

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
April 24, 2023

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#37-23 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2023 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She noted the District is still on track for the year. Mrs. Buenger explained the contract with Julian & Grube is an increase from \$4,500 per year to \$5,200 per year.

#38-23 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- Cash Summary Report
- Disbursement Summary Report
- Investment Report
- Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following donation:

Davis Farm Services Fertilizer & crabgrass preventer for HS Baseball Diamond \$303.00

Approve Julian & Grube to prepare the District's GAAP and GASB financial statements for FY23, FY24 and FY25 at a three-year engagement cost of \$5,200.00 per year.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter,
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl provided an update for the Elementary. She announced the 2022-23 Amazing Shake winner is Declan Bailey. Third grade testing for math will be on May 2nd and 4th. Fourth grade math testing will be on May 3rd and 5th. Ms. Postl also informed the Board the kindergarten screening clinics will be held on April 27th and 28th. Any student who turns five before August 1, 2023 is eligible for kindergarten. Ms. Postl highlighted the recent PTO coffee fundraiser, which raised \$4,090.53. Lastly, she talked about how the KinderStart class celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the playground.

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Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update for the Middle School. Mr. Storrer congratulated Raleigh Aschemeier who competed in the Ohio Regional Geography Bee and placed 3rd. He qualified for the opportunity to compete at the National Geography Bee in Washington D.C. Mr. Storrer also noted the middle school held the third quarter award assembly. In conjunction with the fundraiser for Relay for Life, High School Teacher Mrs. Underwood shared her experience with being a cancer survivor. During the assembly, students also competed in various competitions organized by the student council. Lastly, Mr. Storrer recognized the first 'Teammates of the Week' sponsored by the high school leadership class: Drew Silveus and Laney Hammontree.

High School

Mr. Radwan highlighted events and activities in the High School, including academics, arts and athletics. He announced the Senior Awards will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. Graduation is on Sunday, May 28th at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Radwan also noted there was a Four County Career Center lab tour on April 12th. The high school also continues with state testing through the beginning of May.

Mr. Radwan congratulated Mrs. Kester and the entire cast for the successful production of Footloose. He also acknowledged the art students who have been busy working on community projects.

Lastly, Mr. Radwan congratulated the student athletes being recognized at the board meeting and wished all spring sport athletes continued success this season.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman reported he is planning an all-sports coaching summit this summer on July 23rd. He has speakers coming in to talk with the coaches about leadership, culture, team goals and practice planning. Currently, 40 coaches are scheduled to attend.

On May 3rd, the athletic department is hosting physicals from 12:30 until the end of the day. This will allow all student athletes the opportunity to complete their physical for next school year. The Athletic Boosters are going to pay for the physicals, which are being performed by the Henry County Hospital. The hospital is then going to donate the money to the athletic department. There are over 100 students currently signed up to get their physical.

Mr. Pohlman noted the success of the spring sport teams. Baseball is 8-5 overall and 3-1 in the league, in which they are 2nd place. Softball is 11-3 overall and 4-0 in the league. They have a big league game on Thursday against Bryan. The track teams both completed well at the Liberty Center Invitational, with the girls placing 1st and the boys 2nd.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters thanked Cindy Oberhaus and Candy Babcoack for their years of dedication to the students at Liberty Center. Cindy has been an educational aide at Liberty Center for nine years and Candy has worked in the lunchroom for 21 years.

Mr. Peters highlighted the approval of the 85 graduates of the Class of 2023.

Mr. Peters congratulated the new hires. Ms. Postl introduced MacKenzie Arme, Elementary Intervention Specialist/Title Teacher and Mr. Storrer introduced Jessica Lang, Middle School Science Teacher.

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#39-23 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve offering student accident insurance for the 2023-24 school year from Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, Glenview, Illinois, through Frost Insurance Agency in Napoleon, Ohio.

Approve the NwoESC Mentor Program Agreement for the 2023-24 school year.

Approve the contract renewal for the (free) Basic Educational Technology Membership in NWOET for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Approve the 2023 graduating Seniors from Liberty Center High School, contingent upon successful completion of graduation requirements established by the State Department of Education and the Liberty Center Board of Education.

Approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement for Early Childhood/Paraprofessional Education Program with Northwest State Community College.

Approve FFA students and teachers to attend an overnight trip to FFA Camp Muskingum from June 5-9, 2023.

Commend the following state qualifying wrestlers:

Xander Myers
Owen Box
Braedyn Tammarine
Jackson Bartels
Drew Matthews
Alexus Shaneyfelt

Commend Joy Brown for competing at State in diving.

Commend Calla Oelkrug for competing in the State gymnastics meet.

Commend Eme Gray for earning All State in Girls Basketball.

Commend the Boys Bowling Team for competing at State:

Cody McDougale
Wes Wilhelm
Landon Amstutz
Jacob Sexton
Alan Blair
Joey Wymer
Stone Roth

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

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#40-23 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to board approve the Superintendent's Personnel Agenda items as follows:

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2022-23 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Approve the following volunteer van drivers for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings:

Chad Ball
Jon Mignin

Accept the retirement resignation of Cindy Oberhaus, Educational Aide, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Accept the retirement resignation of Candy Babcock, Lunchroom Aide, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101, retroactively approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license:

Lucy Jones
Sam Krasula
Kylie Myers
Ashley Rall
Gavin Ritter
Micah Weirich

Non-renew all 2022-23 Supplemental Contracts as of June 30, 2023.

Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2023-24 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

One Year Contract
Regina Babcock
Dylan Bush
Carrie Cowger

Two Year Contract
Chelsey Kester
Lynn Leatherman
Susan Lee
Mackenzie Mahnke

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Three Year Contract

Michelle Bailey
Lauren Carl
Jessica Keller

Continuing Contract

Lori Giesige
Luke Hutchinson
Tracy Krueger
Annette Niekamp
Amber Pingle
Carey Pogan
Stephanie Sager

Offer the following contracts to non-certified staff beginning with the 2023-24 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

Two Year Contract

Kennedy Hall – Educational Aide
Katelyn Konrad – Bus Driver
Michelle Gowing – Lunchroom Aide

Offer Laura Myers a three-year contract as a bus driver beginning September 4, 2023 through September 3, 2026. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the addendum to the Employment Contract for Pat Parcher, extending the term through July 31, 2024.

Offer Sheri Stacey a five-year, 210 day contract, with salary and benefits, as the Transportation Supervisor, beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2028.

Offer Dustin Mays a two-year, 260 day contract, with salary and benefits, as Network Assistant, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

Offer Amanda Voss a five-year, 210 contract, with salary and benefits, as the School Psychologist, beginning August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2028.

Offer DeeAnn Shafer a one-year contract as Athletic Secretary for a minimum of 125 days, and up to a maximum of 150 days, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer MacKenzie Arme y a one-year probationary contract as a Classroom Teacher (Elementary Intervention Specialist/Elementary Title), effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending confirmation of certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

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Offer Jessica Lang a one-year probationary contract as a Classroom Teacher (Middle School Science), effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending confirmation of certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter
Abstain: Mrs. Zacharias
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#41-23 Resolution to Initiate

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adopt the Resolution to Initiate the retire/rehire process of Donna Eickholt.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Mr. Pohlman introduced and recognized the winter sport athletes.

New Business

The next Board meeting is May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Retire/Rehire Public Hearing for Donna Eickholt: June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Board Meeting.

The last Senior Citizen Breakfast of the school year is Thursday, April 27th at 8:30.

#42-23 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the District.

Mr. Peters and Mrs. Buenger left Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mr. Spangler, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#43-23 Adjournment


It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the April 24, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:42 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

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President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger

