

**BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND
REGULAR MEETING
BLANCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AUXILIARY CAFETERIA
January 12, 2026
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

A. Meeting called to order: Roll Call

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Oath of Office for Elected Board Members

- a. Mike Williams
- b. Aaron Brewster
- c. Tyler Binkley

D. Election of Board President

Nominations: _____

Motion to close nominations was made

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

___Panetta ___Williams ___Baker ___Brewster ___Binkley

E. Election of Board Vice President

Nominations: _____

Motion to close nominations was made

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

Vote:

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F. Oath of Office

a. President

b. Vice President

G. Appoint a member of the Board to the Blanchester Education Foundation.
The Board President appointed _____ to the Board of the
Blanchester Foundation.

**H. Establishment of Business Procedures and Standing Authorizations for
2026 (Attachment RESOLUTION 1-2026)**

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

**ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS PROCEDURES AND STANDING
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2026**

- A.** Establish date, time and place of regular board of education meetings.
- B.** Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills, except in cases where Board Policy applies, within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- C.** Authorize the Treasurer to sign checks.
- D.** Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- E.** Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive and interim funds per board policy and ORC 135.
- F.** Designate inactive / interim funds at \$5,000,000.00.
- G.** Authorize the Treasurer to adjust appropriations as needed and submit to the board for approval at the next board meeting.
- H.** Petty Cash Fund and Change Fund Approvals
 - a. Athletic Change Fund at \$2,151.00 - [Brad Ballinger](#)
 - b. High School Change Fund at \$150.00 - Melissa Wallace
 - c. Board Office Change Fund at \$300.00 - Heather Mandelstein

- I. Service Fund - establishes a service fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be a part of the general fund, in accordance with section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- J. Treasurer shall be appointed to attend as the board designee public records training per Board Policy KBA. Furthermore, the district office has distributed the public records policy to the Treasurer who shall be also named the records custodian.
- K. Authorize the Treasurer to annually balance all Student Activity Accounts within the parameters of Board approved appropriations.
- L. Authorize the Treasurer to approve the tuition rate annually, as set by the Ohio Department of Education.
- M. Authorize the Superintendent to work with Clinton County Jobs and Family services to share any additional costs of transporting students in foster care to their school of origin, if determined in the best interest of the child.
- N. Authorize the Superintendent to represent the Board in the application for all special State and Federal Funds.
- O. Authorize Membership in the Chamber of Commerce for the year 2026.
- P. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the purchasing agent for the school district and authorizes the purchasing agent to approve purchases up to \$25,000.00 without further Board action. In addition, in the case of a catastrophic event, this limitation will not apply in order to restore operations of the district in the most expedient manner.
- Q. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board, provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- R. Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.
- S. Authorize the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed for emergency situations. Such employment to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.

- T. Authorize the Superintendent, without further action by said Board, to apply on behalf of said district to participate in any federal or state project or program for which approval by said Board is required. Authorize the Treasurer to pay stipends in the amount specified to Community Members/Staff Members when authorized by grant applications, i.e. Local Professional Development Committee, etc.
- U. The Superintendent and/or Treasurer be permitted to attend seminars, meetings, and conferences that constitute informative and professional growth for the benefit of the school district without further Board of Education action and that reasonable expenses in connection therewith be allowed.
- V. Compliance with the Civil Rights Act - said Board in the expenditure of federal funds continues to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1965 and with all other appropriate state and federal statutes, standards and regulations.
- W. Unless otherwise delegated by the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall serve in all capacities that require an annual Board of Education appointment to implement adopted Board policies.
- X. The Board believes it is important to demonstrate appreciation to its employees.
The Board authorizes the Superintendent to identify unique means of demonstrating the Board's appreciation. The following are examples of forms of this appreciation, but are not limited to: refreshments, small gifts, plaques, awards, flowers.
- Y. Authorize the attendance at special schools outside the district as needed; i.e. physically handicapped students for the upcoming school year.
- Z. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to approve Facility Use Applications

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I. Required Fraud Reporting and Training Video

- A. The board will watch this video at the board meeting
<https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/fraud.html>

REGULAR MEETING

I. Adoption of Meeting Agenda with corrections

a. Added under O. Business of the Superintendent 2. A. Amy Butler, Transportation, Van Driver, Step 1 pending certification.

b. Added under N. Business of the Treasurer 2 C-E. Transfers

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

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J. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes for December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

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K. Board Member Recognition

a. John Panetta - 18 years

b. Mike Williams - 8 years

c. Chris Baker - 2 years

d. Aaron Brewster - Welcome

e. Tyler Binkley - Welcome

L. Welcome and Public Participation of Agenda Items

1. "Making the Shift to the Science of Reading" case study presentation

M. Business of the Board

_____ Moved _____ Seconded

1. Approve the following donations:

DONATOR	AMOUNT	FUND
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$1500.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund
Blanchester Schools Foundation	\$200.00	Blanchester Foundation Fund(athletic participation fee)

Kroger Community Rewards	\$65.12	NHS
Kiwanis Club of Wilmington	\$600.00	MS Band
Kroger Community Rewards	\$43.15	Boys Basketball
Bowling Fundraiser	\$2163.50	Girls Basketball
One Stop Signs LLC	\$500.00	Girls Basketball
Kroger Community Rewards	\$62.93	MS Principal

2. Approve the schedule of Board meetings for the year 2026.
3. Resolution: To approve the recommendation to reappoint Jim Johnson to the Blanchester Library Board of Trustees for a term to run from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2030

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N. Business of The Treasurer **with corrections**

_____Moved _____Seconded

1. Review Financial Report(s) (Packet)

- i. Cash Summary
- ii. Checks Written
- iii. Cash Flow Report
- iv. Forecast Compare Report
- v. Redtree Investments

2. Transfers

- a. Approve the transfer from Title II-A to Title I in the amount of \$3,928.58.
- b. Approve the transfer from Title IV-A to Title I in the amount of \$2,317.11.
- c. Approve the transfer from Title I to Title II-A in the amount of \$24.72.
- d. Approve the transfer from Title I to Title IV-A in the amount of \$11.90.
- e. Approve the transfer from General Fund to Title I in the amount of \$0.01.

3. Discussion Items

- a. Forecast
- b. Cash balance policy
- c. Other business items

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O. Business of the Superintendent **with corrections**

_____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. Certified Staffing
- b. Certified Substitutes
 - i. Substitute Teachers (Packet) -
- c. Resignations-None
- d. Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	PAYROLL
Mary Looney	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour
Krissy Laubernds	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour
Julia Strider	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour
Brittany Ahrmann	Putman	3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour
Laureen Bingham	Putman	sub/3rd grade tutoring	\$30.00/hour

2. Classified Personnel

- a. Classified Staffing
 - i. Approve a dock day for Brenda Maier on January 14,2026.

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Kelly Smith	Putman	SPED Para	1 (5hours)
Amy Butler	Transportation	Van Driver	1

- b. Resignations-None
- c. Classified Substitutes-None
- d. Supplemental Contracts

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

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	STEP
Jeremy Lansing	HS	Asst. Softball	3
Matt Sexton	HS	Boys Tennis	3
Regan Ostermeier	HS	Varsity Track and Field	3

Volunteers (non-employees):

Kevin Brown-asst.baseball
 Greg Short-asst. baseball
 Levi Mobley-asst. baseball
 Aleck Strange-asst. softball
 Tyler Binkley-asst. softball
 Mike Sexton-asst. boys tennis
 Brett Bandow-asst. HS track and field

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O. Public Participation of Non- Agenda items

P.. Other

Q. Adjournment

_____Moved _____Seconded

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End Time_____