WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL VOTING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Members Present:

Christina Brown, Chad Diviney, James Emigh, Norman Parks, Melvin Smeal, Donald

Yontosh

Members Absent:

Jeremiah Dobo, Jessica Maines, Jason Porter

Media Present:

Administration Present:

Mark Mitchell, Leslie Stott

Others Present:

Stacey Guenot

OPENING EXERCISES

Mr. Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Quandel Payment

Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve payment application #8 – August 2025 in the amount of \$1,926,174.00 to Quandel Construction Group, LLC as it relates to the Renovation Project (to be paid out of bond funds as detailed in the GESA Agreement). Mr. Donald Yontosh seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 6-0-0. The Board briefly discussed the disappointment they have with the unwillingness of Quandel Construction Group, LLC to wait until the September 22, 2025, meeting to receive this payment.

OTHER ITEMS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT / DISCUSSION

Mr. Mitchell, the Board, and Mrs. Stott discussed concerns thus far associated with the renovation project. Mr. Parks spoke about soil work and grading concerns. In addition, there was conversation in reference to retainage to be paid to JC Orr & Son, Inc. These items will be brought to attention at the regular construction meeting and will also discussed with the district solicitor.

In addition, Mr. Diviney asked about the status of the new speed limit signs. Mr. Mitchell stated that they have arrived and are just not installed at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following adjournment, the Board convened an Executive Session to address Safe Schools – review the Revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Respectively Submitted,

Stacey Guenot

Secretary to the Board of Education