

**BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
BLANCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUXILIARY CAFETERIA
February 23, 2026
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

A. Meeting called to order: Roll Call

- a. Mike Williams
- b. John Panetta
- c. Chris Baker
- d. Aaron Brewster
- e. Tyler Binkley

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

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D. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes for January 12, 2026 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting. [Minutes for 01 12 2026 Reorganizational and Regular Board Meeting.docx \(1\).pdf](#)
 - i. Board Office Change Fund: Changed from \$300.00 to \$150.00- Heather Mandelstein

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E. Welcome, Recognitions and Public Participation of Agenda Items

F. Business of the Board

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- 1. Approve the following donation

DONATOR	AMOUNT	FUND
Eagles	\$500.00	MS Track
McDonald's	\$250.00	Athletic
France Realty	\$100.00	Girls Basketball
Royal Z Lanes	\$1,408.00	Bowling
Nause Farms/Banquet Sponsor	\$500.00	FFA
G.L.Nause Co/Banquet Sponsor	\$500.00	FFA
Forman Farms/Banquet Sponsor	\$100.00	FFA
Magulac Fleet Service/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Wilmington Auto Center/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Wilson Family/Banquet Sponsor	\$100.00	FFA
Caplinger Sales/Banquet Sponsor	\$200.00	FFA
Groves Tire	\$100.00	FFA
D&E Equipment	\$75.00	FFA
Master Feed Mill	\$100.00	FFA
Gibson Bros	\$50.00	FFA
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$3,027.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$500.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund

2. Approve the revised contract between Blanchester Local Schools and CCBCC Operations LLC(Coca-Cola).[Contract with CCBCC, LLC.pdf](#)

3. Approve the request to take 34 BHS students to the Ohio DECA State Conference February 23rd thru February 25th, 2026. Great Oaks will provide transportation to and from the conference. Aimee Sawyer and Cindy King will chaperone.
4. Approve the contract with Warren County ESC (Wellness Center) for a student on an IEP.
[Service Quote Blanchester Local Schools 263247.pdf](#)
5. Approve the curriculum guide for the 2026-27 school year.[Copy of Scheduling Guide 26-27-BOE.pdf](#)
6. Approve the invoice for annual membership dues to the Ohio School Boards Association.[Blanchester Local 2026 Membership Invoice.pdf](#)
7. Approve the service agreement with Southern Ohio Learning Center for a student placement starting February 9,2026.
[2025-26-SOLC-BLANCHESTER-Agreement -.pdf](#)
8. RESOLUTION-Authorizing the acceptance of territory located at 442 Watkins Road, Blanchester, Ohio 45107 from the Little Miami Local School District, and Authorizing and Approving related matters.
[Resolution Watkins Rd..pdf](#)
9. Approve the proposal listed on the attached report to fix the MS/intermediate gym.[Roof repair proposal.pdf](#)
10. Approve the MOU to pay the Village of Blanchester \$5,000.00 for a tornado siren to be installed on the middle school campus near the bus barn.[MOU w Village of Blanchester RE Tornado Sirens\(25355422.1\).docx](#)

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G. Business of The Treasurer

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1. **Review Financial Report(s) (Packet)**
 - a. Cash Summary [Cash Summary.pdf](#)
 - b. Checks Written [Checks Written.pdf](#)
 - c. Cash Flow Report (not included this month)
 - d. Cash Flow to Forecast Compare Report (not included this month)
 - e. Redtree Investment Report [Redtree Report.pdf](#)
2. **Transfers**
 - a. Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,489.51.
 - b. Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,058.14.

- 3. Approve the February Forecast to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. [February Forecast 2026.pdf](#)
[FY26 February Forecast Presentation 2.17.26 - Blanchester.pptx](#)
- 4. Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates As Determined By the Budget Commission and Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them To The Auditor [BLSD RAAR CY25 corrected 021126 dlq.pdf](#)
- 5. Approve Cash Balance Policy 2nd Reading - DAB [Blanchester Cash Balance Policy DAB - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- 6. Approve Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation School Safety and Security Grant for \$37,269.19 To Purchase Three Micro Scrubbers whereas the board must contribute \$12,423.06 for a total of \$49,692.25.
- 7. Approve Amended Permanent Appropriations Resolution (insert into minutes) [Permanent Appropriation Resolution.pdf](#) , [Appropriations Report.pdf](#)
- 8. Approve Bus Safety Grant for \$5,000.00
- 9. Approve Vallee Grants
 - a. Track \$50,000.00 FY26
 - i. (Second installment of \$50,000.00 will be sent in FY27)
 - b. Summer Learning \$50,000.00
- 10. Discussion Items
 - a. Severance - we have received eight retirement notices so far for next school year.
 - b. Other items

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H. Business of the Superintendent

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

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.

- 1. Certified Personnel
 - a. Transfers-None
 - b. Certified Staffing

- i. Accept the resignation of Terri Cook for the purpose of retirement from her teaching position at the end of her current contract. [T. Cook Retirement Letter.pdf](#)
- ii. Accept the resignation of Emma Biberstein from her first grade teaching position effective at the end of her current contract. [E. Biberstein resignation letter.pdf](#)
- iii. Approve a dock day for Sara Carruthers on April 13, 2026.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	SALARY SCHEDULE
Rachel Purdin	MS	Assistant Principal	Admin 3/ Step 0 2 year contract
Mary Roark	Putman	Reading Teacher	Masters +30 Step 24

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	TIMESHEET
Nicole Paulson	Putman	Reading Assessment Support	\$30.00/for a max of 30 hours

c. Certified Substitutes

i. Substitute Teachers

1. Justus Anderson, Corynne Campbell, Nathan Kincaid, Daniel Sternsher, Paula White, Amy Williams, Amber Coomer, Melodie Gibson and Jessica Chase
[Blanchester Sub Teacher January 2026.pdf](#)
[Blanchester Sub Teacher February 2026 \(2\).pdf](#)

2. Classified Personnel

a. Classified Staffing

- i. Approve 5 dock days for Megan Crabill-January 22-23, 27-29, 2026.

- ii. Accept the resignation of Joyce Crosley from her Middle school secretary position for the purpose of retirement effective May 31, 2026. [J Crosley retirement letter.pdf](#)
- b. **Transfers**-None
- c. **Classified Substitutes**
 - i. Kayla Huffman -sub aide(pending certification)
- d. **Supplemental Contracts**

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Braydyn Wiley	HS	Asst. Baseball-JV	1
Dan Scott	MS	MS Track and Field Coach	3
Bryant Abt	HS	Varsity Track and Field	2

Volunteers (non-employees):

- Ricky Roush-Asst. Baseball
- Pete Jackson-Asst. MS Track and Field
- Thomas Bare-Asst. MS Track and Field
- Kaleb Goodin-Asst. Baseball

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I. Other

a. Discussion Item

- i. Open Enrollment for 2026-27
 - 1. Following class size limits
 - a. Kindergarten:90 students
 - b. First through Fourth:95 students per grade level
 - c. Fifth through Eighth:100 students per grade level
 - d. High School:120 per grade level
- ii. Let's Glow Night at the MS on February 26th (Board help needed) 5:30 to 7pm
- iii. School Calendars for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years [2026-27 Draft School Calendar Draft 1.xlsx - Google Sheets.pdf](#)

- iv. 26-27 Countdown to Kindergarten is February 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Putman Elementary.
- v. Grading scale for the 2026-2027 school year.

J. Executive Session

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- a. 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.

_____ Time Entered _____ Time Exited

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K. Additional Action Items (if needed)

L. Adjournment

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End Time _____