

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm 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, Chris Baker (arrived at 7:04 pm) and Tyler Binkley(arrived at 7:22 pm)

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Jeri Earley, Raechel Purdon, Katie Holley, Sean Holley, Eric Lawson, Andy Hamm, Ryan Briggs and Wanda McMullen

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda with corrections

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

Approval of the Minutes from April 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Brewster made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Chris Baker arrived at 7:04 pm

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- Jeri Earley recognitions:
 - Steven Childers for creating a blending word tablet for every teacher
- Eric Lawson recognitions:
 - Jose Nunez Garay, originally from Mexico, for his outstanding performance across all academic areas. He has aspirations to be an engineer.
 - Foreign exchange student from Italy-Katherine Holley is the host family
 - Another foreign exchange student from Italy who will be here for half a year.
 - Jenny Ballinger for her outstanding services, going above and beyond to create a safe environment for students.

Business of the Board

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

- Approve the following donations:

DONATOR	AMOUNT	FUND
Vaher Family	\$200.00	Drama
Jamie Gerrety	\$50.00	Drama
Shutterfly/Lifetouch	\$82.32	Athletic
Shutterfly/Lifetouch	\$154.73	Athletic
Playon Sports	\$77.03	Athletic
Shutterfly	\$505.46	Putman Principal
Sip City	\$200.00	DECA
Boosters	\$1,890.58	Girls Soccer
BIC	\$1,000.00	Girls Soccer
BA Land Pros	\$500.00	Girls Soccer
4 Reasons/Eastside	\$100.00	Girls Soccer

- Approve the student trip to Peru, June 14-22, 2028 organized by Olga Maher through EF Tours.
- Consumable Fees (**Middle School fees approved in April**)
 - High School

English 9	\$17.00
Honors English 9	\$17.00
English 10	\$17.00
Honors English 10	\$17.00
English 11	\$17.00
Comp I/II	\$2.00
English 12	\$17.00
AP Literature	\$2.00
Creative Writing I/II	\$12.00
Mythology	\$12.00
Read & Write Novels	\$27.00

Algebra 1/H. Algebra 1	\$13.00
Geometry/H. Geometry	\$15.00
Modeling & Reasoning	\$15.00

Honors Chemistry/College Chem	\$12.00
Physical Science/Honors Physical Science	\$2.00
Biology/Honors Biology	\$19.00
Environmental Science	\$5.00
Anatomy	\$55.00

Intro to Art	\$12.00
Begin 2D/Advance 2D	\$12.00
Begin 3D/Advance 3D	\$16.00
Yearbook	\$12.00

Band	\$80.00
Colorguard	\$80.00
Choir	\$20.00

Spanish 1	\$10.00
Spanish 2	\$10.00
Spanish 3	\$10.00

Securly Digital Hall Pass	\$2.75
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- Putman
 - Kindergarten-\$58.00
 - 1st grade-\$58.00
 - 2nd grade-\$58.00
 - 3rd grade-\$58.00
- Approve the following board policies:
 - EFD-Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products
 - JEB-Entrance Age(Mandatory Kindergarten)
- Approve two foreign exchange students for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Milena Meneghello-Full Year
 - Martini Giffoni-1st Semester only
- Approve the member agreement with MVECA for services beginning July 1,2026-June 30, 2027.

- Approve the agreement between Sinclair Community College and Blanchester Local School District for the College Credit Plus program.
- Approve the agreement with Duke Energy/Interstate Gas Supply for natural gas distribution from July 2026–June 2028.
- Approve the MOU for Hamilton County Title III Consortium FY27.
- Accept the donation of 4 stopwatches from Chad Taylor for our physical education teachers.
- Approve the Southwest Ohio EPC Property and Liability Proposal for the 2026-2027 school year for \$126,048.00, which represents a 6% increase.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Business of the Board to vote on separate item:

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Baker seconded to approve the Business of the Board.

- Approve the school calendar for the 2027-2028 school year.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Tyler Binkley arrived at 7:22 pm

Business of the Treasurer

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

- Review Financial Report(s)
 - Cash Summary
 - Checks Written
 - Cash Flow Report
 - Cash Flow to Forecast Report
- Transfers
 - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,703.98.(April)
 - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,154.13 (April)
- Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission for Tax Year 2026.
- New Grants
 - Vallee Fund 019-9027
 - Track \$50,000.00 (Remaining \$50,000.00 to be paid in FY27)
 - Summer Learning \$50,000.00
 - Blanchester Foundation Grants
 - \$112 Word Building Wonders
 - \$500 Community Garden
 - \$278 Integrated Organizational Systems
 - \$350 Seating Rug
 - \$270 Manipulatives for Science and Math
 - \$497 Classroom Supplies
 - BWC Safety Intervention Grant 499-9226 for \$14,545.79
- Discussion

- The Records Committee will meet 15 to 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting in June.
- Appropriations will be approved at the June meeting.
- Tax credits are forecasted at \$850k per year that will reduce the district's revenue beginning in FY2027. This will significantly impact the district's revenue.
- Mr. Dunlap thanked staff and contractors for work they have done for Medicaid billing
- Audit Report FY25

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent with Corrections

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Binkley 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 20 extended days for Bess Long.
 - Approve 5 extended days for Tonya Gehringer
 - Approve the following teachers to be paid for 4 hours at \$30.00 an hour to attend the PBIS planning meeting and complete the TFI on June 1st at Putman Elementary.
 - Laureen Bingham
 - Carly Page
 - Kelley Neumann
 - Nicole Paulson
 - Kierstan Kaplan
 - Brittany Ahrmann
 - Chanda Addington
 - Accept the resignation of Michi Fujimoto from his position as Intervention Teacher effective at the end of his current contract.
 - Approve the Celebration of Writing (COW) event at Putman Elementary funded through the Title I Grant.
 - Certified Staff will be compensated at \$30.00 per hour
 - Classified staff will be compensated at their negotiated hourly rate.
 - Approve the resignation of Michael England from his HS Art Teacher position effective at the end of the current school year.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP/CONTRACT
April Meyer	MS	8th grade Intervention Specialist	1 1 year contract

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Tom Greve	1 year	Masters +15	0
Bryce Bandow	1 year	Teacher	1
Jenna Donile	1 year	Teacher	1
Madison Weeden	1 year	Teacher	1
Emily Wyendant	1 year	Teacher	1
Zoie Stanforth	1 year	Teacher	1
Amanda Gabbard	1 year	Teacher	4
Laura Yablonsky	1 year	Teacher	2
Emily Bogan	1 year	Teacher	6
Josh Farson	2 year	Teacher	4
Bryce Martin	2 year	Masters+15	13
Tonya Gehringer	5 year	Masters+30	9
Kimberlee Bisig	5 year	Masters	27
Kyle Hamilton	2 year	Masters+15	12
Savanna Morlatt	1 year	Masters	7
Jim West	1 year	Teacher	1
David Wood	5 year	Teacher+150	27
Gina Kramer	5 year	Teacher+150	6

Ralph Sexton	5 year	Masters+15	23
Sherry Simmerman	5 year	Masters	14
Brittany Ahrmann	2 year	Masters+15	6
Laureen Bingham	2 year	Masters+30	12
Madison Berger	2 year	Teacher	3
Katrina Dunseith	1 year	Teacher	2
Kierstan Kaplan	1 year	Teacher	3
Jessica Gullette	1 year	Masters	3
Jessica Mitchell	1 year	Teacher+150	7

It is recommended that the following administrative contract renewals be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Brad Ballinger	2 year	Admin 3	5
Jason Whitaker	2 year	Admin 3	14
Ryan Briggs	2 year	Admin 2/224 days MS Principal	10

- **Certified Substitutes**
 - Approve the following Substitute Teachers:
- **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Andy Hamm	HS	Summer School 3 days/week for 5 weeks	Curriculum Rate
Shauna Woodyard	HS	Summer School 3 days/week for 5 weeks	Curriculum Rate

Andrea Jones	HS	Home Instruction/5 hours weekly till May 22	\$30.00/hour
Emily Bogan	Putman	Sub/Summer Learning	\$350.00 per day

- **Classified Personnel**

- **Classified Staffing**

- Approve 3 dock days for April Garrett from the cafeteria, April 27th, May 1st and May 15th, 2026. She will be driving the bus for field trips.
 - Approve 2 dock days from the cafeteria for Michelle Crosley on May 4th and May 19th, 2026. She will be driving the bus for field trips.

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

NAME	CONTRACT	POSITION	STEP
Joe Carpenter	2 year	Custodian 2nd shift	6
Kira Kidd	Continuing	Bus Driver	8
Angela Bishop	Continuing	Bus Driver	16
Amanda Hamm	2 year	Bus Aide	17
Rachel Bishop	2 year	Bus Driver	6
Amy Butler	1 year	Bus Driver	1
Amanda Burris	2 year	Bus Aide	3
Brandy Henry	2 year	Custodian	8
Patricia Hinton	2 year	Cook	3
Lisa Rohrich	2 year	Cook	3
Jonda English	2 year	Head Cook	5
Jenna Stanley	2 year	Human Resources/Payroll Specialist	2
Barb Prater	3 year	Transportation Supervisor/250 days	20

Jeryl Weis	3 year	Maintenance Supervisor/250 days	10
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It is recommended that the following contracts be approved for the 2026-2027 school year:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Kelly Smith	Putman	6.5 hr/SPED Aide Paprapro(1 year contract)	1

- Transfers
- Classified Substitutes
 - None
- Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	TIMESHEET
Kelly Mann	HS	Graduation Aide/5 hours	Hourly Rate

It is recommended that the following supplemental contracts be approved for the 2025-2026 Putman Summer School. This program is paid for with the Summer Learning Grant from the Vallee Fund:

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Dawn Crosley	Transportation	Bus Driver	Timesheet
Rachel Bishop	Transportation	Bus Driver	Timesheet

Volunteers (non-employees):

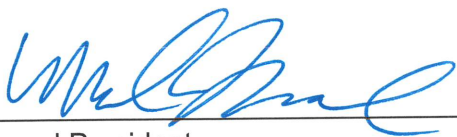
All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent with corrections.

Other

- **Discussion Items**
 - The last day for students is May 22,2026.

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.



Board President



Treasurer