

### **Executive Session**

*Ohio Sunshine Law requires that all acts and deliberations of boards of education be conducted in public.*

*The exception is called **executive session** where board members confer privately. No action of any kind can be taken during executive session.*

*Topics which may be discussed include: personnel matters, purchase of property for public purposed, pending or imminent court action, negotiation with employees, matters to be kept confidential by federal or state statutes, and specialized details of security arrangements.*

### **School Fight Song** **“On Blanchester”**

On Blanchester, On Blanchester,  
Plunge into this game,  
Run the ball clear down the field  
for a touchdown to our name.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
On Blanchester, On Blanchester,  
Fight for our new fame,  
Fight, fellows fight and we will win this game.  
Go, go, go, go, go!  
Fight, fight, fight, fight, fight!  
Win, win, win, win, win!  
GO! FIGHT!! WIN!!!

### **Blanchester High School Alma Mater** **“For the Love of Old Blanchester”**

For the love of old Blanchester - Seen now shining in mine eyes  
Wherein she will stay forever - All our memories crystallized  
Happy days within thy shadow - Friends and comrades we have won  
Still thy sons and daughters love thee - For the things that you have done

# **Blanchester Board of Education**

## **Welcomes**

# **You**

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***“HOME OF THE WILDCATS”***

## **Welcome to the Blanchester School Board Meeting**

*Regular Board of Education meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Changes in meeting dates or locations will be announced in the newspaper*

## **Duties of a Board Member**

*The Board of Education is primarily the legislative body of the school district. In its role as policy maker the board...  
...interprets needs, adopts policies, provide personnel to carry out policies, approve activities, techniques and the ways and means for providing financing for adopted policies.*

## **How the Meeting is Run**

*The purpose of School Board meetings is for the Board of Education to conduct school business in a public setting. Direct participation by the public is not required by law.*

*However, the Board welcomes input from the community when it can assist the board in dealing with matters that are before it, within the limited time available. Board members may ask questions for clarification or an explanation of the facts. They may (or may not) wish to discuss the issues, debate or share opinions and ideas.*

*If the public wishes to have discussions with the Board they shall request the matter in writing to the Superintendent to meet in executive session. Written requests are expected to be specific in terms of the action desired.*

*The Board President will run the meeting according to a modified form of Roberts Rules of Order.*

*Superintendent or Treasurer, acting as advisors to the Board, will introduce or give explanation of agenda items.*

## **Public Input**

*The Board of Education may set aside time during each meeting to recognize the public.*

*If several individual wish to speak, each person is allowed five (5) minutes until the total thirty (30) minutes is used. Persons desiring more time must make a written request to the Superintendent with topic and specifics in terms of action desired. Board members are not required to respond to questions but may do so at their discretion.*

*Topics shall be of general concern. Speakers shall refrain from any personal remarks which might be slanderous or construed to imply the defamation of another person's character or the invasion of the individual's rights under law.*

## **How to Handle Issues**

*If you have an idea, suggestion or concern, first take it directly to the person most involved. If that person cannot help with the matter, then take your issue to the administrator in charge of that building. If the administrator is unable to address the issue to your satisfaction or if it is a question concerning the school district, contact the superintendent.*

*Finally, if the issue is not addressed satisfactorily by the superintendent, it should be brought to the Board of Education. Questions and comments submitted to the Board President in letter form will be brought to the attention of the entire board.*

*Not all issues related specifically relate to the school buildings. Busing questions are addressed by the Transportation Supervisor; Special Education questions are addressed by the Special Education Supervisor; the Cafeteria Manager deals with cafeterias and food services; Building and Grounds Supervisor takes care of matters dealing with buildings and grounds and the Technology Coordinator deals with all technology related matters.*