

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 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: Barb Lambros, Donna Gosney, Patty Reed, Raechel Purdon, Rachel Bishop, Jason Whitaker, Jeryl Weis

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with corrections

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

Approval of the Minutes from June 30, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- Recognize Barb Lambros for 25 years of service.

Business of the Board with corrections

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

- Approve the carryover of vacation days for the following district employees:
 - Barb Prater
- Approve the following donation to the Football Fund:
 - Lansing Mold Removal-\$100.00 Golf Outing Sponsor
- Approve the following donation to the Athletic Fund:
 - Athletic Boosters-\$3,087.50 for MS Football Uniforms
 - Athletic Boosters- \$4,400.00 for Athletic Trainer
- Approve Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Application FY 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 (4year grant) for \$1,203,488.00

- Approve DPIA and Wellness Initiatives FY26. The funding will be used to pay for:
 - Mental Health-School Psychology
 - Physical Health-Nurses
 - Mental Health-School Counselor
 - Learning Loss-Curriculum
- Approve the FY26 contract with WCESC for Student Services for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Approve the following job descriptions:
 - Human Resources/Payroll Specialist
 - Accounts payable/Accounts Receivable Specialist
- Approve contract with Collab Works LLC. for coaching services through the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant. All funds for the contract will come out of the grant.

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
 - Cash Flow to Forecast Report
 - Investment
- Transfers
 - Approve the transfer of Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$4,062.20
- Then and Now
 - Approve payment of \$8,305.50 to Bricker Graydon for legal fees.
- Auditor of State Award FY 2024
- FY 2025 Fiscal Recap was shared with the board

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
 - Resignations:

- Approve the resignation of Kimberly Merritt from her Reading Teacher position effective at the end of her 24/25 contract.
- Transfers
 - Approve the voluntary transfer of Chanda Addington from Middle School 4th Grade Teacher to Putman Elementary Reading Teacher.
- Certified Staffing

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

NAME	FROM SALARY SCHEDULE	TO SALARY POSITION	STEP
Andrew Hamm	Masters+15	Masters+30	20
Emma Bieberstein	Teacher	Masters	5
Tonya Gehringer	Masters+15	Masters+30	8

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	SCHEDULE/STEP
Jessica Gullette	Putman	KG Teacher	Masters/Step 2
Jenna Donile	MS	4th Grade Teacher	Teacher/Step 0
Jim West	HS	PE/Health Teacher	Teacher/Step 0

- Certified Substitutes
 - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
 - Tammy Allen, Michael "Brad" Reynolds, Robert Armentrout, Ethan Saunders, Melinda Baird, Cheyenne Shotts, Zachary Bambic, Amber Snodgrass, Tyler Batson, William Snowball, Maggie Chaney, Stephane Stewart, Dorothy Cook, Sandra Turpin, Shelbie Cowman, Jackie Uhrig, Lisa Creditt, Rebecca Waits, Kristeen D'Aurizio, Regina Webb, Jill Girard, Katrina Williams, Paula Homan, Lindsay Wilson(Bloom), Jennifer Inwood, Mavis Mabry, Lori "Krista" King, Regan Ostermeier, Alan Ledford, Stephani, Alexis Lennert, Shawnda Batson, Mindy Markey-Grabill, Jessica

Chase, Linda Martin, Leah Burden, Brian McCord, Angela Crabtree, Joseph Meeker, Kellie Vilvens, Christin Morris, Jane Noronha, Katie Purdin, Mary Ann Raizk

- Classified Personnel
 - Resignations
 - Approve the resignation of Angela Dallas from her Payroll/HR position effective 8/4/2025
 - Classified Staffing
 - Approve the following dock days for Jennifer Goodin for the 2025-2026 school year: Aug. 12-13, 2025, Sept. 29, 2025, Nov. 4, 2025 and May 5, 2025

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Angie Bishop	Transportation	Secretarial Extended Time 6 days-2hrs/day	Timesheet

- Transfers-None
- Classified Substitutes
 - Sub-aides- Kelly McCleese, Melissa Cook, Jeanne Thornberry, Kelly Smith, Sandy Lopez, Gracie Trivett
 - Sub mechanic-Jim Burke
- Classified Staffing
- Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Brandon Scott	HS	Asst. Football	3
Austin Knight	HS	Asst Football	3
Brian Mobley	MS	Football	1
Anthony Jones	MS	Football	1
Robert Schooley/Brandon Scott	HS	50/50 Weight Room Coordinators	3 Split Stipend

Brett Bandow	HS	Cross Country	1
Scott Nicely	HS	Varsity Wrestling	3
Jordan Dawson	HS	Asst Wrestling	3
Paul Jackson	HS	Varsity Bowling	3
Alan Ledford	HS	Varsity Softball	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Matthew Neu-Asst HS Football

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

Other

• **Discussion Items**

- Expulsion OSBA
- August 6, 2025 by 4pm petitions are due for Board candidates in order to be on the ballot for the November 2025 elections.

Executive Session


Mr. Williams made a motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to join the executive session.

- To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division(G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

All present entered the executive session at 7:29 pm and exited at 8:29 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.



 Board President

Alley Umersan

Treasurer