

LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 9, 2024 @ 9:30am

WELCOME by DAC Chairperson, *Becky Shuler*

ATTENDANCE

- Supt. Kyle Peddie
- Asst. Supt. Jeff Sewell
- Mandie Fowler
- Grant Conyers
- Tim Davis
- Becky Shuler
- Jessie Bennett
- Danielle Summers
- Tammy Pullam
- Ricky Sansom
- Beth Brown
- Lynn Guthrie
- Chesnee Layne
- Jessica Clark
- Kaylee Conley
- Jessica Peddie
- Sharon Austin
- Tessa Byler
- Melissa Kincaid
- Lindsey White
- Teala Wilson
- Amelia Burke
- Gavin Jerkins
- Harper Holt
- Ashdon Tranquille
- Ely McCoy
- Jacob Arnold

APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING –March 28, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes by Tim Davis. Seconded by Ricky Sansom. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- *Report given by Superintendent Kyle Peddie*

1. We have had a great start to the 24-25 school year. All positions have been filled other than non-instructional vacancies. Having all instructional positions filled is a big accomplishment and I'm thankful to our District and School Administration for working hard to secure those positions.
2. Next Monday, October 14 is a holiday, and Tuesday, October 15 is a professional development day for staff. No school for students those two days. Some LCHS students will be working on Homecoming activities on these days. Liberty

Correctional Institution will have inmate work crews at Hosford and Tolr only on those two days. No students will be on those campuses while inmates are doing yard work. Very special thanks to LCI Warden Walt Summers for making this happen for us.

3. We are planning a Veterans Day Program for our students at LCHS on Friday, November 8th followed by a meal for our veterans. This is tentative as we meet to plan today at 3pm. NO SCHOOL on Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th.
4. The Hosford Historical Committee will be meeting at Hosford School on Monday, October 21st at 5pm in the old Hosford School Auditorium. We will discuss application for historical monies (Legislative Appropriation) to supplement insurance proceed to fix the old admin building roof and chimneys. We will also discuss the gym floor. Members of that committee are Jill Davis, James Torpe, Ken Hosford, Sundae McMillan, Jason Singletary (replacing me as School Board Member), Joseph Shuler (replacing his dad, Joe), Stephanie Davis (replacing Jessie Bennett), and myself (replacing David Summers).
5. Softball Field Update – Per Kyle Rogers with Culpepper: Half of the Lockers arrived yesterday; the other half today. Waiting for pricing from Culpepper on the Bleacher Upgrade. They now have the design from the CRA architects.
6. Football fieldhouse update - Per Kyle Rogers with Culpepper: Waiting on FPL on the direction of 3 Phase vs 1 phase and the transformer location. Once that is done, they move forward on HVAC and Electrical.
7. Very thankful to Chuck and George Roberts with Culpepper and Roberts/Roberts for the awesome paved road through our athletic facilities at LCHS. We are forever GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL!! It's beautiful!
8. The month of September was full of screen shot disruptions to schools all over the country. Liberty County was not immune. We take all threats very seriously and vet each one with law enforcement. We have an active Guardian Program at ALL school sites to further support our SROs at the schools. We currently have 11 armed and trained Guardians in our schools.
9. Organizational/ Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 9am. We will have Jodi Bailey and Mason Kever (replacing the retiring James Flowers) sworn in as School Board Members and I will be sworn in as Superintendent. Would love everyone to join us!

NEW BUSINESS:

School Reports:

Pre-K-Report given by Chesnee Layne

DAC PreK Representors are Amilia Burke from Hosford and Lindsey White from Bristol.

Bristol Pre K Moved to the District office this year.

Currently we have 68 students district wide.

Liberty County Prek Shared the top 5 in state for Kg. Readiness for last year.

Liberty County High School – Report given by Tim Davis

Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

Football

The Bulldogs are 0-3 going into their home game Friday night in Franklin. We will celebrate our senior players, band-members, and ROTC cadets before the game!

We continue to keep Port St. Joe in our prayers. Our team and cheerleaders joined other area football teams in St. Joe on Tuesday to support the Gainer family and teammates.

Volleyball

The girls continue their undefeated season tonight at Aucilla Christian.

Cross Country

Cross Country had their first 2 regular season meets in PC and Blountstown. There is an away meet this Saturday in Wakulla.

Academics

PIP and SIP

PIP-Copies of brochure on request

SIP-Our two areas of improvement again this year are 1) attendance and 2) Mathematics. ELA improved from 51 to 57%. Math proficiency dropped from 47% to 39%. Seat time continues to improve each year, while graduation rate took a hit but we anticipate this to be back up.

2023-24 Enrollment

9th grade-103

10th grade-96

11th grade-76

12th grade-80

355 total enrollment

Testing

ELA Re-takes are taking place this week and Algebra 1 next Tuesday. Write-Score is Sept. 25th. The CLT was given yesterday to 3 students. This is a new test that can give the students their concordance scores for graduation requirements.

PSAT on Oct. 10th SAT on Oct. 22nd ACT on Oct. 24th.

Chipola Senior Day Oct. 29th

Progress Monitoring

PM1 was given a couple weeks ago and about 64% of the students made either a 1 or 2 on the 9th and 10th ELA. This gives us plenty of area for growth as we continue to prepare for PM2 and PM3.

Hosford- Report giving by ***Danielle Summers***

- Review School Improvement Plan
- Volleyball team came in 2nd place in the Panhandle Conference
- Boys' Basketball tryouts were this week. We are currently looking for a coach for the girls.
- One of our current 5th grade students was recognized by the school board for having a perfect score on the FAST Math assessment last spring.
- We are planning for Beta Club inductions after the end of the first quarter.

Tolar-Report giving by ***Jessie Bennett***

- *Wrestling fundraiser with the Guardians' Legacy*
- *Football started and ended*
- *Volleyball team won the Panhandle Conference*
- *Basketball is starting up*
- *Award's Day is on October 22*
- *Data chats are being scheduled*
- *Thanksgiving lunch is on November 21*
- *Storybook Christmas on December 5*

Student Concerns –

Gavin Jerkins LCHS student commented that the High School was doing pretty good.

Ashdon Tranquille, Tolar Student commented Things are good, but he has noticed some bullying going on. Not sure if they are just playing or if they mean it.

Ely McCoy commented that things are good in Hosford, but I'm not a fan of the dress code about leggings.

Parent Concerns - None

Amelia Burke asked about sending a monthly or weekly summary home that they are work on.

Grant Conyers recognized Ashton Tranquille for his leadership skills and taking time with the younger football players on his team.

Mr. Peddie addressed the bullying issue. If you know of any bullying going on report it to your school leaders. Mr. Jeff added that you can report it on the website. Which is received immediately. Mr. Sansom added that we take each report very seriously and investigate each one.

Mrs. Kincaid had a question about funding and enrollment. She recognized that we are down about 36 students. Why did these students leave? Is there something the district can improve on?

Mr. Peddie said that it is because of the availability of the PEP Scholarship program. If a parent wants to homeschool their child, he is all for it. But it does cut in to our funding.

District Reports:

Food Service- Stacie Fant Out

ESE, ELL Director- Lara Deason Out

Progress of Grants:

- **IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) K-12 and Pre-K Grants** provides partial funding for related services for students with disabilities, the salaries of ESE staffing specialists, and support materials for students with disabilities. In addition, a proportionate share of these funds goes to the local private school to provide ESE services to their students with disabilities.
- The district serves approximately 255 students with disabilities.
- **Mental Health Allocation** provides funding for the salary of the District Licensed Mental Health Counselor/Coordinator, funds to pay for behavioral and psychological services and other supports and curriculum for mental health services. The district also utilizes outside agencies to provide counseling services to our students.
- The district purchased Navigate 360/Compass Curriculum with a portion of the mental health funds. This is an online curriculum aligned to Florida Standards for required instruction and research based. The lessons included are grade level specific and cover character, resiliency, and prevention education to students to help them develop valuable life skills. Grade specific lesson topics and other information about this program are posted on the district website and will also be sent home for parents to review.
- **Jennifer Kever is our District Licensed Mental Health Counselor/Coordinator.** She can be contacted for more information about the Navigate 360/Compass Curriculum and if teachers, parents, guardians need to make a student referral or need information about mental health services and support available.
- The **Youth Mental Health First Aide Grant** provides funding for districts to provide all staff with the Youth Mental Health First Aide course (which covers suicide prevention) and related cost to support the teaching of this course. The course is a statutorily required course for school personnel.
- The district will be participating in the **Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program** again this year. This is a non-profit that provides free comprehensive eye examinations and glasses (if needed) for students in Florida. In order for a student to participate in the program parents/guardians must apply online at www.floridaheiken.org. If a student participated last year, they still need to reapply to participate this year. Informational flyers in English and Spanish are available for those interested. More information will be sent home directly to parents soon.

Technology- Lynn Guthrie

Technology Projects

- Laptop Refresh
 - LCHS – 337
 - Hosford –

- Network Upgrade at Tolar - 17 Aruba switches will be added to the network at Tolar soon. Funding was acquired through E-Rate.
- Title III Forestry Funds – Advertisement below. We are required to advertise for 45 days for public comment and then we can purchase those items with the \$25,564.86.

Notice of Intent - Title III Forestry Funds

This serves as notification for spending of funds for P.L. 117-58 (4) to provide safe connectivity district-wide necessary for students to use digital learning tools.

- Aruba Central licenses (54)
- FortiGate Firewall and Cloud Logging Service
- Orion 2000VA Line Interactive UPS (7)

School Safety- Report given by Ricky Sansom

024 Safety upgrades

- Installed signal amplifiers at LCHS.
- Installed signal amplifiers at WR Tolar.
- Installed electronic gate at rear entrance of Hosford.
- Installed electronic gate at student parking entrance at LCHS.
- Completed digital mapping of all schools.
- Purchased two-way radios for Hosford.
- Visually marked all safe areas in all schools.
- Added additional guardians.

2024-2025 Upcoming Safety Projects

- Install additional fencing at Hosford.
- Install additional fencing at WR Tolar.
- Repair electronic gates at WR Tolar.
- Purchase two-way radios for WR Tolar and LCHS.

Continued rounds and inspections are being conducted at all schools and I am very proud to announce that everyone is doing a great job on keeping their doors and areas secured and locked. I feel very good about our schools and look forward to improvements in the future.

Office of Safe Schools visited all schools to conduct a safety inspection and I am pleased to announce that everyone did a great job and the inspection went very well.

Curriculum- *Mandie Fowler*

Updates on Federal Entitlement Grants for 2024-2025

- Title I, Part A was \$338,396 and is used for computer software, supplemental teaching positions and instructional materials (textbooks). Parent Involvement funds were spent on printed calendars and ParentSquare.
- Title I, N&F was \$63,049 and is used for LLC teacher salary and educational support for Liberty Wilderness JUST/AFYC.
- Title II, Part A was \$54,139 and used for a lead mentor for beginning teachers, stipends for school leadership teams, supplies for band students, WriteSchores and ACT/SAT to assist students in meeting graduation standards.
- Title V was \$45,890 and is used for technology refresh and instructional software as well as professional development.
- Perkins Rural was \$47,218 and is used for CTE programs, partial salary for one teacher, fees and travel for students to participate in CTE events, and program supplies and 11% to Chipola to support workforce programs.
- Perkins Secondary was \$15,364 and is used for capitalized and non-capitalized equipment & supplies to support the Allied Health program.

Updates on non-recurring Grand funds

- We have submitted an application for a music grant for Hosford school, and one to help with professional development & certifications for Technology Teachers.
- All Covid-19 Learning Loss grants ended this summer and the district is in process of completing report regarding how we addressed closing learning gaps for students

If you have suggestion or requests for use of grant funds, please email mandie.fowler@lcsb.org, all grants approval letters are published on the district website, under the Curriculum & Instruction tab, if you would like additional information.

21st Century-Report given by Beth Brown,

Art Show

Deputy Day Camp

Baggin Book/ Reading Tips

Open House

We had a great turnout for all of these activities. The students and parents loved the art show and the art that was created. Deputy Day Camp in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department is always a big hit. So, thank you to all who participated in that endeavor.

We also had an Open House and that went well. Lots of students enrolled, we are at capacity with our After School Programs at the moment- fully staffed also. There are currently over 140 students registered at Tolar. Tolar's September Family Event involved Reading Activities with the Scholastic Book Fair.

Attendance:

Tolar Hosford

Aug- 101 Aug- 98

Sept- 91 Sept-105

Assessment- Asst. Superintendent Jeff Sewell

ASSESSMENT

We are an A district and have been for the last 5 years 8th in the district.

Assessments 23-24 School year

8th Grade placed 2nd in the state in Math

6th Grade p

Placed 9th in the state in Math and 2nd in ELA

8th Grade placed 8th in the state in ELA

US History placed 10th in the state

PreK placed 4th in KG readiness

Out of 67 districts in the state.

PM1 for Math and ELA took place at the beginning of the school year.

PM2 is scheduled for December.

Election of 2023-2024 School Year DAC Officers:

Nomination for Chairperson: Jessie Bennett nominated Becky Shuler. No other nominations were made. All were in favor for Becky to remain Chairperson for the 24/25 School year.

Nomination for Vice Chairperson: Grant Conyers was nominated by Becky Shuler. No other nominations were made. All were in favor that Grant should remain as Vice Chairperson for the 24/25 School year.

Nomination for Secretary: Tammy Pullam was Nominated by Chesnee. No other nominations were made. All were in favor that Tammy should remain Secretary for the 24/25 School Year.

Chairperson, Becky Shuler:

Ms. Becky Shuler announced our next meeting will be January 16, 2025 @ 9:30am

Adjourned Meeting: Jessie Bennett