

The Blanchester Board of Education met for a Special Board Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023 in the auxiliary cafeteria in the Blanchester Middle School at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

### **Meeting Called to Order**

### **Roll Call**

In attendance: John Panetta, Jeremy Kaehler, Mike Williams, Kyle Wilson, Kathy Gephart

Superintendent Randy Dunlap along with Interim Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: None

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Welcome and Public Participation**

None

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Wilson made the motion and Mrs. Gephart seconded. All present voted to approve the agenda.

### **Executive Session**

Mrs. Gephart made a motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded to move into Executive Session for matters required to be kept confidential by state statute R.C. 117.26.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Mr. Panetta, Mr. Williams, Mr. Kaehler, Mrs. Gephart, and Mr. Wilson

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:31pm

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:23pm

### **Business of the Board**

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to accept all items, included under Business of the Board as presented.

- Approve Highland County Hospital to complete all bus driver and transportation physicals as well as any needed screenings for the 2023-24 school year

- Approve the Resolution to participate in the 2023-2024 Southwestern Ohio EPC Bus Purchasing Program
- Approve the 2023-2024 Student Handbook

All present voted to approve Business of the Board as presented.

## **Business of the Treasurer**

Mr. Wilson made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to accept all items, included under Business of the Treasurer as presented.

- Review Financial Report(s)
- Approve the May 2023 Submission of the Five Year Forecast (Appendix A)
  - The income tax levy was “right sized” for the district as it balances revenue to expenses out to five years.
  - The income tax levy allows the district to begin planning for the future.
  - The Permanent Improvement transfers gives the superintendent and the board the ability to decide what is the higher priority each year; infrastructure or instructional expenses.
  - ESSER dollars is propping up the general fund in FY23 and FY24. These dollars will go away on September 30, 2024.
- Restore all busing use for the 2023-24 School year

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer as presented.

## **Business of the Superintendent**

Mrs. Gephart made a motion and Mr. Williams seconded to approve the Business of the Superintendent as presented.

- Certified Personnel
  - New Hires
    - Recommend the hiring of Colleen Jones for the Third Grade Teaching position at Putman Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. Her salary step is 0 with a Degree
- Certified Substitutes - none
- Classified Personnel
  - Resignations
    - Accept the resignation of Della Patton effective at the end of the 22-23 school year
- Volunteers (non-employees) - None

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent as presented.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

# Appendix A

## Blanchester Local School District Five Year Forecast

Fiscal Year:	Actual	FORECASTED				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Revenue:</b>						
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	3,123,099	3,297,681	3,168,277	3,361,820	3,376,180	3,532,922
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	501,030	774,085	980,503	963,985	1,001,975	1,043,663
1.030 - Income Tax	-	-	106,200	1,267,200	1,913,400	2,037,600
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	11,223,488	10,776,615	10,768,205	10,757,823	10,744,893	10,731,776
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	(13,888)	611,967	608,306	607,033	608,245	610,411
1.050 - Property Tax Allocation	469,650	453,053	472,353	490,854	492,906	516,737
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	1,021,118	627,650	637,970	648,496	659,233	670,185
<b>1.070 - Total Revenue</b>	<b>16,324,497</b>	<b>16,541,051</b>	<b>16,741,814</b>	<b>18,097,211</b>	<b>18,796,832</b>	<b>19,143,294</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>						
2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.020 - State Emergency Loans and Adv	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.040 - Operating Transfers-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.050 - Advances-In	65,256	1,583,000	-	-	-	-
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	-	1,200	-	-	-	-
<b>2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>65,256</b>	<b>1,584,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2.080 - Total Rev &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>16,389,753</b>	<b>18,125,251</b>	<b>16,741,814</b>	<b>18,097,211</b>	<b>18,796,832</b>	<b>19,143,294</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
3.010 - Personnel Services	7,485,905	7,550,676	7,151,883	8,013,713	8,161,807	8,315,058
3.020 - Employee Benefits	4,741,981	4,751,138	5,050,961	5,593,046	5,935,096	6,313,304
3.030 - Purchased Services	2,716,063	2,345,767	2,400,280	2,464,879	2,531,372	2,599,818
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	311,703	509,722	454,820	459,368	463,961	468,601
3.050 - Capital Outlay	271,539	210,463	212,495	214,577	216,712	218,900
Intergovernmental & Debt Service	186,463	187,568	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
4.300 - Other Objects	183,467	180,423	183,996	187,641	191,359	195,151
<b>4.500 - Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,897,120</b>	<b>15,735,757</b>	<b>15,639,435</b>	<b>17,118,224</b>	<b>17,685,307</b>	<b>18,295,832</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>						
5.010 - Operating Transfers-Out	-	290,000	1,440,000	800,000	800,000	425,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	1,046,239	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>1,046,239</b>	<b>289,999</b>	<b>1,440,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>425,000</b>
<b>5.050 - Total Exp and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>16,943,359</b>	<b>16,025,756</b>	<b>17,079,435</b>	<b>17,918,224</b>	<b>18,485,307</b>	<b>18,720,832</b>
<b>6.010 - Excess of Rev Over/(Under) Exp</b>	<b>(553,605)</b>	<b>2,099,495</b>	<b>(337,621)</b>	<b>178,987</b>	<b>311,525</b>	<b>422,462</b>
<b>7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)</b>	<b>2,665,960</b>	<b>2,112,354</b>	<b>4,211,849</b>	<b>3,874,229</b>	<b>4,053,216</b>	<b>4,364,741</b>
<b>7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)</b>	<b>2,112,354</b>	<b>4,211,849</b>	<b>3,874,229</b>	<b>4,053,216</b>	<b>4,364,741</b>	<b>4,787,203</b>
		Reservations				
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.080 - Reservations Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>10.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of App</b>	<b>2,112,354</b>	<b>4,211,849</b>	<b>3,874,229</b>	<b>4,053,216</b>	<b>4,364,741</b>	<b>4,787,203</b>
<b>Rev from Replacement/Renewal Levies</b>						
11.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.030 - Cumulative Balance of Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>12.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of Obligations</b>	<b>2,112,354</b>	<b>4,211,849</b>	<b>3,874,229</b>	<b>4,053,216</b>	<b>4,364,741</b>	<b>4,787,203</b>
<b>Revenue from New Levies</b>						
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.030 - Cumulative Balance of New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15.010 - Unreserved Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>2,112,354</b>	<b>4,211,849</b>	<b>3,874,229</b>	<b>4,053,216</b>	<b>4,364,741</b>	<b>4,787,203</b>

### State Funding Budget Process and May Financial Forecast

At the start of the state's FY 2024 and 2025 budget process the Governor introduced these key elements regarding the Fair School Funding Plan which started July 1, 2022:

- The FSFP would continue.
- It would be funded at the same 2018 base cost calculations
- Original phase-ins of the new formula would continue

While there is no legislatively approved state budget, the May forecast as prepared assumes the Governor's proposal. The 2018 base cost components as used in FY 2022 and 2023 and proposed by the Governor would be extended as follows:

- Base per pupil cost (funding) is calculated at the 2018 level through FY 2027
- FSFP phase-in continues until culminating at 100% phased-in by FY 2027

The Ohio House of Representatives introduced an amendment to the Governor's proposal that would update the base cost components to the 2022 cost data. This change is potentially significant for many districts, however some districts will benefit only minimally or not at all. While the state budget deliberations continue the 2022 base cost was modeled to see the potential impact on the district's forecast. This is only an estimate and is intended to show relative potential significance. The modeling assumes:

- That the 2022 base cost components will be used in FY 2024 and 2025.
- The 2022 base cost components will be updated to 2024 cost data in FY 2026 and 2027.
- That the formula is fully phased-in by FY 2027.

For our district the annual impact on revenue Over/(Under) the current forecast modeling is reflected below along with a cumulative potential impact on the district's cash balance. If warranted the Board may be asked to approve an amended forecast in June.

Other Observations: Our district is significantly on the funding guarantee which indicates that the current school funding formula generates less revenue than the district received in FY 2020. Therefore the state awards guarantee funds to hold the district harmless back to the FY 2020 level. To put this in perspective, by FY 2027, it is estimated that an increase of 405 students would be necessary to begin increasing state funding per pupil.



#### Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan - Transitional Aid "Guarantee Analysis"

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
FY 2020 Base Transitional Aid Guarantee	\$739,259	\$951,357	\$1,141,317	\$1,322,509	\$1,502,060
Calculated Formula Phased In	\$1,920,682	\$1,457,735	\$1,682,663	\$725,127	\$370,873
FY 2020 Guarantee as % of Calculated Formula	38.5%	65.3%	105.4%	182.4%	405.0%
State Base Cost Per Pupil Funding	\$4,426	\$4,211	\$4,047	\$3,883	\$3,709
Memo Only: Guarantee Reflected as Student Count	167	226	282	341	405

Note: Concept only, if students were added PP Funding would change.