



# Classified/Legals

Thursday,  
March 28, 2024

West Branch Times

## Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	3/08/2024	1,154.97
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		34.54
Cedar County Treasurer		77,684.69
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COUNTY TOTAL		90,704.36
		WBT 13

## Cedar county board

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE—WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA  
March 12, 2024  
Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 12, 2024 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of public were also present.

Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.  
Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 3/8/2024 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #438014 for \$3,928.73-self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of March 5, 2024.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #196897-196902 for period ending 3/2/24 and to be paid on 3/8/24.  
Ayes: All

Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve a new 8-month Class C Liquor License with outdoor service and living quarters for Cedar River Campground effective 4/1/2024.  
Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. Board of Supervisors, convened as a Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in North Cedar Special School Election of March 5, 2024. Thereupon results from several precincts were opened and examined with results duly entered in Official Canvass Book and attested to by Board and Cedar County Auditor. results were as follows:  
Public Measure DT  
For Public Measure DT, there were: Three hundred eleven (311) votes  
Against Public Measure DT, there were: Sixty-nine (69) votes  
TOTAL - Three hundred eighty (380) votes

We therefore declare Public Measure DT to be adopted.  
At 9:30 a.m. Board held a public hearing for Gary and Rita Burmeister, 1363 Rose Avenue, Tipton, IA, (Owners) Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to AR-1 Agricultural Recreational District for purpose of constructing a recreational cabin at 313 150th St., Mechanicsville, IA. Said petition is to rezone 1.00 acre tract. There are no written or verbal objections on file.  
Moved by seconded by to approve a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to AR-1 Agricultural Recreational District for purpose of constructing a recreational cabin at 313 150th St., Mechanicsville, IA and waive second hearing.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:39 a.m., to March 19, 2024.  
Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor  
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## West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; March 18, 2024  
Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Roger Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Council members present: Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton and Nick Goodweiler. Absent: Tom Dean and Jodee Stoolman. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofeod, City Clerk Leslie Brick, Police Chief Greg Hall, Sergeant Cathy Steen, Public Works Director Matt Goodale, Parks & Recreation Director Erin Laughlin and City Attorney Kevin Olson. City Staff attending via Zoom: Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken and Library Director Jessie Schaefer.

APPROVE THE AGENDA  
Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA  
Approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 City Council meeting.

Approve the Annual Service Proposal and Contract for Whelen Outdoor Warning Sirens

Approve Claims for March 18, 2024.  
EXPENDITURES - 3/18/2024  
ALLIANT ENERGY-SERVICE TO WW BLOWER BLDG-1,069.36  
AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS-LIBRARY, POLICE-286.28  
BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-236.40  
BROWN'S WEST BRANCH-VEHICLE SERVICE-POLICE-168.71  
BROWN'S WEST BRANCH FORD-VEHICLE SERVICE-POLICE -85.83

CEDAR CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE-PATROL RESERVES-3,237.50  
CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER-RECORDING FEES-21.00  
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES-DOT/CDL QUERY-PW-30.00  
HAWKINS-CHEMICALS-3,149.97  
ICMA-ICMA 2024 MEMBERSHIP-530.40  
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS-LIFT STATION GENERATOR MAINTENANCE-2,906.84  
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY-MMPI-2 EVALUATIONS POLICE-300.00  
JOHNSON CONTROLS -FIRE MONITORING PANEL BATTERY-1,048.17  
JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR -CONTRIBUTION-LOWER CEDAR WMA-500.00  
KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-44.00  
LAUGHLIN, ROGER-GAS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT-89.52  
LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-REMOTE METER READING PROJECT-1,007.87  
LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING FEB 2024-18,129.25  
LYNCH'S PLUMBING-FAUCET REPAIR-CUBBY PARK-52.70  
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT-STREET SWEEPER PARTS-511.25  
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS OF IOWA-LAPTOP, MONITORS-DEPUTY CLERK-3,743.00  
MOPPY MO'S-CLEANING SERVICES-CITY, TH-910.00  
NOEL AUTOMOTIVE-VEHICLE BODY REPAIR-POLICE-654.38  
OLSON, KEVIN D-LEGAL SERVICES-MARCH 2024-1,500.00  
OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-2.49

PARKSIDE SERVICE-BRAKE REPAIRS-PW-848.10  
PIP PRINTING & MARKETING -WARNING PADS-POLICE-788.43  
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES-LAB ANALYSIS-802.00  
STANARD & ASSOCIATES-POLICE SELECTION TEST-62.00  
STATE HYGIENIC LAB-LAB ANALYSIS-43.50  
THE HOME DEPOT PRO-BLDG SUPPLIES-TH, CITY, PW-210.56  
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS-POWERWASHER HOSE-PW-121.20  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-AUTO METER READ PROJECT FEE-250.00  
UNIFORM DEN-UNIFORMS-POLICE-169.00  
WEST BRANCH TIMES-LEGAL PUB & PW JOB AD-656.54  
ZIPPY'S SALT BARN-FIRE BLEND ICE MELT-9,267.76  
TOTAL--53,434.01  
PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 3/15/2024  
45,599.86

PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS  
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE-LIBRARY-142.02  
PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS-BACKGROUND CHECKS-P&R-342.50  
QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES-CITY OFFICE-114.74  
WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-766.43  
AT&T MOBILITY-WIRELESS SERVICE-281.64  
SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 3/4/2024-3,876.40  
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-SUPPLIES & UNIFORM-509.92  
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-CHEMICALS-250.38  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-AUTO METER

READ SUBSCRIPTION-2,411.25  
TOTAL--8,695.28  
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 107,729.15  
FUND TOTALS  
001 GENERAL FUND-48,091.33  
022 CIVIC CENTER-389.24  
031 LIBRARY-6,241.87  
110 ROAD USE TAX-15,296.14  
112 TRUST AND AGENCY-13,448.20  
324 WW TREATMENT FACILITY-1,069.36  
600 WATER FUND-12,334.38  
610 SEWER FUND-9,900.57  
740 STORM WATER UTILITY-958.06  
GRAND FUND TOTAL--107,729.15

Motion by Sexton, second by Goodweiler to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Sexton, Goodweiler, Horihan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum  
Dawson Brick, Boy Scouts of America who is working on his Eagle Scout project addressed the Council with a proposal to construct a metal archway at the start of the Hoover Trail on East College Street. Brick said the design will match the arch at Appreciation Park and will include light globes. Brick said his goal is to raise \$2500 dollars for the project and get a corporate sponsor for the materials. Brick said he would complete the project by September 2024. Goodale added that there is currently power nearby for the College Street Bridge lights so that is not an issue to hook into. The Council agreed that the project would be a nice addition to the trail and unanimously gave their approval for Brick to proceed.  
PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2024-21 – Hiring Ryan Dorsey as a Full-Time Police Officer for the City of West Branch and setting the hourly wage for the position until completion of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. / Move to action.  
No discussion.  
Motion by Horihan, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2024-21. AYES: Horihan, Goodweiler, Sexton. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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Motion by Horihan, second by Goodweiler to approve Resolution 2024-21. AYES: Horihan, Goodweiler, Sexton. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-22. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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No discussion.  
Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-22. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-22. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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No discussion.  
Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-22. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

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Motion by Sexton, second by Horihan to approve Resolution 2024-22. AYES: Sexton, Horihan, Goodweiler. NAYS: None. Absent: Stoolman and Dean. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-22 - Entering into an Officer Training



## Gruenhagen

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designated our state as “needs improvement” and is starting in-state monitoring this fall.

Education leaders and specialists have reached out supporting reform. Parents of children whose needs are not being met have visited with the legislature asking for assistance. This shows us something needs to be done.

There are a lot of important parts of this bill to support both the students requiring special education instruction, and the teachers and staff that provide

services to them.

This bill, House File 2612, gives more control to Iowa school districts over special education, media, and education services funding.

If they like the services their AEA provides and are satisfied with the results, then they can keep their AEA.

The bill also moves oversight of the AEAs to the Iowa Department of Education to ensure compliance with both federal and state laws, works to reduce administration costs so more money is freed up for students, and increases accountability by requiring reports to the

school district on spending.

Additionally, the bill raises the minimum teacher salary in the state to \$46,251.

I want to be very clear. Nothing in this bill cuts services to students. The only goal of this bill is to improve services for students who require special education services.

We know our system needs improvement, and we always want Iowa students to have access to a great education.

I think we can all agree we want to help the students who need it, and make sure these services are helping them succeed

and preparing them for the future.

All the communication I have received on this bill is appreciated. This bill has gone through a lot of changes since the idea was first brought forward.

We have all heard from parents, school districts, AEA staff, superintendents, and more about this bill and what they liked or didn't like about it. A lot of hard work has gone into this piece of legislation, with improvement of services being the central focus.

The conversation on the final version of this bill is continuing with the House and the governor's office.

This week, I floor managed two bills: House File 2257 and House File 2262. House File 2257 allows state licensed poultry plants to perform custom-exempt and official processing at the same plant.

Under this bill, a plant's poultry products will be exempt from inspection if the articles and containers used for the products are kept separate, marked “not for sale,” and the facility is sanitary.

House File 2262 creates an exemption from money transmission licensing requirements for a person who provides payroll processing services on behalf of an employer, as long

as the employer and the payroll processor have a written agency agreement, other parties like the employees are informed of the agency arrangement, and any payment obligations are not affected if the agent fails to make a payment for any reason.

To contact Senator Gruenhagen during the week, call the Senate Switchboard at 515-281-3371. E-mail him at [kerry.gruenhagen@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:kerry.gruenhagen@legis.iowa.gov). Gruenhagen serves on the following committees: Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Technology, Workforce and Government Oversight.

## Soapbox

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now; the universe is not a perpetual-motion machine.

So, we have a finite amount of energy increasingly diluted through expansion. That indicates a universe with a finite age, whether that age is 10,000 years old or 13.8 billion (Big Bang estimate) is not so important as the beginning itself.

What else have we learned about the universe? It has three major elements: Time, space, and matter. All three had to come into existence at the same time. Because if you

have time and matter but no space, where would you put the matter? Or if you have space and matter but no time, when did you put the matter there?

And since matter cannot create itself, and neither can time create time nor space create space, then whatever or whoever created the universe had to be timeless (eternal), spaceless, and immaterial.

The universe is also incredibly complex (consider ecosystems, solar systems, the structure of the brain, etc.), incredibly powerful (gravity, natural disasters, the energy in a single star, etc.), and contains things natural pro-

cesses cannot explain (how life came from non-life, the creation of consciousness, the laws of nature, etc.). So, the creator is immensely intelligent and powerful and operates outside of nature yet upon nature.

We can also conclude that the creator is a being. To create something requires a choice, and we have no examples of inanimate objects making choices.

Even though I started this column talking about miracles and Christ's resurrection, nothing in the above explanation of the origin of the universe — my take on the Kalam

cosmological argument — quotes anything from the Bible. It's just a few scientific discoveries mixed in with reason and logic. (Just as a fun bit of trivia, science cannot prove the existence of reason and logic, even though it presupposes their existence to carry out the scientific method.)

That all said, do we know of any being that is timeless, spaceless, immaterial, intelligent, and immensely powerful? To answer that requires that we leave the realm of what science can answer and reach some conclusions based on the evidence.

There are many reli-

gions, though only some try to explain the origin of the universe. Of those, the Christian Bible is the only one that describes God with the aforementioned qualities.

So, to the local Quakers and the Methodists and the Catholics and the Lutherans — plus the smattering of Baptists and non-denominational Christians who travel outside of town on Sundays — don't interpret this column to make light of the resurrection. By all means, it's certainly infinitely more noteworthy than anything mankind has ever achieved, not to mention awe-inspiring and humbling.

God created us with free will. We screwed things up. And Jesus fixed it. And we should be nothing but grateful for Him cleaning up and offering to save us from our mess. The personal benefits available to us — if we should humbly and sincerely ask — are the greatest gift we could ever hope to receive.

Enjoy Easter Sunday wherever you may worship and know that miracle was only possible after the first miracle.

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## Kindergarten Round Up on April 5

Kindergarten Roundup and Parent Information Day will be held on April 5 at Hoover Elementary. This year will look very similar to last year as we combine the parent meeting and student round up. Families must sign up for a time slot on Friday, April 5.

There will be no kindergarten that day so the incoming kindergarteners can do activities with school staff while parents receive information. While the children experience a taste of kindergarten, parents

will participate in a presentation about what they can expect next school year.

We have limited spots on the sign up sheet so we can accommodate smaller groups during the day. The students will head to one of the kindergarten classrooms where we'll have staff working with the kids.

Parents will be in a separate kindergarten room where school staff will share a presentation regarding early kindergarten and kindergarten. Families

will also have time to ask questions and complete paperwork.

Here is the link for 2024-25 Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-up families: [forms.gle/maGtjRr2998TlTb8](https://forms.gle/maGtjRr2998TlTb8)

Please keep in mind that preschool and early kindergarten will be in session this day, but current kindergarten students will not have school on April 5. However, please bring your student with you to Round Up.

## LEGALS

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photograph and document any previous damage to existing property foundations prior to the start of the boring project which will begin later this spring. Kofeod added that these inspections are a requirement of the SRF funding for the project.

adjoinment  
Motion to adjourn by Sexton, second by Goodweiler. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk  
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## West Branch school board

Regular Board Meeting  
03/18/2024 06:00 PM  
Hoover Elementary Library  
148 N. Oliphant St.  
West Branch, IA 52358  
MEETING MINUTES

Attendees  
Voting Members  
Mr. Greg Hetrick, Board President  
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Vice President

Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member  
Ms. Lindsay Seydel, Board Member  
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member  
Non-Voting Members  
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent  
Mrs. Sara Oswald, High School Principal  
Mr. Brian Walthart, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Dave Hlas, Elementary School Principal  
Ms. Lisa Moore, WBELC Director  
Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary  
Gregory Norfleet, Jeni Olson, Kristin McElhinney

1. Call to Order/Calendar Hearing  
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
2. Vision, Mission & Destination Statements  
Board Member Sexton read the statements.

3. Approval of Agenda  
Motion to approve the agenda.  
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

A. Presentation of Calendar – Dr. Jimmerson presented the 2024-2025 school calendar to the Board.  
B. Public/Board Comments – none.  
C. 2024-2025 Calendar  
Motion to approve the 2024-2025 calendar as presented.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

4. Call to Order/Public Forum (Regular Board Meeting)  
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.  
5. Approval of Agenda  
Motion to approve the agenda.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

6. Computer Science Presentation  
Mrs. Kristin McElhinney and Mrs. Jeni Olson attended the meeting to give the Board an update on computer science, what teachers are instructing and what equipment/materials students at West Branch are currently learning with.

7. Honors, Commendations and Success Stories – several success stories were shared.

8. Consent Items

Motion to approve the consent items consisting of February meeting minutes, monthly financial reports and March bills.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

9. Administrative Reports  
The Administrators gave their respective reports. Dr. Jimmerson updated the Board on the new budget process and timeline as well as a facility update.  
10. Personnel Items  
A. Contracts  
Motion to approve the contracts for Stacie Dale, 6th Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher, Kara Betts, MS/HS ELA/Journalism Teacher, Kathryn Dix, HS Science (Biology/Earth Science) Teacher.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Letters of Assignment  
Motion to approve the Letters of Assignment for Bethany Esmoil, Full-time childcare  
Kaysia Hayes, Full-time childcare, Megan Hoffman, Full-time childcare.  
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
C. Resignations  
Motion to approve the Resignations for Tara Opiola, MS Science Teacher and Rebecca Knoche, Early Learning Center.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
11. High School Program of Studies 2024-2025  
Motion to approve the High School Program of Studies for 2024-2025.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
12. Board Policy Review  
Motion to approve the second readings of Policy 504.08.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Motion seconded by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel

Voting: Unanimously Approved  
13. Board Policy Updates  
Motion to approve the second reading for Board Policies 502.04, 606.03, 606.03R1, 606.04, 606.04R1, 713 (formerly numbered as 401.13), 713R1, 801.01, 801.02, 801.03, 801.06, 801.07, 802.07.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
14. 2024 Graduation List  
Motion to approve the list of students, provided they have completed the necessary requirements, to graduate and receive a 2024 West Branch Community School District diploma.  
Motion made by: Ms. Lindsay Seydel  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Pete Swisher  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
15. E-Rate Vendor Bids for Internet and Campus-to-Campus WAN  
Motion to approve ISP and WAN bids from Liberty Communications.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
16. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
Chairperson  
Secretary  
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Ms. Lindsay Seydel, Board Member  
Mr. Pete Swisher, Board Member  
Non-Voting Members  
Dr. Marty Jimmerson, Superintendent  
Mrs. Angie Klunkammer, School Business Official/Board Secretary  
Gregory Norfleet, Mary Buol, Amanda Key

## West Branch school board

Special Board Meeting  
03/18/2024 05:30 PM  
Hoover Elementary Library  
148 N. Oliphant St.  
West Branch, IA 52358  
MEETING MINUTES  
Attendees  
Voting Members  
Mr. Greg Hetrick, Board President  
Mrs. Amanda Whaley, Board Vice President  
Mrs. Julie Sexton, Board Member

1. Call to Order  
Board President Hetrick called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.  
2. Negotiations Opening Proposal  
The West Branch Education Association and The West Branch Board of Education each presented their opening proposals for bargaining.  
3. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.  
Motion made by: Mrs. Amanda Whaley  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Julie Sexton  
Voting: Unanimously Approved  
Chairperson  
Secretary  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed WEST BRANCH School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Location of Public Hearing: Hoover Elementary Library | Date of Hearing: 04/08/2024 | Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 24/25 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2025	Re-est. 2024	Actual 2023	Avg % 23-25
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,903,975	6,284,241	6,244,568 % 5.1
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	79,996	83,012	87,073 % -4.1
Income Surtaxes	3	120,066	133,496	122,999 % -1.2
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	1,077,264	1,047,003	1,023,361
Earnings on Investments	5	101,721	239,479	95,988
Nutrition Program Sales	6	184,492	182,784	180,083
Student Activities and Sales	7	441,966	441,530	435,312
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	1,000,219	996,044	104,471
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid	10	5,225,176	5,354,707	4,862,114
Instructional Support State Aid	11	16,461	0	0
Other State Sources	12	1,006,789	1,003,689	972,198
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	0	0	1,916
Title I Grants	14	61,013	61,013	61,013
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	320,500	317,535	463,470
Total Revenues	16	16,539,638	16,144,533	14,654,566
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0
Transfers In	18	507,427	499,928	492,540
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	17,047,065	16,644,461	15,147,106
Beginning Fund Balance	22	2,730,765	3,423,726	4,548,474
<b>Total Resources</b>	23	19,777,830	20,068,187	19,695,580
<b>*Instruction</b>	24	8,335,034	7,699,185	7,673,389 % 4.2
Student Support Services	25	482,876	326,614	325,457
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	759,872	702,573	663,744
General Administration	27	608,877	479,308	462,334
School Administration	28	749,154	694,710	660,991
Business & Central Administration	29	291,749	246,631	236,769
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,309,556	1,200,568	1,091,170
Student Transportation	31	629,356	486,728	463,003
<b>*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)</b>	31A	4,831,440	4,137,132	3,903,468 % 11.3
<b>*Noninstructional Programs</b>	32	1,416,732	1,290,574	393,911 % 89.6
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	1,283,425	1,536,648	1,660,451
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,811,701	1,784,927	1,780,134
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	426,321	386,565	367,961
<b>*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)</b>	35A	3,521,447	3,708,140	3,808,546 % -3.8
Total Expenditures	36	18,104,653	16,835,031	15,779,314
Transfers Out	37	507,427	502,391	492,540
Other Uses	38	0	0	0
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	18,612,080	17,337,422	16,271,854
Ending Fund Balance	40	1,165,750	2,730,765	3,423,726
<b>Total Requirements</b>	41	19,777,830	20,068,187	19,695,580
<b>Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)</b>		15.00201		