The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 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, Aaron Brewster and Tyler Binkley

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Anthony Long, Jeryl Weis, Donna Gosney, Richard Foltz, Rachel Bishop and Brad Ballinger

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Agenda

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

## Approval of the Minutes from June 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Binkley made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

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

Mr. Williams recognized and thanked Mr. Dunlap for his service at Blanchester Local Schools. Mr. Panetta congratulated Mr. Dunlap on his retirement.

Mr.Tony Long recognized Mr. Dunlap's service at Blanchester. Mr. Dunlap worked hard to develop relationships in the community. Mr. Long congratulated Randy on his retirement.

## Business of the Board

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:

| DONATOR | AMOUNT | FUND |
|---|---|---|
| Crystal Clear Pool Solutions | $500.00 | Athletic-Football |
| BDK | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |

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| Miller Security | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Reliable Metal Buildings | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| B&M Music | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Unknown | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Tufts | $500.00 | Athletic-HS BB Cheer |
| Chubbys | $250.00 | Athletic-HS BB Cheer |
| Fill My Football | $3,565.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Hamilton | $100.00 | Athletic-Girls Soccer |
| NND Investments | $150.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Milford Butterbees | $150.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Kroger Rewards | $59.59 | MS Prin Fund |
| B.I.C. | $100.00 | Athletic-HS Cheer |
| Wildcat Porta Potti | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Chubbys | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Sip City | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| T Long | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Laruffa | $150.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Richardson | $250.00 | Athletic-Football |
| J Jr Landscaping | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| B.I.C. | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Tufts Schildmeyer | $100.00 | Athletic-Boys Basketball |
| BDK | $200.00 | Athletic-Boys Basketball |
| Lansing Mold Removal | $100.00 | Athletic-Football |
| Fill My Football | $1,543.00 | Athletic-Football |
| First National Bank | $250.00 | Athletic-HS Cheer |
| BDK | $250.00 | Athletic-HS Cheer |

Approve the carryover of unused vacation days for the following district employees:
- Jeryl Weis
- Raechel Purdon

Approval of a resolution declaring an urgent necessity under **Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46 (Urgent necessity, or for the security and protection of school property)**, thereby waiving the formal competitive bidding process to authorize an immediate contract for district-wide fire detection and alarm system upgrades.

- Approve, for the upcoming school year, the District Transportation Contingency Plan, authorizing the Superintendent (or designee) to temporarily or permanently consolidate bus routes and, if necessary due to extreme driver shortages and/or reduce transportation services down to state-mandated minimum standards for the 2026-2027 school year, with the directive that the District will continuously and actively advertise, recruit, and hire for both permanent and substitute bus driver positions.
- Approve the Abre.io, Inc. contract for the 26-27 school year for the amount of $14,199.00.
- Approve the calamity day contingency plan as required by ODEW prior to August 1: Upon the use of the five contractual calamity days, staff may be required to report to work and remote learning may be utilized to make up missed hours. Any school closure causing the district to fall below state-mandated minimum instructional hours will be made up as scheduled by the Board. Draft schedules for those remote learning days are attached and will be finalized by the September Board meeting.
- The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the resolution regarding the use of supplemental educational applications, websites, and passive parental consent, and delegate the responsibility for updating and posting the Supplemental Educational Technology List to the Superintendent or their designee, as presented.
- Approve the 2026-2027 contract with Premier Sports Medicine of FL, LLC for Athletic Training Services.
- Approve Severance Amounts:
  - Terri Cook- $27,030.00
  - Jeri Earley- $27,376.425

Approve the 2026-2027 Bus Routes

Approve the following board policies:
- JEDA-Truancy
- JED-Attendance
- DJH-Credit Cards
- JHCD-Administering Medicines to Students
- JHCD-R(3): Administering Medicines to Students-Use of Epinephrine Delivery System
- JED-R: Remove policy

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

## Business of the Treasurer

Mr. Binkley 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 Compare Report
- Transfers
  - Transfer $850,000.00 from General Fund (001-0000) to Permanent Improvement (003-0000).
  - Transfer $100,000.00 from General Fund (001-0000) to Termination Benefits (035-0000)
  - Transfer remaining balance from Class of 2026 (200-9026) to Class of 2027 (200-9028)
- **New Fund**
  - Class of 2028 (200-9028)
  - OneNet Connectivity (451-9027)
- **Discussion**
  - Forecast to be approved at the August board meeting
  - Other

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

## Business of the Superintendent

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Baker 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**
    **Certified Substitutes**
    - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
      Robert Armentrout, Tyler Batson, David Boris, Jr., Corynne Campbell, Cassandra Carter, Alicia Chaney, Alyssa Chaney, Dorothy Cook, Angela Crabtree (Herlinger), Marion Crone, Melodie Gibson, Jill Girard, Kaleb Goodin, Robert Hixson, Paula Homan, Diana Huffman, Daria Jones, Lori "Krista" King, Julie Knoblauch, Alan Ledford, Mavis Mabry, Linda Martin, Taylor Martin, Brian McCord, Christin Morris, Jane Noronha, Katie Purdin, Mary Ann Raizk, Michael Brad Reynolds, Jessica Rivera, Amber Snodgrass, William Snowball, Daniel Sternsher, S. Veronica Stewart, Betsy Tefend, Caleb Tong, Jackie Uhrig, Tristin

Vail, Shane Walterhouse, Paula White, Amy Williams, Katrina Williams, Cana Wilson

- **Supplemental Contracts**

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

| NAME | BUILDING | POSITION | STEP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Krissy Laubernds | HS | Color Guard/Half | 3 |
| Mary Looney | HS | Color Guard/Half | 3 |

- **Classified Personnel**
  - **Classified Staffing**
    - Lisa Miller- Approve extra hours of work training as food services supervisor at the daily rate of $170.50/day for a maximum of 10 days, timesheet.
    - Approve the resignation of Cassie McGriff from her position effective 8/1/2026.
    - Approve the resignation for Venus Marie Smith from her Van driver position to accept the position of Bus driver.
    - Approve the expanded hours for Angie Bishop starting 7/20/2026, 2 hours per day 5 days per week for the remainder of the summer.

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

| NAME | BUILDING | POSITION | STEP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dylan Spurlock | MS | 2nd shift custodian | 2 |
| Kayla Huffman | Transportation | Van Driver | 2 |

  - **Transfers**
  - **Classified Substitutes**
    - Deborah Crowe-sub custodian
  - **Supplemental Staff**
    - Approve the resignation of Rylee Howard from her Color Guard position effective July 22, 2026.
  - **Supplemental Contracts**

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

| NAME | BUILDING | POSITION | STEP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Schooley | HS | Varsity Football Head Coach | 2 |
| Robert Schooley | HS | Weight Room Coordinator/Half | 3 |
| Hilma Crawford | HS | Weight Room Coordinator/Half | 3 |
| Hilma Crawford | HS | Assistant Varsity Football/Half | 3 |
| Thomas Oldham | HS | Assistant Varsity Football/Half | 3 |
| Dan Scott | HS | Assistant Varsity Football/Half | 3 |
| Thomas Harlan | HS | Assistant Varsity Football | 3 |
| Melissa Wallace | HS | Varsity Cheer | 3 |
| Andrew Freeman | HS | Varsity Boys Soccer | 3 |
| Aaron Lawson | HS | Varsity Boys Golf | 3/2 yr contract |
| Matt Sexton | HS | Varsity Girls Tennis | 3 |
| Tony Jones | MS | MS Football | 2 |
| Candice Boyle | MS | MS Volleyball | 1 |

It is recommended that the following personnel be employed as listed, subject to maintaining appropriate certification/Licensure. This recommendation is pending the completion of their coaching certifications.

| NAME | BUILDING | POSITION | STEP |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jaxon Arnett | MS | MS Football | 1 |
| Bella Freeman | MS | MS Volleyball | 1 |

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| Jordan Phipps | HS | Asst Varsity Football/Half | 3 |

**Volunteers (non-employees):**
- Austin Knight-asst varsity football
- Regan Ostermeir-asst varsity football
- Destin Waldron-asst cheer
- Noelani Conover-asst cheer
- Mike Sexton-asst girls tennis

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

**Other**
- None

**Executive Session**
Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:22 pm.

- Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their terms and conditions of employment.

All present voted to exit the executive session at 8:26 pm.

**Adjournment**
Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Board President

Treasurer

Mr. Panetta introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION**

**Declaring urgent necessity, waiving competitive bidding, and Authorizing NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF An Agreement WITH Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP FOR the Fire system replacement PROJECT**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board declare an urgent necessity, waive competitive bidding, and authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP ("Johnson Controls") for the Fire System Replacement Project (the "Project").

Rationale:

1. The District has identified an urgent need to replace the fire protection systems at Blanchester High School, Blanchester Middle School, and Putnam Elementary School.

2. Due to the need to minimize impact on the District's daily operations, the Project needs to begin as soon as possible. Accordingly, this situation presents an urgent necessity and a basis for waiving competitive bidding.

3. Johnson Controls is an experienced fire protection system contractor and proposed to perform the work for the Project in the amount of $160,000 for Blanchester High School, $164,000 for Blanchester Middle School, and $129,000 for Putnam Elementary School for a total not-to-exceed amount of $453,000 ("Contract Sum"), which the Superintendent believes is competitive and in the best interest of the District for the Project.

4. The Superintendent recommends the Board waive competitive bidding based upon the urgent necessity exception in Revised Code Section 3313.46 and authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate and execute an agreement with Johnson Controls in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum.

5. The Superintendent and the Treasurer also request authority to execute change orders for the Project in a total amount not-to-exceed 10% of the Contract Sum of the agreement for the Project. Change Orders in excess of that amount, individually or in the aggregate, will be brought to the Board for its consideration prior to the work associated with the change order being performed.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46, the Board declares an urgent necessity and waives competitive bidding in order to move forward with the Project.

2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Treasurer to negotiate and execute an agreement with Johnson Controls for the Project, in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum.

3. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute change orders for the Project in a total amount not-to-exceed 10% of the Contract Sum of the agreement for the Project; should a change order exceed this amount individually or in the aggregate of change orders for the Project, the change order will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to the work associated with the change order being performed.

Mr.Brewster seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0