

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 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, Aaron Brewster and Tyler Binkley

Absent: Chris Baker

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Brad Ballinger, Deana Pringnitz, Melodie Gibson, Andy Hamm, Amber Chaney, Eric Lawson, Rachel Bishop, Abigail Bridges, Raechel Purdon, Linda Little, Donna Gosney, Barb Lambros, Patty Reed, Krissy Laubernds, Angie Kees, Chanda Addington, Rachel Purdin, Andy Purdin, Emerson Medley, Steve Griffith, Jeri Earley and Jeryl Weis

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with corrections

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

Approval of the Minutes from January 12, 2026 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Brewster made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

Jeri Earley: Winter Wonderland recognition with reading teachers/Amber Chaney from the Library, Deana Pringnitz with Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Team from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health and Kirin Jones with The Harvester.

Eric Lawson: recognized student leaders Randy Eckman and Tobi Tedrick.

Business of the Board with corrections

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

- Approve the following donations:

DONOR	AMOUNT	FUND
Eagles	\$500.00	MS Track
McDonald's	\$250.00	Athletic
France Realty	\$100.00	Girls Basketball
Royal Z Lanes	\$1,408.00	Bowling
Nause Farms/Banquet Sponsor	\$500.00	FFA
G.L.Nause Co/Banquet Sponsor	\$500.00	FFA
Forman Farms/Banquet Sponsor	\$100.00	FFA
Magulac Fleet Service/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Wilmington Auto Center/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Wilson Family/Banquet Sponsor	\$100.00	FFA
Caplinger Sales/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Groves Tire	\$100.00	FFA
D&E Equipment	\$75.00	FFA
Master Feed Mill	\$100.00	FFA
Gibson Bros	\$50.00	FFA
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$3,027.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$500.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund

- Approve the revised contract between Blanchester Local Schools and CCBCB Operations LLC(Coca-Cola).
- Approve the request to take 34 BHS students to the Ohio DECA State Conference February 23rd thru February 25th,2026. Great Oaks will provide transportation to and from the conference. Aimee Sawyer and Cindy King will chaperone.
- Approve the contract with Warren County ESC(Wellness Center) for a student on an IEP.

- Approve the curriculum guide for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approve the invoice for annual membership dues to the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Approve the service agreement with Southern Ohio Learning Center for a student placement starting February 9, 2026.
- RESOLUTION-Authorizing the acceptance of territory located at 442 Watkins Rd, Blanchester, Ohio 45107 from the Little Miami Local School District, and Authorizing and Approving related matters.
- Approve the roof repair proposal to fix the MS/intermediate gym.
- Approve the MOU to pay the Village of Blanchester \$5,000.00 for a tornado siren to be installed on the middle school campus near the bus barn.
- Approve membership in the OSBA for the 2026 calendar year.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Treasurer

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

- **Review Financial Report(s)**
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written
 - Cash Flow Report (not included this month)
 - Cash Flow to Forecast Report (not included this month)
 - Redtree Investment Report
- **Transfers**
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,489.51.
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,058.14
- **Approve the February Forecast to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.**
- **Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates As Determined By the Budget Commission and Authorizing The Necessary Tax levies and Certifying Them To The Auditor.**
- **Approve Cash Balance Policy 2nd Reading-DAB**
- **Approve Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation School Safety and Security Grant for \$37,269.19 To Purchase Three Micro Scrubbers whereas the board must contribute \$12,423.06 for a total of \$49,692.25.**
- **Approve Amended Permanent Appropriations Resolution.**
- **Approve Bus Safety grant for \$5,000.00**
- **Approve Vallee Grants**
 - Track \$50,000.00 FY26
 - Second Installment of \$50,000.00 will be sent in FY27
 - Summer Learning \$50,000.00
- **Discussion Items**
 - Severance-we have received eight retirement notices so far for next school year.
 - Other Items

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent with Corrections

Mr. Binkley made a motion and Mr. Brewster 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**
 - Accept the resignation of Terri Cook for the purpose of retirement from her teaching position at the end of her current contract.
 - Accept the resignation of Emma Biberstein from her first grade teaching position effective at the end of her current contract.
 - Approve a dock day for Sara Carruthers on April 13,2026.
 - Accept the resignation of Rachel Purdin from her Title Reading Specialist position effective July 31,2026.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Rachel Purdin	MS	Assistant Principal	Admin 3/Step o 2 year contract
Mary Roark	Putman	Title I / Reading Teacher	Masters+30 Step 24

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	TIMESHEET
Nicole Paulson	Putman	Reading Assessment Support	\$30.00/for a max of 30 hours

- **Certified Substitutes**
 - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
 - Justus Anderson, Corynne Campbell, Nathan Kincaid, Daniel Sternsher, Paula White, Amy Williams, Amber Coomer, Melodie Gibson and Jessica Chase.
- **Classified Personnel**
 - **Classified Staffing**
 - Approve 5 dock days for Megan Crabill-January 22-23,27-29, 2026.
 - Accept the resignation of Joyce Crosley from her Middle school secretary position for the purpose of retirement effective May 31,2026.
 - **Transfers-None**
 - **Classified Substitutes**
 - Kayla Huffman-sub-aide(pending certification)
 - **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Braydyn Wiley	HS	Asst. Baseball-JV	1
Dan Scott	MS	MS Track and Field Coach	3
Bryant Abt	HS	Varsity Track and Field	2

Volunteers (non-employees):

Ricky Roush-Asst. Baseball
 Pete Jackson-Asst. MS Track and Field
 Thomas Bare-Asst. MS Track and Field
 Kaleb Goodin-Asst., Baseball

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

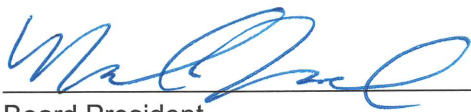
Other

- **Discussion Items**
 - Open Enrollment for 2026-27
 - Following class size limits
 - Kindergarten:90 students
 - First through Fourth:95 students per grade level
 - Fifth through Eight:100 students per grade level

- High School:120 per grade level
- Let's Glow Night at the MS on February 26th(board help needed) 5:30 to 7pm
- School Calendars for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years
- 26-27 Countdown to Kindergarten is February 24,2026 at 5:30 pm at Putman Elementary.
- Grading Scale for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Mr. Lawson discussed with the Board changing the grading scale to match other schools and colleges.
 - Weighted GPA will separate the top students.
 - Discussed impacts on students.
 - The Board encouraged Mr. Lawson to move forward with implementing the new grade scale FY26-27.

Adjournment

Mr. Brewster made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.



Board President



Treasurer

**PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION
BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.38**

The Board of Education of Blanchester Local School District, Clinton County, Ohio, met in regular session on the **23rd day of February 2026**, at Blanchester Middle School with the following members present.

Mike Williams - Present

John Panetta - Present

Chris Baker - Absent

Tyler Binkley - Present

Aaron Brewster - Present

Mr. Panetta made a motion and to approve the Permanent Appropriations Resolution, 412 Certificate, and Appropriation Resolution Report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2026**.

Mr. Binkley seconded the approval of the Permanent Appropriations and the roll called upon its adoption, the following voted resulted as follows:

Mike Williams - Yes

John Panetta - Yes

Chris Baker - Absent

Tyler Binkley - Yes

Aaron Brewster - Yes

CERTIFICATE
(O.R.C 5705.412)

RE: 2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Blanchester Local School District has sufficient funds to meet the contract, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to maintain all personnel, programs, and services essential to the provision of an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year, except that if the above expenditure is for a contract, this certification shall cover the term of the contract or current fiscal year plus two immediately succeeding fiscal years, whichever period of year is greater.

Dated February 23, 2026

By: Alley Umerson

Treasurer

By: _____

Superintendent

By: [Signature]

President, Board of Education

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BLANCHESTER LOCAL Appropriations Resolution Report

Rev. Code Sec. 5705.38

Fiscal Year: 2026

BLANCHESTER LOCAL

Include Zero Balance Accounts: false

	Total Appropriation	Prior FY Carry Over	Appropriations
001 GENERAL	\$ 19,470,374.22	\$ 413,544.96	\$ 19,883,919.18
002 DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 25,507.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,507.27
003 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$ 977,963.46	\$ 3,117,823.53	\$ 4,095,786.99
006 FOOD SERVICE	\$ 663,110.89	\$ 4,527.02	\$ 667,637.91
007 SPECIAL TRUST	\$ 27,995.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,995.37
008 ENDOWMENT	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,300.00
014 OTHER SERVICES ROTARY	\$ 0.00	\$ 49.29	\$ 49.29
018 PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$ 107,749.13	\$ 18,727.89	\$ 126,477.02
019 OTHER GRANT	\$ 291,290.95	\$ 29,850.32	\$ 321,141.27
024 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SELF INS.	\$ 399,290.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 399,290.68
031 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUND	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,000.00
033 TERMINATION BENEFITS - HB426	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,000.00
200 STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$ 176,640.91	\$ 8,404.46	\$ 185,045.37
300 DISTRICT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$ 332,236.87	\$ 1,396.60	\$ 333,633.47
451 DATA COMMUNICATION FUND	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
499 MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	\$ 13,640.38	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 15,920.38
516 IDEA, PART B SPECIAL EDUCATION, ASSISTANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN	\$ 378,289.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 378,289.66
516 9025 IDEA FY25	\$ 53,232.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,232.13
516 9026 IDEA FY26	\$ 325,057.53	\$ 0.00	\$ 325,057.53
572 TITLE I DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	\$ 520,274.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 520,274.76
572 9025 TITLE I FY25	\$ 76,384.16	\$ 0.00	\$ 76,384.16
572 9026 TITLE I FY26	\$ 443,890.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 443,890.60
584 TITLE IV, PART A, STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	\$ 73,020.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,020.23
584 9025 TITLE IV-A FY25	\$ 6,230.84	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,230.84
584 9026 TITLE IV-A FY26	\$ 28,608.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,608.35
584 9124 STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT FY24	\$ 38,181.04	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,181.04
587 IDEA PART B, SPECIAL EDUCATION, ASSISTANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN	\$ 15,664.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,664.95
587 9025 IDEA PRESCHOOL-HANDICAPPED	\$ 2,585.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,585.74
587 9026 IDEA EARLY CHILDHOOD FY26	\$ 13,079.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,079.21
590 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	\$ 66,194.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,194.45
590 9025 TITLE II A FY25	\$ 17,003.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,003.09
590 9026 TITLE II A FY26	\$ 49,191.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,191.36
599 MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$ 284,390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 284,390.00
599 9026 COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY FY26 CFDA 84.371C	\$ 284,390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 284,390.00
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 23,940,934.18	\$ 3,596,604.07	\$ 27,537,538.25

Appropriation Recap Report

Governmental Fund Type	Total Appropriation	Prior FY Carry Over	Appropriations
General Fund			
001 GENERAL	\$ 19,470,374.22	\$ 413,544.96	\$ 19,883,919.18
Total for General Fund	\$ 19,470,374.22	\$ 413,544.96	\$ 19,883,919.18
Special Revenue			
007 SPECIAL TRUST	\$ 16,079.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,079.19
018 PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$ 167,749.13	\$ 18,727.89	\$ 126,477.02
019 OTHER GRANT	\$ 291,290.95	\$ 29,850.32	\$ 321,141.27
031 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUND	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,000.00
035 TERMINATION BENEFITS - HB426	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,000.00
200 STUDENT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$ 176,640.91	\$ 8,404.46	\$ 185,045.37
300 DISTRICT MANAGED ACTIVITY	\$ 332,238.87	\$ 1,396.60	\$ 333,633.47
451 DATA COMMUNICATION FUND	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
499 MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANT FUND	\$ 13,846.38	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 15,920.38
516 IDEA, PART B SPECIAL EDUCATION, ASSISTANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN	\$ 378,289.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 378,289.66
572 TITLE I DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	\$ 520,274.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 520,274.76
584 TITLE IV, PART A, STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	\$ 73,026.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,020.23
587 IDEA PART B, SPECIAL EDUCATION, ASSISTANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN	\$ 15,664.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,664.95
590 IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	\$ 66,194.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,194.45
599 MISCELLANEOUS FED. GRANT FUND	\$ 284,390.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 284,390.00
Total for Special Revenues	\$ 2,389,471.48	\$ 60,639.27	\$ 2,450,130.75
Debt Service			
002 DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 25,507.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,507.27
Total for Debt Service	\$ 25,507.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,507.27
Capital Projects			
003 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	\$ 977,963.46	\$ 3,117,823.33	\$ 4,095,786.99
Total for Capital Projects	\$ 977,963.46	\$ 3,117,823.33	\$ 4,095,786.99
Total for Governmental Fund Type	\$ 22,863,316.43	\$ 3,592,027.76	\$ 26,435,344.19
Proprietary Fund Type			
Enterprise			
006 FOOD SERVICE	\$ 663,110.89	\$ 4,527.02	\$ 667,637.91
Total for Enterprise	\$ 663,110.89	\$ 4,527.02	\$ 667,637.91
Internal Service			
007 SPECIAL TRUST	\$ 9,916.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,916.18
014 OTHER SERVICES ROTARY	\$ 0.00	\$ 49.29	\$ 49.29
024 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SELF INS.	\$ 399,290.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 399,290.68
Total for Internal Service	\$ 409,206.86	\$ 49.29	\$ 409,256.15
Total for Proprietary Fund Type	\$ 1,072,317.75	\$ 4,576.31	\$ 1,076,894.06
Fiduciary Fund Type			
Investment Trust Fund			
008 ENDOWMENT	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,300.00
Total for Investment Trust Fund	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,300.00
Private Purpose Trust Fund			
007 SPECIAL TRUST	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total for Private Purpose Trust Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total for Fiduciary Fund Type	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,300.00
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 23,940,934.18	\$ 3,596,604.07	\$ 27,537,538.25

Blanchester Local School District
 Five Year Forecast
 February Fiscal Year 2026

Fiscal Year:	Actual	FORECASTED				
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Revenue:						
1.030 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	4,207,418	4,288,797	4,187,197	3,996,768	4,000,897	4,041,204
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	808,340	968,412	1,025,994	1,037,916	1,044,734	1,051,553
1.030 - Income Tax	1,381,574	2,108,992	2,235,642	2,237,909	1,904,188	448,516
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	11,120,487	11,094,370	11,200,946	11,141,334	11,155,427	11,151,776
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	609,942	487,138	401,269	405,347	385,718	391,144
1.050 - State Reimb Prop Tax Credits	604,668	608,837	653,211	687,054	700,964	705,417
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	1,401,722	839,103	914,151	900,007	886,630	873,084
1.070 - Total Revenue	20,134,151	20,395,648	20,618,410	20,412,335	20,078,558	18,663,694
Other Financing Sources:						
2.030 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.020 - State Emergency Loans and Adv	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.040 - Operating Transfers-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.060 - Advances-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	52,801	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	52,801	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
2.080 - Total Rev & Other Sources	20,186,951	20,400,648	20,623,410	20,417,335	20,083,558	18,668,694
Expenditures:						
3.010 - Personnel Services	8,402,533	8,685,533	8,985,823	9,267,475	9,527,474	9,843,039
3.020 - Employee Benefits	4,514,654	4,861,462	4,930,424	5,194,266	5,497,102	5,829,762
3.030 - Purchased Services	3,279,883	4,070,212	3,921,818	4,151,600	4,259,364	4,320,505
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	579,690	616,548	643,646	672,029	701,760	732,779
3.050 - Capital Outlay	92,448	25,000	26,250	27,563	28,941	30,388
Intergovernmental & Debt Service	188,356	188,100	187,824	-	-	-
4.300 - Other Objects	268,723	286,461	304,104	322,965	343,142	364,735
4.500 - Total Expenditures	17,326,297	18,733,317	18,999,898	19,635,898	20,357,782	21,121,208
Other Financing Uses:						
5.030 - Operating Transfers-Out	2,850,000	950,000	1,100,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	850,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	-	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	2,850,000	950,000	1,100,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	850,000
5.050 - Total Exp and Other Financing Uses	20,176,297	19,683,316	20,099,898	20,685,898	21,407,782	21,971,207
6.010 - Excess of Rev Over/(Under) Exp	10,654	717,331	523,512	(268,563)	(1,324,224)	(3,302,513)
7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	5,674,770	5,685,425	6,402,756	6,926,279	6,657,715	5,333,492
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	5,685,425	6,402,756	6,926,279	6,657,715	5,333,492	2,030,979
		Reservations				
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.080 - Reservations Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of App	5,685,425	6,402,756	6,926,279	6,657,715	5,333,492	2,030,979
Rev from Replacement/Renewal Levies						
13.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levies	-	-	-	-	336,033	1,794,064
11.030 - Cumulative Balance of Levies	-	-	-	-	336,033	2,130,097
12.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of Obligations	5,685,425	6,402,756	6,926,279	6,657,715	5,669,525	4,161,076
Revenue from New Levies						
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.030 - Cumulative Balance of New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.010 - Unreserved Fund Balance June 30	5,685,425	6,402,756	6,926,279	6,657,715	5,669,525	4,161,076

