

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 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: Don Gephart, Raechel Purdon, Kristina Taylor, Tyler Binkley, Jeryl Weis, Michelle Elston, Brad Ballinger and Jeri Earley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve the resolution for the election of a President Pro-Tempore for the reorganizational meeting January 12, 2026 @7pm

Nominations: John Panetta

Mrs. Gephart made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded.

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

All present voted in favor of approving John Panetta as President Pro-Tem for the January 12, 2026 Reorganizational Meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes from November 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

Randy Dunlap thanked Kathy Gephart for her 8 years of service on the board and Jeremy Kaehler for his 6 years of service on the board.

Mrs. Gephart and Mr. Kaehler expressed how pleased they are with where the district is educationally and financially.

Business of the Board

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

- Approve the following donations:

| DONATOR | AMOUNT | FUND |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Stinson | \$50.00 | Drama |
| Koch Family | \$100.00 | Drama |
| Gundler | \$50.00 | Putman Principal/Winter Wonderland |
| Eagles/D&E Equipment | \$450.00 | Putman Principal/Winter Wonderland |
| BDK | \$100.00 | Putman Principal/Winter Wonderland |
| Boosters | \$630.00 | Athletic/Bowling Jerseys |
| BDK | \$100.00 | Girls Basketball |
| Fiesta Veracruz | \$200.00 | Girls Basketball |

- Approve the agreement with Hamilton County ESC for a bilingual school psychologist.
- Approve the donation of 300 single dip ice cream cone coupons from United Dairy Farmers for Putman's Winter Wonderland Family Night.
- Approve the agreement with Southern Ohio ESC for Behavior Analyst Services FY 25-26.
- Approve the contract for Homeless Transportation between BLSD and Washington Court House City School District for FY25-26 school year.
- Approve the quote from SC Strategic Solutions to scan the district's records into SC View.

- Approve the contract with TPM Fence and Property Maintenance FY26 in the amount of \$50,499.96 for lawn care services and snow removal.
- 2025-2026 Nutritional Standards Compliance Report.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer

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

- **Review Financial Report(s)**
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written
 - Cash Flow Report
 - Cash Flow to Forecast Report
 - Redtree
- **Transfers**
 - Transfer Class of 2025 remaining balance of \$22.31 to Class of 2026 per the request of the advisor, Melissa Wallace, on 11/11/2025
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$4,363.62
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV to Title I in the amount of \$2,573.70
- **Discussion**
 - Policy DID-Approve Copy of Inventories (2nd reading)-increase inventory and capitalization threshold to \$10,000 from \$5,000, effective FY 2026.

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent

Mr. Panetta made a motion and Mrs. Gephart 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 Michelle Adkins for February 13, 2026
 - Approve the request from Carrie Foreman for the advancement of 5 days for sick leave
 - Approve 7.5 dock days for Carrie Foreman
 - Approve the Winter Wonderland Family Engagement Event at Putman funded through the Title I Grant.
 - Certified staff will be compensated at \$30 per hour per timesheet.

- Classified staff will be compensated at their negotiated hourly rate for time worked.
 - Approve the Let's Glow Family Engagement Event at BMS funded through the Title I Grant.
 - Certified staff will be compensated at \$30 per hour per timesheet
 - Classified staff will be compensated at their negotiated hourly rate for time worked.
 - Recommend Kristina Taylor for the principal position at Putman Elementary at Step 1 of the elementary administrators schedule. (3 year contract)
- **Certified Substitutes**
 - Substitute teachers(packet)
 - Tessa Bosier, Stephanie Couch, Gracy Dearmon, Jani Uhrig, Cana Wilson, Noah Sweetman and Hannah Wills
- **Supplemental Contracts**

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

| NAME | POSITION | PAYROLL |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Mike Cook | Home Instruction | 5 hours weekly |

- **Classified Personnel**
 - **Classified Staffing**
 - Approve a dock day for Angie Bishop for her office hours and PM route on November 25, 2025.
 - Accept the resignation of Felecia Begley from her position as school bus driver effective December 4, 2025
 - Approve Collin Barker from Wilmington College to student teach at BHS beginning 1/2026 for 15 weeks/Andrew Freeman will be his mentor.
 - **Transfers**
 - None
 - **Classified Substitutes**
 - Krista Newton- sub nurse
 - **Supplemental Contracts**

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

| NAME | BUILDING | POSITION | STEP |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Derek Elliott | MS | Wrestling Coach | 1/half |

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| Bryan Faul | MS | Wrestling Coach | 1/half |
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Volunteers (non-employees):

Jon Sears- Asst girls wrestling
Destiny Blankenbeckler-Asst cheer
Tanner Bolin- Asst MS Girls Basketball (7thgrade)

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

Other**• Discussion Items**

- Board meeting calendar for 2026(to approve at the January re-organizational meeting on January 12, 2026) move July to the 27th
- Staff breakfast at MS from 6am-930am on Friday December 19, 2025

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.



Board President



Treasurer

