

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL VOTING SESSION

JUNE 10, 2024

Members Present: Christina Brown (via phone), Chad Diviney, Jeremiah Dobo, Jessica Maines, Norman Parks, Jason Porter, Melvin Smeal, Donald Yontosh

Members Absent: Randy Sterling

Other:

Media Present:

Administration Present: Leslie Stott, Mark Mitchell

Others Present: Aimee Willett, Stacey Guenot

OPENING EXERCISES

Mr. Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2024. Mr. Jeremiah Dobo seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

BOARD

R. Sterling
Resignation Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to accept the resignation of Randy Sterling, Board Member, effective June 11, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

PERSONNEL

WBEA MOU Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the West Branch Area School District and the West Branch Education Association related to new dental plan coverage. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

E. Liegey
FMLA Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the FMLA leave for Erin Liegey from August 20, 2024, through October 25, 2024. Mr. Jeremiah Dobo seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

EDUCATION

ARP ESSER
Health & Safety
Plan Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the West Branch Area School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan. (Covid 19 Federal Funding requirement). Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

POLICY

Deferred 1st
Reading

Following Board discussion, Mr. Norman Parks, in the form of a motion, recommended to defer the first reading of the following policies (pending further edits):

- Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy 351: Controlled Substance Abuse

Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

1st Reading

Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 707: Use of School Facilities
- Policy 815.1: Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education

Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Application
Resolution

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the official resolution to accompany the Public-School Facility Improvement Grant Application. This application was submitted on May 29, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Mr. Mitchell reviewed the necessary steps of the grant processes through GSL Consulting.

Cen-Clear
Agreement

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Letter of Agreement with Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc., outlining the Pre-K Program at the District for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Guenot shared an email that was received from Mr. James Emigh, former Board Member, expressing interest in filling the Board Seat vacated by Mr. Sterling.

OTHER ITEMS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT / DISCUSSION

Mr. Mitchell updated the Board on the water drainage project at the field house. The work has been completed and water seems to be draining properly. Additional testing will be completed to confirm project success. At the conclusion of successful testing, final payment will be made to the company. Mr. Mitchell added that the work not only appears to be functional but is aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Mitchell also provided an update on the recent hack of the District's Facebook page. The last communication with Facebook support indicated that the issue should be corrected in the next 24-48 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Jeremiah Dobo seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held at the conclusion of the meeting for the purposes of personnel and school safety and security.

Respectively Submitted,



Stacey Guenot, Secretary to the Board of Education