Principal's Fund:
 - Lifetouch-\$276.00
- Approve the following donation to the Baseball Fund:
 - Badow-\$100.00 for old scoreboard
- Approve the contract with Clermont County ESC for ED Services at CEC South.
- Approve the contract with Clermont County ESC for ED Services at CEC North.
- Approve the contract with Southern Ohio ESC for a Speech and Language Pathologist.
- Approve the contract with Montgomery County ESC for Vision services.
- Approve the resolution to Declare Transportation Impractical for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approve the minimum payment in lieu of transportation for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with ORC 3327.02 the board of education may determine that it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from under ORC 3327.01
 - Thomas Johnson for transporting 3 students to Wilmington Christian Academy
 - Lisa McCabe for transporting 2 students to Milford Christian Academy.
 - Krista Boehl for transporting 2 students to Milford Christian Academy
 - Clint Sahadi for transporting 2 students to Milford Christian Academy.
- Approve the Proposal for Hamilton County Title III Consortium and MOU for 2025-2026.
- Approve the contract with Brown County ESC for administrative support services for the 2025-2026 school year.
- SEE ADENDUM
 - Mike Williams thanked Mr. Dunlap for his service and welcomed Mrs. Purdon to her new position.
 - Jeremy Kaehler thanked Mr. Dunlap and Mrs. Purdon for all that they have done in the past 5 years to get the district to where it is at.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer

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

- Review Financial Report(s)
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written

- Cash Flow Report
 - Redtree Investment
- Transfers
 - Transfer \$22.31 from 200-9025 Class of 2025 to 200-9026 Class of 2026 as requested from the student advisor, Melissa Wallace.
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,741.71
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$1,801.57.
- Funds
 - Approve the creation of Fund (200-9027) Class of 2027
- Discussion
 - The Forecast is due on 10/15/2025. Along with the forecast, permanent appropriations must be approved. We need to set a special board meeting date the last week of September to approve the forecast and permanent appropriations.

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent

Mr. Panetta made a motion and Mr. Williams seconded to approve the 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.

- Certified Personnel
 - Transfers
 - None
 - Certified Staffing
 - Approve a dock day for Lynn Bengston on December 19, 2025.

It is recommended that the following contract amendment be approved retroactive to the 2024-2025 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	SALARY SCHEDULE	PAYROLL
Kate Slusher	Putman	Masters to Masters +15	Step 23

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

NAME	BUILDING	SALARY SCHEDULE	PAYROLL
Kate Slusher	Putman	Masters +15	Step 24
Elise Lovin	HS	Masters+15 to Masters 30	Step 31

- Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Laura Yablonsky	MS	After school tutoring	\$30.00 per hour
Kimberlee Bisig	MS	After school tutoring	\$30.00 per hour
Bryce Bandow	MS	After school tutoring	\$30.00 per hour
Julia Perry	MS	After school tutoring	\$30.00 per hour
Renea Wooddell	MS	After school tutoring	\$30.00 per hour
Nicole Malone	MS	After school tutoring sub	\$30.00 per hour
Mishelle Pembleton	Putman	DLT	\$600.00 stipend
Kate Slusher	Putman	DLT	\$600.00 stipend
Casey Phillips	Putman	DLT	\$600.00 stipend
Carrie Mueller	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Tracy Shank	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Kate Slusher	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Casey Phillips	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Julia Strider	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Angie Kees	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Sherry Simmerman	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Mishelle Pembleton	Putman	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Mike Cook	MS	HQSD	\$30.00 per hour

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Melissa Rich	Putman	HQSD	\$30.00 per hour
Stephenie Eriksson	HS	HQSD	\$30.00 per hour
Lynn Bengston	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Shelly Adkins	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Mike Cook	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Jill Wilson	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Julia Perry	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Britni Ashford	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Kurt Ballinger	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Laura Yablonsky	MS	BLT	\$1200.00 stipend
Shelly Adkins	MS	DLT	\$600.00 stipend
Julia Perry	MS	DLT	\$600.00 stipend
Mike Cook	MS	DLT	\$600.00 stipend

- Certified Substitutes
 - Substitute Teachers(Packet)
 - Ashley Beatty, Heather Boehle, David Boris,Jr.,Cassandra Carter, Hannah Conley, Kimberly Green, Kayleigh Heffner, Tamra Jones, Julie Knoblauch, Dakotah Romohr and Shane Walterhouse.
- Classified Personnel
 - Classified Staffing
 - Transfers-None
 - Classified Substitutes
 - Tammy Brister-sub secretary
 - Rachel Furnish-sub aide
 - Bob Brown- sub custodian
 - Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Matt Neu	HS	Asst. HS Football	Step 3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Dustin Cochran-assistant MS football

Calvin Long-assistant MS football

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

Other

• **Discussion Items**

- Meeting to approve 3 year forecast (Must be approved NLT October 15, 2025)
- Discuss changing the November 17, 2025 meeting date due to OSBA Capital Conference
- Report Card Rating-stayed at 4.5 stars
- Special Board Meeting set for 9/24/2025 at 10am to go over forecast and permanent appropriations.

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Board President

Treasurer

There are 2 items to add under Business of the Board as agenda corrections:

Under Section F, Item 13

Add to the agenda: Accept the resignation of the superintendent, Randy Dunlap, effective July 31, 2026.

Under Section F, Item 14

Add to the agenda: Recommendation to employ as superintendent effective August 1, 2026, Raechel Purdon and to grant her a three year contract that will run from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2029.

