

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2026 in the auxiliary cafeteria in the Blanchester Middle School at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

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

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Amie Sawyer, Haley Sawyer, Riley Sawyer, Brad Ballinger, Mary O'Boyle, Jeri Earley, Stella Stinson, Audrey Stinson, Sara Min, Nicole Stinson, Kristin Unversaw, Mary Ann Reinhart, Angie Kees, Mike Kees, Lynn Bengston, Keith Bengston, Raechel Purdon, Eric Lawson, Donna Gosney, Jeryl Weis, Paula White, Maddie Finch, Kristina Taylor, Taylor Hall, Rachel Bishop, Patty Reed, Barb Lambros, Mary Looney, Terri Cook, Joyce Kelly, Kelcey Kelly, J. Cook, Joyce Crosley, Dan Crosley, Grace Crosley, Shawn Spriggs, Tessa Spriggs, Andy Hamm, Kaiden Comberger, Mason Taylor and Olga Maher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with corrections

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

Approval of the Minutes from March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- Olga Maher presented the proposed Peru trip which will be June 14th-June 22nd, 2028.
- Mary O'Boyle talked about her Safeguard Our Schools program advocating for fair public school funding.
- Strategic Plan was presented by two high school students, Mason Taylor and Kaiden Comberger. They came up with a creative solution to share the new vision and mission statement. They created a design that will be printed out on stickers and handed out to the student body.
- Eric Lawson recognized Sara Min, who is a foreign exchange student coordinator.

- Ryan Briggs recognized three retirees: Terri Cook- 32 years at Blanchester, Joyce Crosley-36.5 years at Blanchester and Lynn Bengston-4 years at Blanchester.
- Jeri Earley recognized retirees Mary Ann Reinhart who has been at Blanchester for 33.5 years and Angie Kees who has been at Blanchester for 34 years.
- Raechel Purdon-Momentum Awards Presentation
 - The Momentum Award is presented to districts and buildings that have improved their performance index by 3 or more points and have a progress rating of 4 or more stars for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Blanchester Schools was 1 of 20 districts in Ohio to receive this award.
 - The high school and middle school were 1 of 238 buildings in the State of Ohio to receive this award.
 - Putman has maintained a 90% average.

Business of the Board

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

- Approve the following donations

DONATOR	AMOUNT	FUND
BIC	\$1,000.00	DECA
Blanchester Council	\$500.00	DECA
Gold Star Fundraiser	\$1,000.00	DECA
John Harpen Siding and Roofing	\$300.00	DECA
First National Bank	\$150.00	DECA
Foundation	\$500.00	DECA
Bill Strange and Sons Construction	\$150.00	DECA
Eagles	\$2,500.00	DECA
Athletic Boosters	\$1,000.00	DECA
Harris Excavating	\$300.00	DECA
People's Bank	\$75.00	DECA
Leah Grant/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Jim Wilson/Banquet Sponsor	\$50.00	FFA

Anonymous/Banquet Sponsor	\$30.00	FFA
Campus Box Media	\$31.50	HS Cheer
Peoples Bank	\$300.00	Baseball
Blanchester Baseball	\$500.00	Baseball
Athletic Boosters	\$3,523.25	Athletic
Lykins Family	\$25.00	Drama
Kroger Family	\$50.00	Drama
David Wood	\$157.90	HS Band
David Wood	\$157.89	Choir

- Approve the Blanchester Local Schools 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
- Approve an 11th grade Foreign Exchange Student from the Netherlands for the entire 26-27 school year through EF International Exchange.
- Approve the MOU with UC for the Talent Search Program for Middle and High School students.
- Approve the minimum payment in lieu of transport 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.
 - Timothy Rayburn for transporting one student to CEC North.
- Approve Highland District Hospital to complete all Bus and Van Driver physicals along with drug and alcohol screening for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approve the following agreements for Curricula Resources.
 - Amplify CKLA 3E for grades K-5 from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2032 for \$177,737.30.
 - Amplify ELA for grades 6-8 for a period of 2 years with a cost of \$25,920.00.
 - HMH Into Literature for grades 9-12 for a period of 6 years with a cost of \$77,987.47.
 - Lab-Aids Science for grades 6-8/3 year extension at a cost of \$13,252.20.
 - Reveal Math for grades 6-12/ 1 year extension.
- Approve the service quote with the Warren County Educational Service Center for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approve the anticipated Graduating Class of 2026.
- Approve the following Middle School fees for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - 4th grade-\$63.00
 - 5th grade-\$75.00
 - 6th grade-\$26.00
 - 7th grade-\$29.00
 - 8th grade-\$29.00

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer with corrections

Mr. Brewster 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
 - Cash Flow to Forecast Report
- **Transfers**
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$5,498.70 (February).
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,537.78 (March).
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,052.44 (February).
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,057.48 (March).
- **Discussion**
 - Threshold Costs submitted to ODE for review.
 - Discussed tax credits and how they will negatively impact the forecast

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent with Corrections

Mr. Binkley 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**
 - **Transfers**
 - None
 - **Certified Staffing**

It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	SCHEDULE/STEP
Renee Mobley	Putman	1st grade teacher	Masters/Step 6
Taylor Frank-Hall	Putman	2nd grade teacher	Teacher/Step 4
Madelyn Finch	Putman	3rd grade teacher	Teacher/Step 0
Tessa Spriggs	Putman	Elementary Asst. Principal/Preschool Coordinator 2 year contract	Admin3/Assistant Principal Step 0

- **Certified Substitutes**
 - None
- **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Nicole Malone	MS	Tutor/Online Student	\$30.00/hr 1 hr a week

- **Classified Personnel**
 - **Classified Staffing**
 - Approve a dock day for Lisa Begley on May 22, 2026.
 - Approve the resignation of Donna Collins-Braleley from her cafeteria position effective May 26, 2026.

It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Kelli Rector	Putman	Secretary	34
Lisa Miller	District	Cafeteria Supervisor/2 year contract	0

- **Transfers**
 - none
- **Classified Substitutes**
 - Kayla Huffman-sub driver
 - Ashly Johnson-sub nurse
- **Supplemental Contracts-None**
- Volunteers (non-employees):-None**

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

Other

- **Discussion Items**
 - New Policy-EFD-Misbranded Foods and Cultivated Protein Food Products(First Reading)
 - Policy JEB-Entrance Age(Mandatory Kindergarten)-First Reading

Executive Session

Mr. Panetta made a motion and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:56 pm.

- Collective Bargaining: Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations with public employees.

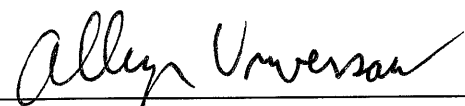
Executive Session ended at 10:06 pm

Adjournment

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm.



Board President



Treasurer