

The Blanchester Board of Education met for a Reorganizational and Regular Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the auxiliary cafeteria in the Blanchester Middle School at 957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, OH 45107

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm by President Pro Tempore John Panetta

Roll Call

Kathy Gephart, Jeremy Kaehler, John Panetta, Mike Williams, Kyle Wilson - All present

Board member Kathy Gephart took the minutes in the absence of Treasurer Megan Thompson. Superintendent Randy Dunlap was in attendance along with the following who signed the register:

Donna Gosney, Barb Lambros, Kate Slusher, and Shelly Pembleton

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Board President

John Panetta was nominated for Board President by Kyle Wilson and seconded by Mike Williams.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Wilson, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Panetta

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Election of Board Vice President

Jeremy Kaehler was nominated for Board Vice President by Kyle Wilson and seconded by Mike Williams.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Wilson, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Panetta

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Oath of Office

The oath of office was read by Superintendent Randy Dunlap to Mr. Panetta and Mr. Kaehler. Both being sworn in and affirmed with a responding "I do".

Establishment of Business Procedures and Standing Authorizations

The Board approved all business procedures and standing authorizations as presented. A motion to accept was made by Mike Williams and seconded by Jeremy Kaehler.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Williams, Kaehler, Gephart, Panetta and Wilson

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Establishment of Superintendent Committees

Facilities/Grounds and Transportation: Mr. Williams and Mr. Panetta

Finance/Budget: Mr. Wilson and Mr. Kaehler

Curriculum and Instruction: Mrs. Gephart and Mr. Williams

Policy: Mr. Panetta and Mr. Wilson

Legislative Liaison: Mr. Panetta

Approval of Agenda with Corrections

The agenda was approved with the following corrections:

Request Approval of New Treasurer Salary Schedule

Employ personnel for Accounts Payable/Receivable

Request Executive Session for Negotiations

Mrs. Gephart made the motion to accept and Mr. Panetta seconded the motion.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Gephart, Panetta, Kaehler, Williams, and Wilson

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Approval of the Minutes from the December 15, 2023 and the December 19, 2023 minutes

Mr. Wilson made the motion to accept the minutes from the December 15 special meeting and the December 19 regular meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Williams.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Wilson, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Panetta

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Board Member Recognition

Being Board member appreciation month, current Board members were recognized by Superintendent Dunlap for their years of service to the District.

Welcome and Public Participation

Mrs. Earley, principal at Putman Elementary School, recognized long time employee and Putman Secretary Mrs. Linda Larrick with a presentation of a photo to be displayed at the Elementary School. Mrs. Larrick's daughter (Kendra) was present for the presentation.

Business of the Board

Mr. Wilson made a motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded the motion to accept all items under the business of the Board as presented.

First reading of the two May 2, 2023 ballot issues were presented. The 1% Earned Income Tax for operating and the 5.2 Mill property tax for Permanent Improvements were both read by Mr. Panetta.

The Board approved the 2023-24 School Calendar as presented.

The Board accepted the resignation of Megan Thompson as Treasurer effective March 1, 2023.

The Board appointed Tracy Parker as Treasurer Pro Tempore at a rate of \$70/hour on an as needed basis effective January 10, 2023.

The Board approved the new salary schedule for the position of treasurer in the district effective July 1, 2023.

The following vote resulted:

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

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Business of the Treasurer

None presented

Business of the Superintendent

Mr. Wilson made a motion and Mrs. Gephart second the motion to accept the recommendation for sub nurse Kendra Pelosi.

The following vote resulted:

Yeas: Wilson, Gephart, Kaehler and Mr. Williams

Abstain: Mr. Panetta

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Mr. Williams made the motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded the motion to hire Heather Mandelstein as Accounts Payable/Receivable at Step 5.

The following vote resulted:

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

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Discussion Items

The Board set January 17, 2023 at 6pm as the date and time for a special Board meeting to conduct required Board business.

Informational Items

The Board was informed of Putman Winter Family Night on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 5-7pm

The Board was informed that there would be no school on Monday, January 16, 2023 for Martin Luther King Day

Executive Session

Mr. Williams made a motion and Mr. Kaehler second the motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing upcoming negotiations with the district bargaining units.

The following vote resulted:

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

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:50pm

Mr. Wilson made the motion and Mr. Kaehler seconded it for the Board to return from Executive Session.

The following vote resulted:

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

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:05pm

Adjournment

Mr. Panetta made the motion and Mr. Williams seconded it to adjourn the meeting. (No additional Board action was taken after Executive Session.)

The following vote resulted:

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

Mr. Panetta declared the motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm

Board President

Board Vice President

Date