The Blanchester Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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, Aaron Brewster and Tyler Binkley

Absent: Chris Baker

Superintendent Raechel Purdon and Treasurer Alleyn Unversaw were in attendance along with the following who signed in for the meeting: Kristina Taylor, Shelly Adkins, John Adkins, Rachel Bishop, Brad Ballinger, Donna Gosney, Rachelle Powers, Angela Bishop, Michelle Crosley, Patty Reed, Paula Chaney, Mary Miller, Becky Waits, Jeryl Weis, Kristin Unversaw, Emily Ledford, Luke Viars, Andy Hamm and Mandy Burris

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 August 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Brewster made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. All present voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Welcome, Recognitions, and Public Participation of Agenda Items

- Recognitions from Kristina Taylor-Putman Elementary Principal
    - Paula Chaney and Mary Miller, custodians at Putman, were presented with the Clean Sweep Award.
    - Bush Auto for their generous donation-presented with the Champions of Putman Award.
    - Wilmington Auto Center-presented with the Champions of Putman Award
    - Rebecca Waits-thanked and recognized for Backpacks for Kids.
- Recognitions from Rachelle Powers-transportation supervisor
    - She recognized the bus drivers and aides for their tremendous work and help since the start of the year.
        - Marcie Quigley, Dawn Crosley, Rachel Bishop, Patty Reed, Karen Davidson, Tammy Griffith, Angie Bishop, April Garrett, Kira Kidd,

Amanda Hamm, Amanda Burris, Amy Butler, Kayla Huffman, Marie Smith and Brittany Morris

Business of the Board with corrections

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
Eagles 2222	$750.00	HS Band
Eagles 2222	$750.00	HS Cheerleaders
Blanchester Schools Foundation	$17,842.28	Foundation
Antique Power Club	$2,500.00	FFA
Eileen Bradley	$150.00	FFA
Jean and Roy Wentzel	$50.00	FFA
John and Diane Berry	$150.00	FFA
Michael and Allison Place	$150.00	FFA
Boosters	$3,025.00	Football
Skyline	$100.00	Boys Basketball
Kroger Rewards	$25.57	Boys Basketball
Bush Auto	$250.00	Putman Principal
Kroger Rewards	$65.88	HS NHS
Kroger Rewards	$56.80	MS Principal

- Approve the purchase of a used van (12 passenger or less) up to $50,000.00.
- Approve the MOU with the BEA regarding stretch pays.
- Approve the Leadership and Central Office Handbook 2026-2027.
- Approve the resolution to Declare Transportation Impractical for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approve the minimum payment in lieu of transportation for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with ORC 3327.02 the board of education may determine that

it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from under ORC 3327.01.

- Approve the trip to the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 21-23, 2026. 24 students will be attending and Landen Tull will be an additional chaperone.
- Approve the emergency proposal from Johnson Controls for the Chiller/System 1 compressor replacement at the high school at the cost of $52,744.74.

All present voted to approve Business of the Board.

Additional Business of the Board

Mr. Binkley made a motion and Mr. Panetta seconded to approve the additional item.

- Approve the proposal to complete the needed repairs on the basketball hoops in the HS gym, MS gym and the MS auxiliary gym. Total cost is $44,640.00, but if all repairs are completed there is a discount of $3,000.00 which would make the total $41,640.00.

All present voted to approve the additional item.

Business of the Treasurer

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Binkley 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**
  - Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I-A in the amount of $9,054.94 (August).
  - Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of $5,266.10 (August)
- **Grants**
  - Approve $25,000.00 Vallee Grant for Student Enrichment/Field Trips

All present voted to approve the Business of the Treasurer.

Business of the Superintendent

Mr. Binkley made a motion and Mr. Panetta 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**
    - Approve all middle school certified staff as subs for after school tutoring at the rate of $30.00 per hour.
  - **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	POSITION	PAYROLL
Stephanie Eriksson	HQSD	$30.00 per hour
Mike Cook	HQSD	$30.00 per hour
Mishelle Pembleton	HQSD	$30.00 per hour
Melissa Rich	HQSD	$30.00 per hour
Krissy Laubernds	Title Literacy Night	$30.00 per hour
Chanda Addington	Title Literacy Night	$30.00 per hour
Mary Roark	Title Literacy Night	$30.00 per hour
Nicole Malone	Title Literacy Night	$30.00 per hour
Kimberlee Bisig	Title Literacy Night	$30.00 per hour
Madelyn Finch	3rd grade Reading Guarantee Parent Meeting	$30.00 per hour
Mary Looney	3rd grade Reading Guarantee Parent Meeting	$30.00 per hour
Julia Strider	3rd grade Reading Guarantee Parent Meeting	$30.00 per hour
Brittany Ahrmann	3rd grade Reading Guarantee Parent Meeting	$30.00 per hour

- **Certified Substitutes**
  - **Substitute Teachers (Packet)**
    - Melinda Baird, Emma Biberstein, Lyndsay East, Alexandria Pontius, Heather Tobler and Loreen Walterhouse

- **Classified Personnel**
  - **Classified Staffing**
    - Approve the severance payout to Lisa Begley in the amount of $4,792.98

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

NAME	POSITION	SALARY SCHEDULE	STEP
Amy Butler	Putman after school monitor (temporary)	Aide	1

  - **Transfers-** None
  - **Classified Substitutes**
    - Kelly McCleese-sub secretary
    - Tammy Brister-sub secretary
    - Chris Hurst- sub bus driver
    - Kayla Huffman-substitute cook and aide
    - Brittney Morris-sub aide
    - Melissa Cook- sub aide
    - Kaleb Goodin-sub aide
    - Donna Gosney-sub cook
  - **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Brayden Sipple	HS	Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	2
Josh Farson	MS	8th grade boys basketball coach	3
John Lovin	HS	Varsity girls basketball coach	3
Andrew Wiley	MS	7th grade girls basketball coach	1

Bradon Pyle	MS	8th grade girls basketball coach	3
Jordan Dawson	HS	Varsity wrestling coach	3
Jamie Tissandier	HS	Asst. wrestling coach	3
Paul Jackson	HS	Varsity bowling coach	3
Cora Loudermilk	HS	Varsity basketball cheer coach	3
Melissa Wallace	MS	MS basketball cheer coach	3

Volunteers (non-employees):
Tom Greve-asst. Boys basketball coach
Mark Short-asst. Boys basketball coach
Keith Abbott-asst. Boys basketball coach
Quillan Short- asst. Boys basketball coach
Alan Ledford-asst. 8th grade boys basketball coach
Jamey Grogg-asst. Girls basketball coach
Destiny Waldron-asst. Cheer coach
Haylie Sipple-asst. Cheer coach
Noelani Conover-asst. Cheer coach

All present voted to approve the Business of the Superintendent.

Other

- **Discussion Items**
  - County Wide PD, September 25, 2026
  - October 9, 2026- Board members working concessions at the football game.

Executive Session

Mr. Brewster made a motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:35 pm.

- Certain Personnel Matters
  - 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.
- Collective Bargaining Matters
- Matters Required to be Kept Confidential

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

Additional Action Items

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to approve the additional action items.

- OAPSE agreement for 2026-2029

Mr. Binkley made the motion and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion to approve additional action item #2.

- Sub rates for FY27

All present voted to approve the additional action items.

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Binkley seconded the motion to adjourn. All present voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Board President

Treasurer

Blanchester Local School District

Substitute Salary Schedules and Salary Schedule Information

FY 2027 Effective 7/1/2026

Substitute rates:

Position	Per Diem	Hourly Rate	Schedule
Aide		$17.43	Aide / Step 1
Bus Driver / Mechanic		$21.40	Bus Driver / Step 1
Van Driver		20.40	Van Driver / Step 1
Cook		$17.65	Cook / Step 1
Custodian		$19.35	Custodian / Step 1
Nurse		$26.98	Nurse / Step 1
Secretary		$18.06	Secretary / Step 1
Teacher	$125.00	N/A	N/A
Teacher Long-Term (61st Day)	$225.97	N/A	Teacher / Step 1

Salary Schedule Additional Information:

Schedule	Note
Aide Schedules	Add an additional $1.25 per hour if performing duties as a special needs aide that require handling of bodily fluids, assisting in toileting, administering medication, assisting in other specialized health care procedures, or addressing other physical hazards involving the child. Use Sp Ed Aide, Sp Ed Parapro, or Sp Ed Aide Degree schedules.
Aide Schedules	Paraprofessional Aide is an Aide who has passed the paraprofessional test.
Custodian	Shifts after 2:30pm will receive an additional $0.25 per hour. Use Custodian Shift 2 schedule



4U SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

Certified Flat Rates:

Description	Rate
BLT	$1,200.00
DLT	$600.00
High School Art	$300.00 per year
Music Choir Programs	$200.00 per approved evening program (Band Covered by Supplemental)

Certified Hourly Rates:

Description	Rate
Detention Duty	$30.00 per hour
Home Instruction Assignment	Per Diem / 7 hours
Internal Subbing	$30.00 per hour
LPDC	$30.00 per hour
Testing and Related Assignments	$30.00 per hour