

The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 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: Mike Williams, John Panetta, Kathy Gephart and Chris Baker

Absent: Jeremy Kaehler

Superintendent Randy Dunlap and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Jeri Earley, Kerry Stanforth, Zoie Stanforth, Bryce Bandow, Dan Roberts, Donna Gosney, Jeryl Weis, Brian Phillip, Kelly McCleese, Mike McCleese, Ryan Page, Carly Page, Raechel Purdon, Eric Lawson, Ryan Briggs, Adi Weeden and Geoffrey Poynter

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes from April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Baker made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- Strategic Planning presented by Dan Roberts

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 donation to DECA:
 - Laurel's- \$250.00
- Approve the donation to HS Band:
 - Music Boosters-\$200.00
 - David Wood-\$342.82
- Approve the donation to FFA:
 - The total is \$975.00 which includes the following donations:

- Wagner-\$250.00
 - Pelosi Farms-\$500.00
 - D&E Equipment-\$75.00
 - Groves Tire & Auto-\$100.00
 - Claude Light-\$50.00
- Approve the donation to the Baseball Fund:
 - Wright State Game-\$260.00
- Approve the donation to the Athletic Fund:
 - OhioPyle Prints-\$24.66
- Approve the donation to the Football Fund:
 - Great Oaks-\$1,000.00
- Approve Highland District Hospital to complete all bus driver physicals and random and post accident drug and alcohol testing.
- Approve the Summer Learning Grant for \$30,000.00 from the Vallee Fund for Summer School Program 2025.
- Approve the following policy updates (first reading April 21, 2025):
 - IGBLA-Promoting Parental Involvement
 - IGBA-Program for Students with Disabilities
- Approve the following policy update:
 - JFCK-Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students
- Resolution to Adopt Special Education Policies and Procedures (packet)
- Resolution to Declare Transportation Impractical for the 2024-2025 School Year(packet)
- Approve the MVECA Service Agreement for FY2026
- Approve the updates to the 2025-2026 Student Handbook:
 - Use of Non-School Provided Technology
 - Elections/Nominations-discussed in April meeting
- Approve the list of graduates for the class of 2025 pending completion of all requirements for the State of Ohio and Blanchester Local School District(packet)
- Approve the breakfast and lunch fees for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Breakfast K-12-\$2.00
 - Lunch K-3-\$3.25
 - Lunch 4-12-\$3.50
- Approve the Middle School roofing project:Complete roof restoration and replacement by Weatherproofing Technologies Incorporated as part of AEPA and Southwest Ohio EPC statewide bid program.(AEPA Contract# IFB 025-D) at a cost of \$2,696,043.96. (packet)

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

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

- Investment Report-Redtree
- Cash Flow Report-No report for May. See forecast report.
- Cash Flow to Forecast Compare Report-No report for May. See forecast report.
- Transfers
 - \$2,000,000.00 from General Fund to Permanent Improvement Fund for the Middle School roofing project
- Approve Five Year Forecast and Assumptions-May 2025 Submission
- Auctions
 - Weight room equipment auction has brought in approximately \$8,000.00. Final auction items will close in June.
 - Buses - One sent to auction through GovDeals. We will post the other bus later this month.

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
 - Accept the resignation of Jerry Settelmayer from his Health and Science Teacher position at the end of his contract.
 - Accept the resignation of Nicole Miller from her 7th grade Math teacher position effective at the end of her current contract.
 - Accept the resignation of Craig Anderson from his 7th grade science teacher position effective at the end of his current contract.
 - Transfers
 - Approve the voluntary transfer of Rachel Schnell-Medley from Putman Elementary Reading Teacher to Middle School Reading Teacher.
 - Certified Staffing
 - Approve a dock day for Lynn Bengston on May 23,2025.
 - Approve 20 extended days for Bess Long.
 - Acknowledge Great Oaks approval for Kacie Sizer for AG/FFA position.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Bryce Badow	MS	7th grade math	Teacher/Step0
Zoie Stanforth	MS	5th grade math	Teacher/Step 0
Adi Weeden	MS	7th grade science	Teacher/Step 0

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Michael England	2 year	Masters	11
Kyle Hamilton	1 year	Masters	11
Jennifer Hartman	2 year	Masters	10
Todd Kish	2 year	Teacher	13
Olga Maher	2 year	Teacher	7
Laura Yablonsky	1 year	Teacher	1
Amanda Gabbard	1 year	Teacher	3
Josh Farson	1 year	Teacher	3
Bryce Martin	1 year	Masters+15	12
Joey Catilla	1 year	Masters+15	11
Lynn Bengston	2 year	Masters+15	13
Renea Wooddell	5 year	Masters+30	12
Brittany Ahrmann	1 year	Masters+15	5
Madison Berger	1 year	Teacher	2
Laureen Bingham	1 year	Masters+30	11

Emily Bogan	1 year	Teacher	5
Katrina Dunseith	1 year	Teacher	1
Emma Biberstein	1 year	Teacher	5
Kierstan Kaplan	1 year	Teacher	2
Jessica Todd	1 year	Teacher	12
Nicole Paulson	2 year	Masters+15	11
Kim Merritt	5 year	Teacher	26
Rachel Medley	5 year	Masters+15	16
Bess Long	5 year	Masters	10

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Eric Lawson	2 year	Admin 1	5

- Certified Substitutes
 - None
- Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Mary Looney	Putman	Summer Learning Instructor/12 days	\$350.00 per day
Angelyn Buchanan	Putman	Summer Learning Instructor/12 days	\$350.00 per day
Emily Bogan	Putman	Summer Learning Instructor/12 days	\$350.00 per day
Julia Strider	Putman	Summer Learning Instructor/12 days	\$350.00 per day

Julia Strider	Putman	Lead Teacher-Summer Learning	\$1,200.00
Krissy Laubernds	Putman	Sub/Summer Learning Program	\$350.00 per day
Carly Page	Putman	Sub/Summer Learning Program	\$350.00 per day
Brittany Ahrmann	Putman	Sub/Summer Learning Program	\$350.00 per day

- Classified Personnel
 - Classified Staffing

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Jennifer Belmont	2 year	Admin Specialist	1
Donna Collins-Braley	2 year	Cook	4
Whitney Cosler	2 year	Para Aide	4
Angela Dallas	2 year	Admin Specialist	3
John Eaglin	Continuing	Mechanic	14
Jonda English	2 year	Cook	4
April Garrett	2 year	Bus Driver	5
Amy Goldschmidt	2 year	Cook	2
Tammy Griffith	Continuing	Bus Driver	8
Becky Hedge	Continuing	Custodian Shift 2	7
Patricia Hinton	1 year	Cook	2
Brysen Jackson	2 year	Cook	2
Brenda Maier	2 year	Cook	2
Heather Mandelstein	2 year	Admin Specialist	2
Cassie McGriff	2 year	Sp Ed Parapro	4

Marie Middleton	2 year	Nurse	11
Mary Miller	2 year	Custodian	15
Lisa Rohrich	1 year	Cook	2
Carrie Shelton	2 year	Sp Ed Aide Degree	2
Venus Smith	2 year	Bus Driver	4
Mya Ties	Continuing	Bus Driver	8
Nicole Thomas	2 year	Para Aide	4
Jonna White	2 year	Sp Ed Parapro	7

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Amanda Burris	Transportation	Sp Ed Para Bus Aide	2

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	FUND
Robin Limpert	1 year	Prev Educator	Grant

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

NAME	CONTRACT	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Tom Greve	1 year	Masters+15	0

- Transfers
 - Approve the transfer of Carrie Shelton from Putman MH Aide to Preschool aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Classified Substitutes
 - None

- Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
David Wood	HS	Band Director	3
Kaylie Paugh	HS	Percussion Advisor	2
Rylee Howard	HS	Color Guard/Winter Guard Advisor	3
Hope Blankenbeckler	MS	Volleyball Coach	2
Tanner Creager	MS	MS Football Coach	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Matt Kroger-band volunteer(25-26 school year)

Nathan Wood-band volunteer(25-26 school year)

Mike Sexton-assistant girls tennis(25-26 school year)

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.


 Board President


 Treasurer

Blanchester Local School District

Five Year Forecast

May Fiscal Year 2025

Fiscal Year:	Actual	FORECASTED				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Revenue:						
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	3,768,268	4,207,418	4,305,911	4,578,036	4,771,860	4,785,543
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	942,550	808,340	991,487	1,013,939	1,036,392	1,058,845
1.030 - Income Tax	113,367	1,381,575	2,039,629	2,167,851	2,171,720	1,849,317
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	11,003,431	11,004,444	11,055,345	11,148,216	11,174,933	11,197,197
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	786,791	607,147	493,552	404,129	373,381	347,212
1.050 - State Share-Local Property Taxes	525,291	602,160	609,272	641,819	677,959	679,825
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	730,872	1,149,470	984,102	819,651	805,982	793,056
1.070 - Total Revenue	17,870,570	19,760,554	20,479,198	20,773,641	21,012,227	20,710,995
Other Financing Sources:						
2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.020 - State Emergency Loans and Adv	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.040 - Operating Transfers-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.050 - Advances-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	12,681	46,632	1,709	1,709	1,709	1,709
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	12,681	46,632	1,709	1,709	1,709	1,709
2.080 - Total Rev & Other Sources	17,883,251	19,807,186	20,480,907	20,775,350	21,013,936	20,712,704
Expenditures:						
3.010 - Personnel Services	7,575,563	8,458,821	8,945,995	9,273,319	9,535,692	9,860,528
3.020 - Employee Benefits	3,972,361	4,516,181	4,931,732	5,213,752	5,503,288	5,849,859
3.030 - Purchased Services	3,025,047	3,322,644	3,738,612	3,971,770	3,910,075	4,053,731
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	463,468	594,774	606,548	618,557	630,804	643,296
3.050 - Capital Outlay	162,713	100,759	25,000	25,625	26,266	26,922
Intergovernmental & Debt Service	188,100	189,100	188,100	187,824	-	-
4.300 - Other Objects	234,582	278,948	286,461	294,222	302,238	310,522
4.500 - Total Expenditures	15,621,833	17,461,227	18,722,448	19,585,069	19,908,364	20,744,859
Other Financing Uses						
5.010 - Operating Transfers-Out	726,000	2,850,000	890,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	-	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	29,023	-	-	-	-	-
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	755,023	2,850,000	890,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
5.050 - Total Exp and Other Financing Uses	16,376,856	20,311,226	19,612,448	20,335,069	20,658,364	21,494,859
6.010 - Excess of Rev Over/(Under) Exp	1,506,395	(504,040)	868,459	440,281	355,572	(782,155)
7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	4,168,375	5,674,770	5,170,730	6,039,189	6,479,470	6,835,042
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	5,674,770	5,170,730	6,039,189	6,479,470	6,835,042	6,052,888
Reservations						
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.080 - Reservations Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of App	5,674,770	5,170,730	6,039,189	6,479,470	6,835,042	6,052,888
Rev from Replacement/Renewal Levies						
11.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levies	-	-	-	-	-	326,350
11.030 - Cumulative Balance of Levies	-	-	-	-	-	326,350
12.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of Obligations	5,674,770	5,170,730	6,039,189	6,479,470	6,835,042	6,379,238
Revenue from New Levies						
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.030 - Cumulative Balance of New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.010 - Unreserved Fund Balance June 30	5,674,770	5,170,730	6,039,189	6,479,470	6,835,042	6,379,238

Blanchester Local Board of Education

**Resolution to Declare Transportation Impractical for the
2024 – 2025 School Year**

This resolution to declare transportation impractical for certain identified students is presented pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §3327 and the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. The resolution follows careful evaluation of all other available options prior to consideration of impracticality.

The Superintendent of Schools, Randy Dunlap, recommends that the board of education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the student(s) identified below have been determined to be residents of this school district, and eligible for transportation services; and

WHEREAS after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these student(s) to their selected school(s); and

WHEREAS the following factors as identified in Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

WHEREAS the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Blanchester Local Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students identified herein and offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students named on the attachment, payment-in-lieu of transportation.

ATTACHMENT TO RESOLUTION:

<u>Student Name(s)</u>	<u>School(s) Selected and Grade(s)</u>	<u>Parent(s)/Guardian(s)</u>
1. Andy Cockerham	Wilmington Christian Academy	Billie Jo Cockerham
2. Penelope English	Milford Christian Academy	Robin English
3. Jordan Reece English	Milford Christian Academy	Robin English
4. Gage Sahadi	Milford Christian Academy	Melissa Sahadi
5. Logan Sahadi	Milford Christian Academy	Melissa Sahadi
6. Emma McCabe	Milford Christian Academy	Lisa McCabe
7. Josie McCabe	Milford Christian Academy	Lisa McCabe
8. Tegan L Budai	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Tim Budai

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE WORK TO REPAIR AND RESTORE THE ROOF AT THE BLANCHESTER MIDDLE-INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BASED UPON O.R.C. 167.081 FOR CONTRACTS PROCURED THROUGH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND DECLARING AN URGENT NECESSITY AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize a contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. ("WTI") for the work to repair and restore the roof at the Blanchester Middle-Intermediate School (the "Project") in accordance with O.R.C. 167.081 for contracts procured through a Regional Council of Governments, and to declare urgent necessity and waiving any competitive bidding requirements that may exist.

Rationale:

1. The District has identified a need for the Project.
2. O.R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a Regional Council of Governments (a "COG") without the need to engage in competitive bidding. Specifically, R.C. 167.081 states that a regional council may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a multistate consortium of which the council is a member.
3. The Ohio Council of Educational Purchasing Consortia ("OCEPC") is a collective of six Regional Councils of Governments, consisting of the Metropolitan Educational Technology Association ("META"), Ohio Mid-Eastern Regional Educational Service Agency ("OME-RESA"), Ohio Schools Council ("OSC"), Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council ("EPC"), Stark County Schools Council of Governments, and the Unified Purchasing Cooperative, all established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. OCEPC, on behalf of the COG collective, is a member of the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies ("AEPA"), a multi-state consortium. As a result, vendors procured by the Board through OCEPC under its membership with AEPA meet all the requirements of R.C. 167.081.
5. WTI is an experienced roofing contractor, and has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$2,696,043.96 (the "Contract Sum"), which is based on unit pricing set forth under its Master Intergovernmental Agreement IFB #025-D with AEPA.
6. Due to the timeline to start the work and complete the Project, bidding the repairs will impact the School District's ability to timely complete the Project and will cause disruptions to school activities.
7. Additionally, the Superintendent recommends that the School Board exercise its authority from ORC 3313.46 to any waive competitive bidding that may be required to expedite the procurement to the extent necessary so that the Project will not be delayed and so that the Project will not cause unnecessary disruptions to school activities.
8. The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize an agreement with WTI in the amount of the Contract Sum.

The School Board resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority granted in O.R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of WTI without the need to engage in competitive bidding.

2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Director of Facilities to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute a contract with WTI for the Project and to sign any related documents for the work in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum.
3. Pursuant to the School Board's authority granted by Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46, an urgent necessity is declared with respect to the Project in order to avoid delays and potential disruptions to school activities. The School Board waives any competitive bidding requirements that may exist for the Project.

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0