

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7pm 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, Kathy Gephart and Chris Baker

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Eric Lawson, Erin Camery, Krissy Laubernds, Rachel Medley, Angie Kees, Karen Long, Katie Burwinkel, Savanna Morlatt, Jeri Earley, Teresa Hinkle, Dan Hinkle, Katie Hinkle, Caelyn Cruea, Angora Cook, Donna Gosney, Patty Reed, Rachel Bishop, Emily Ledford, Gloria Caplinger, Riley Ledford, Richard Foltz, Ryan Briggs, Jeryl Weis and Robert Schooley.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Agenda with Corrections**

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

### **Approval of the Minutes from January 7, 2025 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting**

Mrs. Gephart made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2025 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

### **Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items**

None

### **Business of the Board**

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

- Approve 2 days of out of state travel for Winterguard to compete in the Tristate Marching Arts events in Lexington, KY at Lafayette HS on March 1, 2025 and Tates Creek HS on March 15, 2025.
- Approve the internet service provider contract with MVECA FY2026
- Approve the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan
- Approve the Certified HRA Plan FY2025
- Approve the Classified HRA Plan FY2025

- Approve the 2025-2026 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- Approve the following donation to the Athletic Fund
  - Donation for breakfast in memory of Claire Ledford-\$20.00
  - Play On Sports-\$1005.39
  - Lifetouch-\$134.28
  - OhioPyle Prints-\$81.17
  - WatchUs Inc.-\$76.31
- Approve the following donation to Boys Basketball
  - Wildcat Porta Potti-\$100.00
  - Boosters-\$97.00
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$80.50
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$82.00
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$76.00
- Approve the following donation to Baseball
  - China Dragon-\$300.00
- Approve the following donation to Girls Basketball
  - Boosters-\$97.00
  - Harris- \$396.67
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$80.50
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$82.00
  - Boosters Half Court Shot-\$76.00
- Approve the following donation to HS Cheer
  - End Zone Athletics-\$50.00
- It is recommended to approve the following policy updates.
  - JECBC-Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education
  - IGD-Co Curricular and Extracurricular Activities
  - JED- Student Absences and Excuses
  - EBBA- First Aid
  - EDE-Computer/Online Services
  - IGAH/IGAI- Family Life Education/Sex Education
  - GCD-Certified Staff Hiring
  - GDC/GDCA/GDD-Classified Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring
  - ACC (New)-Political Commitments
  - JEDC-(New)-Religious Expression Days
  - JFCA-R-Student Dress Code
  - JFCA-Student Dress Code
- Approve the minimum payment in lieu of transportation for the 2024-2025 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.
  - Billie Jo Cockerham to transport one student to Wilmington Christian Academy
- Approve the overnight trip to Columbus, Ohio from March 10-12th, 2025 for 33 students to attend the Deca State Competition. Chaperones are Karen Vanderhorst, Amie Sawyer and Cynthia King. Transportation is covered by Great Oaks.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

### **Business of the Treasurer with Corrections**

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

- Review Financial Report(s)
  - Cash Summary
  - Checks Written
  - Cash Flow Report
  - Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balance Analysis
  - Community Financial Reports
- Transfers
  - Approve the transfer of Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,723.36.
  - Approve the transfer of Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$5,663.91
- Unclaimed Fund
  - Approve the Treasurer to create an Unclaimed Funds Account (007-9010) to track unclaimed checks. If not claimed by the lawful owner within a period of five years, the money shall revert to the general fund.
- Audit
  - The auditor needs the Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire completed by all board members.
- Auction update (approved at the November 2024 meeting)
  - Bus 2007 International School Bus sold on GovDeals for \$2,400.00
  - Weight Room equipment will be posted on GovDeals
  - Two more buses will be posted on GovDeals
- Approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor (attach to minutes)
- Discussion - Mr. Panetta asked if the FY24 CUPP report was available.

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer with Corrections.

### **Business of the Superintendent with Corrections**

Mrs. Gephart made a motion and Mr. Baker 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

- Approve a dock day for Kierstan Kaplan on January 21, 2025
- Approve the resignation of Tom Greve effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year or May 31st, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.
- Supplemental Contracts

**It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:**

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Julia Strider	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Krissy Laubernds	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Mary Looney	Putman	After school tutor/reading	\$30.00 hr
Chanda Addington	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Paula White	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Brittany Ahrmann	Putman	After school tutor/math	\$30.00 hr
Nicole Paulson	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr
Shelly Adkins	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr
Emily Bogan	Putman	After school tutor sub	\$30.00 hr
Nicole Malone	HS	Home instruction/5 hrs weekly	Daily Hourly Rate
Jenny Hartman	HS	Home instruction/5 hrs weekly	Daily Hourly Rate
Zach Canty	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Sara Carruthers	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Stephanie Cummings	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Tonya Gehringer	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr

Kimberlee Bisig	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
David Wood	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Nicole Miller	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Laura Yablonsky	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Terri Cook	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Craig Anderson	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Britni Ashford	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Julia Perry	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Kurt Ballinger	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Mike Cook	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Tom Greve	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr
Angelyn Buchanan	MS	Ready, Set, Glow	\$30.00 hr

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHEDULE/ STEP</b>
Savanna Morlatt	HS	Science	M/Step 6

- Certified Substitutes
  - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
    - Corey Allen, Zachary Bambic, Mikayla Griffith (temporary)  
Cheyenne Shotts (temporary) and Karlie Payton
- Classified Personnel
  - Classified Staffing
    - Approve the resignation of Tracy Manning from the position of HS cook effective February 2, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.

- Approve the resignation of Diane Helmer from her position as preschool aide effective June 1, 2025 for the purpose of retirement.
- Approve two dock days for Donna Braley on January 21, 2025 and February 7, 2025.
- Transfers
  - None
- Classified Substitutes
  - None
- Supplemental Contracts

**It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school year:**

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Jason Whitaker	HS	Asst JV Baseball Coach	3
Regan Ostermeier	HS	V Track and Field (throws)	2
James "Bryant" Abt	HS	Track and Field Boys	2

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	TIMESHEET
Diane Helmer	Putman	Winter Wonderland	Hourly Rate

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Robert Schooley	HS	Varsity Head Football Coach	1

**Volunteers (non-employees):**

Kevin Brown-assistant baseball (24-25 yr)  
 Ricky Roush-assistant baseball (24-25 yr)  
 Braydyn Wiley-assistant baseball JV (24-25 yr)  
 Thomas Bare-MS track and Field (24-25 yr)  
 Phillip "Pete" Jackson-MS Track and Field (24-25 yr)  
 Brett Badow, Assistant HS Track & Field, volunteer (24-25 yr)  
 Aleck Strange, Assistant Softball, volunteer (24-25 yr)

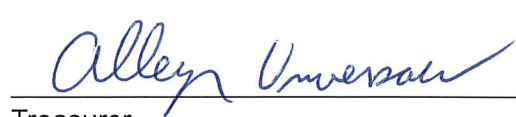
All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

**Other****• Discussion Items**

- 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
- Open Enrollment with the following class size limit
  - Kindergarten-90 students
  - First through Fourth-95 students per grade level
  - Fifth through Eighth-100 students per grade level
  - High School-120 per grade level
- Discuss the retire/rehire of a current employee
- MS Family Night Thursday, Feb.20th,5:30-7pm
- Initial state budget projections
- Facility naming
- The board asked how many students have we lost to open enrollment

**Adjournment**

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

  
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Board President  
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Treasurer





Blanchester Local School District  
Form Supervised by State Auditor (Rev. 9-70)

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND  
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

(CITY, VILLAGE or RURAL BOARD OF EDUCATION)  
Revised Code, Secs. 5705.34-5705.35

The Board of Education of the Blanchester Local School District  
School District, CLINTON County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 2025, at the office of Middle School with the following members  
present:

Jeremy Kachler  
Mike Williams  
John Panetta  
Kathy Gephart  
Chris Baker

Mr./Ms. Panetta moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously  
adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Clinton County, Ohio has  
certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the  
rate of each tax necessary to be levied by the Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part  
within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Blanchester Local School  
District, CLINTON Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its  
certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the  
rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:



Blanchester Local School District

## SCHEDULE B

## LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized on the Levied	Co. Auditor's Est. of Value of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
Current expected levy authorized by voter on PRIOR 1976 for not to exceed cont. years.	16.700	3,294,185
Current expected levy authorized by voter on November 8, 1983 not to exceed cont. years.	5.300	1,090,305
Current expense levy authorized by voter on May 7, 1991 not to exceed cont. years.	4.500	936,112
District Library Levy: Levy authorized by voters on May 4, 2010 for not to exceed cont. years.	2.000	263,664

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be, and he/she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr./Mrs. Williams seconded the Resolution and roll being called

upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Mrs. Kaehler . yes

Mr./Mrs. Williams . yes

Mr./Mrs. Panetta . yes

Mr./Mrs. Gephart . yes

Mr./Mrs. Baker . yes

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Attest:

Allyson Unsworth  
Clerk of the Board of Education of the  
Blanchester School District,  
Clinton County, Ohio.

Blanchester Local School District

## CERTIFICATE TO COPY

ORIGINAL ON FILE

The State of Ohio, CLINTON County, ss.

I, Alley Unversaw, Clerk of the Board of Education of the  
Blanchester Local, School District  
 within and for said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Council are  
 required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
 is taken and copied from the original \_\_\_\_\_

now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original  
 document, and that the same is true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025

Alley Unversaw  
 Clerk of the Board of Education of the  
Blanchester Local School District,  
 Clinton County, Ohio.