

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 25, 2023

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 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.

Ms. Postl, Elementary Principal, presented information on the 2023-24 grants. The District is receiving \$134,212.72 in Title I funding, which will be used for intervention resources, dyslexia resources and training, and Title I teacher salary and benefits. The Title II funding of \$15,817.74 is being used for a portion of a kindergarten teacher’s salary and benefits. The District is receiving \$11,624.50 in Title IV funding. It will be used for supplies for gifted instruction, supplies for PBIS, professional development, and a portion of the gifted teacher salary. The IDEA-B funding totals \$233,082.82 for the 2023-24 school year. These funds will be used for a portion of three special education teachers’ salaries and benefits. \$44,934.45 is being received for the Title I Neglected grant. The Title I Neglected grant will be used at the LEC for after school programs, supplies, software and professional development for PBIS.

Mrs. Jimenez, Director of Student Services, presented information on the state report card. The District received a 4.5/5 rating for the 2022-23 school year. There are five components to the state report card: Achievement, Gap Closing, Progress, Early Literacy and Graduation. Liberty Center Schools received the following scores:

<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Gap Closing</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Early Literacy</u>
District: 4	District: 5	District: 3	Elementary/District: 3
High School: 4	High School: 4	High School: 2	
Middle School: 5	Middle School: 5	Middle School: 4	<u>Graduation</u>
Elementary: 5	Elementary: 5	Elementary: 3	High School/District: 5

Mr. Pohlman, Athletic Director, presented information on updates at the spring sports complex. The updates include resurfacing the track, the addition of a second discus ring, baseball scoreboard, softball scoreboard and a new baseball batter’s eye. The cost of the projects total approximately \$250,000.00. The funding for the updates at the spring sports complex will come from a few sources. The State recently closed out the OFCC K-12 building project. The district received \$315,000 from the leftover portion of the state’s funds, which can only be used for permanent improvement projects. A portion of these leftover funds will be used for the projects at the spring sports complex, in addition to a very generous donation from the Athletic Boosters.

Mr. Armey, Athletic Booster President, presented on a donation to the school for the updates at the spring sports complex. The Athletic Boosters donated \$60,000.00 towards the project.

#74-23 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 28, 2023 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

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Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She thanked the very generous donors. She noted the Leadership and Community Engagement Class uses the funds for field trips and educational experiences. Mrs. Buenger also explained the FY24 Permanent Appropriations, which total \$22,745,361.18, which is approximately 1% less than last year. The General Fund for FY24 is \$17,869,940.87, which is \$36,873.00 more than last year. The main reason the total appropriations are less for FY24 is due to the completion of the projects at the football stadium, athletic building and varsity gymnasium.

#75-23 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias 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

Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	Football Moms Raffle	\$3,015.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Spring Sports Complex	\$60,000.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Boys and Girls Soccer Kick for a Cure - Make-a-Wish Donation	\$376.00
Matthew Orr	Leadership Class	\$100.00
K Kern Painting	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Wildcat Nutrition & Fitness Center	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Northwest Capital Financial Group	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Randy Mastin Septic Tank Inc.	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Swanton Welding	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Lauf and Meents	Leadership Class	\$50.00
The Gerken Companies	Leadership Class	\$100.00
George's Furniture	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Gerald Grain Center	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Rodenberger-Gray	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Civista Bank	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Wooden Dream Homes	Leadership Class	\$100.00
KDS Trucking	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Ohio Asphalt Paving	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Farmers and Merchants State Bank	Leadership Class	\$25.00
Holgate Metal Fab	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Davis Farm Services	Leadership Class	\$100.00
CS Coated and CS Customs	Leadership Class	\$300.00
Henry County Hospital	Leadership Class	\$100.00
American Freedom Energy	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Saul Insurance Agency	Leadership Class	\$100.00

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Pisanello's Pizza	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Meyer Badenhop Insurance	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Automatic Feed Company	Leadership Class	\$100.00
Select Sanitation	Leadership Class	\$100.00

Declare transportation to be impractical for three parochial students, who will be attending Monclova Christian Academy, and offer these students payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2023-24.

Approve the following student activity budget for the 2023-24 school year:

Class of 2028

Approve the FY24 Permanent Appropriations as presented.

Approve the FY24 Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Modifications:

Appropriation Modifications

451 9501	ONENet Connectivity Funding	\$138.30
499 9120	K-12 Prevention Education ADAMhs Board	\$2,091.00
006 9023	Food Items – Supply Chain Funds	\$30,681.95
200 967I	Class of 2028	\$2,000.00
001 9415	Spring Sports Complex	\$60,000.00

Amended Certificate Modifications

451 9501	ONENet Connectivity Funding	\$138.30
001 9415	Spring Sports Complex	\$60,000.00

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary School

Ms. Postl provided an update on the Elementary. There was a meeting for third grade parents this evening to review new routines and procedures, expectations, and answer any questions about state testing. The fall state testing will take place October 24th and 26th. Ms. Postl also informed the Board the elementary benchmark testing is almost complete for the building, with only make-up testing remaining. Lastly, Ms. Postl announced Amazing Shake has started for the school year. There are 44 third graders and 42 fourth graders participating in the program. This year's program also includes new participation requirements, including school attendance and student behavior.

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Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update on the Middle School. LCMS was rated a 5-star for the 2022-23 school year. There were only two other middle schools in the four-county area to receive this rating. Mr. Storrer congratulated and thanked the middle school students and staff for their work to achieve this distinguished rating.

Mr. Storrer also informed the Board the sixth-grade class recently held their annual walk-a-thon. The event was held at the football field this year due to the resurfacing of the track. Lastly, Mr. Storrer announced this is the last week of the sock fundraiser. All of the proceeds will support the building initiatives and help create a more supportive environment for students and staff.

High School

Mr. Radwan updated the Board on academics, fine arts and athletics in the High School. LCHS received a score of 4/5 stars on the state report card. He thanked the students and staff for their work in achieving this score. Mr. Radwan also noted there are 98 students currently signed up for the Drug Free Club, the Leadership Class is assisting with Amazing Shake, and Senior Four County student Gavin Podach won the Ohio State Fair welding competition. He thanked everyone who assisted with the Yellow Ribbon fundraiser at the LC vs Archbold football game. \$1,811.00 was raised for suicide prevention. Mr. Radwan also shared Homecoming information with the Board. The court includes: Queen – Lilah Krueger, Senior Attendant – Allison Culler, Junior Attendant – Madeline Bailey, Sophomore Attendant – Quinn Bailey, and Freshman Attendant – Colbie Strayer. The Homecoming game is Friday against Patrick Henry and the dance will be on Saturday from 7-10 p.m.

Mr. Radwan informed the Board there are 38 students enrolled in choir and 36 students enrolled in band. The choir will be singing the National Anthem on Friday for the Homecoming game. The Art Club will be painting a mural at Tenneco for their 50th anniversary. Lastly, Mr. Radwan congratulated all fall sports teams and athletes on the successful start of their season.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman reported on the happenings in the athletic department. He highlighted the Liberty Center Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, which was held on September 1st and 2nd. The new area in the lobby dedicated to the hall of fame was unveiled. The banquet was held in the Auditoria and emceed by Dave Kleck.

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on the fall sports season:

Volleyball: 13-1 (4-0 NWOAL)	Boys Soccer: 2-9 (1-3 NWOAL)
Girls Soccer: 4-5 (0-3 NWOAL)	Football: 6-0 (3-0 NWOAL)
Girls Cross Country: 3 rd at LC Extravaganza in D1/2 Race	
Boys Cross Country: 14 th Placed at LC Extravaganza but many had PRs	
Golf: Competed in NWOAL Tournament last week and will compete in Sectionals this week	

Mr. Pohlman highlighted the LC Extravaganza held at Leaders Farms on Saturday, September 23rd. It was the largest event to date, with a total of 1,644 runners between the six races. There was also an elementary fun run. Mr. Pohlman thanked all of the volunteers and workers, as well as Leaders Farms for hosting the event.

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters thanked all of the students and staff for achieving a 4.5/5 stars on the state report card. He noted that while this is just a small glimpse of what happens at school, everyone should be very proud of this accomplishment.

#76-23 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Retroactively ratify the Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement with ENGIE Resources LLC through Power4Schools (P4S) as presented.

Retroactively approve membership in HPS (Hospital Purchasing Service), at a cost of \$1,787.25 for the period of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

Approve the updated Liberty Center School District Emergency Operations Plan as submitted to the Ohio School Safety Center.

Approve an overnight trip for FFA students and teachers to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from November 2-4, 2023.

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

#77-23 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2023-24 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license:

Sarah Millikan

Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective building Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

High School
Diane Mott: Co-Chair
Katherine Bell
Megan Kolasinski
Casey Mohler
Jeff Ressler
Amy Spieth

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Rescind the appointment of Mary Chamberlin to the Elementary Building Leadership Team (BLT) for the 2023-24 school year.

Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective Building Leadership Team (BLT) for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Elementary

Meggin Radlinski: Co-Chair
Traci Chapman

Middle School

Cassie Hartzell

High School

Kathy Bailey

Approve the following individual to serve on the District Leadership Team (DLT) for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Meggin Radlinski: BLT Chair

Approve retroactively advancing Kaitlyn Yungmann, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's salary schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Approve the following individuals as substitutes for the department listed for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Stacey Dietrich – Lunchroom
Bernadette Meyer – Lunchroom

Offer Josh Williams a one-year probationary contract as a Bus Driver. The effective date is pending completion of all necessary paperwork, training and certification. He will start at Step 0 on the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the following classroom volunteers for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork:

Rachel Amstutz	Jenna Andrews	Hayley Babcock
Logan Balog-Kwapich	Katie Black	Hope Carroll
Sharon Cocke	Joetta Creps	Austin Curtis
Catina Davis	Kelly Dotson	Kim Foote
Carl Gault	Emily Gerken	Robin Griffith
Dana Holt	Kaylie Johnson	Jillian Kabwata
Drew Keefer	Jessica Keene	Jody Kolbe White
Katelyn Konrad	Natalie Long	Emily Lumbardo
Kate Mohler	Marlea Myles	Jenny Perry

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Diane Phelps
Qwynn Rowland
Katie Steele
Stephanie Williams

Alisha Pieracini
Meagan Spicer
Bailey Tejkl
Ashley Yarnell

Stephanie Pier
Angie Spiess
Kristin Weber

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

#78-23 Resolution to Make Provisional Changes to Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines and Forms to Comply with HB33

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve the Resolution to Make Provisional Changes to Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines and Forms to Comply with HB33.

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

New Business

The first Senior Citizen Breakfast of the school year is Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria.

The Policy Committee will be meeting on October 16, 2023.

The next Board meeting is October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#79-23 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the District.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

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


#80-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the September 25, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:26 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger