

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 28, 2024

Members Present: Christina Brown, Chad Diviney, Jeremiah Dobo, James Emigh, Norman Parks, Jason Porter, Melvin Smeal, Donald Yontosh

Members Absent: Jessica Maines

Other:

Media Present:

Administration Present: Mark Mitchell, Kevin Hubler, Jesse Husted, Ashley Nunley, Angela Lucas, Branden Evans, Leslie Stott, David Catherman, Tiffany English

Others Present: John Hayden, Sherri Laurusevage, Adam Kerr, Greg Hoover, Aimee Willett, Stacey Guenot

OPENING EXERCISES

President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:42 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 October 16, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Kevin Hubler, Middle/High School Principal:

- High School Climate Incentives
- No Vape November
- Veteran's Day Breakfast

Mr. Jesse Husted, Assistant Principal:

- Discipline Update

Mrs. Ashley Nunley, Elementary Principal: no report this month

Ms. Angela Lucas, Special Education Supervisor/Interim Elementary Principal:

- In-Service Training
- Picture Retake Day
- Life Skills Chili Sale
- Canned Food Drive for the YMCA

Mr. Branden Evans, Technology Coordinator:

- Sentinel One Software
- 3D Printers
- Final Marking Period Grades

EDUCATION

Name Change Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve a name change for the West Branch Middle School Reading Team to the West Branch Reading Team. The club will now include both middle and high school students. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Field Trips Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Chief science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to the Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA on November 5, 2024. Cost to the District: transportation and one substitute; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 9 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.) Mr. James Emigh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to the Flight 93 Memorial and Visitor Center in Stoystown, PA on January 29, 2025. Cost to the District: transportation and one substitute; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 9 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.) Mr. James Emigh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve seniors to attend the Alternatives to College Fair at the Philipsburg YMCA on November 19, 2024. Cost to the District: transportation; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 12 students will be attending; Chaperones are Jennifer Porter and Kevin Hubler.) Mr. James Emigh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the WB Reading Team field trip to the PO Middle School on November 13, 2024. Cost to the District: transportation; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – MS/HS Budgets). (Information Only: 10 students will be attending; Chaperone is Stacy Ricciotti and 2 parent volunteers with clearances.) Mr. James Emigh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

POLICY

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

- Policy 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Policy 113.2: Behavior Support
- Policy 236.1: Threat Assessment
- Policy 254: Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Policy 202: Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- Policy 607: Tuition Income
- Policy 805.2: School Security Personnel

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

2nd Reading Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve 2nd reading of the following policies:

- Policy 234: Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

Head Junior High Softball Coach.) Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

P. Bumbarger Resignation Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to accept the resignation of Parker Bumbarger, Assistant Junior High Head Wrestling Coach, effective October 9, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

T. McDowell Resignation Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to accept the resignation of Travis McDowell, Head Junior High Baseball Coach, effective October 9, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

M. Dixon Resignation Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to accept the resignation of Michael Dixon, Assistant Junior High Softball Coach, effective September 23, 2024. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Winter Volunteers Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following winter athletic volunteers, all paperwork has been received:

- Boys Basketball: Eric McCracken, Chad Koleno, Kody Trude
- Wrestling: Steve Sudik, Ronnie Garbinsky, Kaleb Quick, Parker Bumbarger, George Yingling, Gary Yingling, Landon Bainey
- Girls Basketball: Katelyn Ward, Mariah Koleno, and Terry Smeal, III, Justin Koleno

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

FINANCE AND PURCHASE

Disbursements Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following Disbursements:

\$ 73,106.07	Cafeteria Fund Bills Dated 10/29/24	Checks 4748 through 4753
\$ 13,925.82	Visa 9/30/24 Invoices	
\$ 2,042,663.30	General Account (9/18/24 - 10/29/24)	Checks 60694 through 60858
\$ 2,129,695.19	Grand Total	

Mr. Donald Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2024. Mr. Donald Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Activity Acct. Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Activity Accounts for July 2024 (corrected) and September 2024. Mr. Donald Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Reading Service Contract Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Reading Service Contract as presented between the West Branch Elementary School and Rene Oakman, Orton-Gillingham & EBLI Certified Reading Tutor. Contract to commence on October 29, 2024, through May 30, 2025. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Payment Application Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve payment application #3 (\$140,219.05) to Quandel Construction Group, LLC for work on