

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL VOTING SESSION

OCTOBER 16, 2024

Members Present: Chad Diviney, Jessica Maines, Norman Parks, Jason Porter, Melvin Smeal, Donald Yontosh

Members Absent: Christina Brown, Jeremiah Dobo, James Emigh

Other:

Media Present:

Administration Present: Jesse Husted, Mark Mitchell

Others Present: Ashley Nunley, Stacey Guenot

OPENING EXERCISES

Mr. Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from September 23, 2024. Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:39 p.m. – 7:14 p.m. for the purposes of personnel and student discipline.

PERSONNEL

Elementary Principal Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Ashley Nunley as Elementary Principal, at a starting salary of \$82,950, effective date pending clearances and release from the Moshannon Valley Area School District. Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0. Mrs. Nunley was present at the meeting and congratulated and welcomed by the Board. She expressed deep gratitude and looks forward to working at the West Branch Area School District.

POLICY

1st Reading Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 234: Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- Policy 247: Hazing
- Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Policy 252: Dating Violence
- Policy 317.1: Educator Misconduct
- Policy 336: Personal Necessity Leave
- Policy 339: Uncompensated Leave
- Policy 824: Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- Policy 807: Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays

Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Owner's Rep
Agreement

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Owner's Representative Services Agreement between the West Branch Area School District and FacTech, Inc. Mrs. Jessica Maines seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

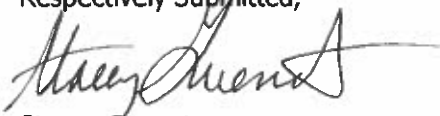
Mr. Mitchell reminded the Board that there will be interviews for the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach position on Monday, October 21. In addition, bid opening and ESCO bid pricing for the Elementary Renovation project will be held on October 17 and 18, 2024.

Mr. Diviney, on behalf of Mrs. Brown, asked how we are progressing with looking into metal detectors for the building. Mr. Mitchell has also had some correspondence with parents concerning this issue and is getting quotes to explore this possibility.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,



Stacey Guenot
Secretary to the Board of Education