

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
August 28, 2023

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 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.

#65-23 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 17, 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 there will not be a Budget vs. Actual report until the Five-Year Forecast is approved later this year. Mrs. Buenger thanked the very generous donors. She also explained the payment in lieu of transportation requests.

#66-23 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

Approve the following donations:

Outlaw Smokehouse: Brian and Kelly Dotson	Staff Lunch: Professional Development Day
American Freedom Energy	Donuts: Professional Development Day
Worthington Industries	Snacks for Professional Development Day
The Tiger Den LLC	Proceeds from Cheer Car Hop
\$1,756.00	

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

Declare transportation to be impractical for two 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.

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

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Principals' Reports

Middle School

Mr. Storrer said he is excited to begin his third school year at Liberty Center. He also noted the first few days of school have gone well.

High School

Mr. Radwan also expressed his excitement to begin his fourth year at Liberty Center and the successful start of the school year.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman reported on the happenings in the athletic department. The initial induction for the revamped LCHS Athletic Hall of Fame will be September 1st and 2nd. He explained the Athletic Boosters have restructured the Liberty Center Athletic Hall of Fame and have put a lot of work in for the highly anticipated event. The induction class includes Matt Cordes, Nick Demaline, Denise Matheny, Kaitlin Rohrs, and Wade Vansickle. Teams of Honor include the 2011, 2012, and 2013 Girls Cross Country State Championship Teams. The new hall of fame structure also includes Members of Distinction. The first individual inducted into that category will be Kip Kern. The honorees will be introduced and recognized at 6:30 p.m. on the field before the football game versus Otsego on Friday. The banquet will begin on Saturday with a meet and greet in the Varsity Gym Commons area to see the new Hall of Fame area.

The new Hall of Fame area will be completed this week. The TouchScreen has been installed and all of the previous inductees into the Hall of Fame have been transferred over to the new digital system. This week, Three Cord will be installing the acrylic wall signs with the inductees' names.

Lastly, Mr. Pohlman informed the Board about the success of the first Coach's Summit. Over 30 coaches attended the event. The speakers for the summit included college coaches, a leadership motivational speaker and a strength coach from Georgia.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters recognized and thanked Mr. Jeff Benson and Mr. John Weaver for their dedication and commitment to the Liberty Center Local School District by serving on the Board 20 years and 10 years respectively. While being a board member can be challenging, there is no better way to serve a community than being part of a board of education that positively impacts the lives of our students.

Mr. Peters reported the Facility Committee met on Monday, August 7th. The committee put a plan in place three years ago to address the facility needs within the District. With the projects completed at the football stadium, athletic building and varsity gymnasium, the committee has been focusing on the needs at the spring sports complex. The committee prioritized the following needs: resurfaced track, new baseball batter's eye, new 9 inning baseball scoreboard, new 7 inning softball scoreboard, and new signage in front of the spring sports complex. Each of these existing structures are over twenty years old. The estimated cost of these items is \$250,000.

Mr. Peters also explained the State recently closed out the OFCC K-12 building project. The district received \$315,000 from the state funds, which can only be used for permanent improvement projects. A portion of the leftover funds will be used for the projects at the spring sports complex. The Athletic Boosters have also

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expressed an interest in contributing towards the projects. The goal is to have the spring sports complex projects completed before the start of the upcoming spring sports season. Mr. Peters announced additional information will be presented at the September board meeting. He also explained the resolution to become a member of Equalis and the Cooperative Counsel of Governance. This allows the District to enter into an agreement with a track resurfacing company that will insure we are getting a fair price. The expected start date is October 1st.

Mr. Peters explained that once the projects have been completed at the spring sports complex, the facility committee will be looking into replacing the roof on the varsity gymnasium building. Additionally, the committee will be reviewing the annual permanent improvement budget in an effort to save funds for the future replacement of the turf football field.

Mr. Peters also highlighted some staffing changes in the District. With the resignation of Donna Eickholt, Cafeteria Supervisor, Sheri Stacey will now be directing both the transportation and cafeteria departments with the additional support of Amber Wymer, EMIS coordinator and Child Nutrition Specialist, and Hayley Babcock, Bus Driver and Transportation Secretary. So far, this structure has provided a seamless transition. Mr. Peters applauded these individuals as well as the entire cafeteria staff for getting our food services off to a great start.

#67-23 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:

Approve the bus routes for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

Retroactively approve a contract with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for School Psychologist Services for the period of 8/15/23 through 10/31/23 at a rate of \$91.05 per hour.

Retroactively approve a one-year contract with Napoleon Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine at a cost of \$13,500.00 for athletic training services for the 2023-24 school year.

Approve the 2023-24 agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Agreement at the following rates:

Per student per day our students assigned to JDC	\$85.00 per diem
Per student per day our students assigned to JRC	\$90.00 per diem

Appoint Mr. Spangler as the Board's delegate and Mr. Benson as the alternate to the OSBA's annual Capital Conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio from November 12-14, 2023.

Approve an agreement with OhioGuidestone effective August 1, 2023 for behavioral health services and supportive services to students in Liberty Center Schools.

Approve the job description for Transportation Secretary.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Mercy Health Physicians – North, LLC for student athlete drug testing services from August through May.

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

#68-23 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:

Approve the NWOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2023-24 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

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:

Layton Willson
Cassidy Watchman
Katelyn Mohler
Kylie Myers

Offer a one-year probationary contract to Hayley Babcock as Transportation Secretary, on an as needed basis for a minimum of 7.5 hours per week and up to 190 days, part-time, flexible schedule, for the 2023-24 school year, effective August 21, 2023.

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2023-24 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement’s Salary Schedule:

Megan Kolasinski – Mentor
Kim Jones – Mentor
Ashley Chapa – Mentor
Steve Doseck – Mentor
Holly Weber – Mentor

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:

Elementary
Christy Myers: Co-Chair
Hillary McBride
Dianna Szabo
Kara Kellermeier
Kim Rettig
Annette Niekamp
Emily Hill

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Middle School

Joanne Junge: Co-Chair
Andrea Panning
Luke Hutchinson
Teresa Detmer
Cassie Hartzell
Alex Geahlen

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

Lori Giesige
Merry Giesige
Mary Chamberlin
Mackenzie Mahnke
Brittany Meyer
Meggin Radlinski
Diana Szabo

Middle School

Tracy Krueger: Co-Chair
Steve Doseck
Kim Jones
Betsy Rees

High School

Jessica Keller: Co-Chair
Stephanie Sager
Patrick O'Dwyer
Diane Mott
Shelley Ahleman

Approve the following individuals 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:

Jennifer Schroeder: Co-Chair
Carrie Sines: Co-Chair
Stephanie Sager: Co-Chair
Tracy Krueger: BLT Chair
Jess Keller: BLT Chair
Mary Chamberlin
Stacy Bowers
Shelley Ahleman
Patrick O'Dwyer

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Appoint the following as Administrative Representatives on the District Leadership Team for the 2023-24 school year:

Richie Peters
Katie Jimenez
Greg Radwan
Kyle Storrer
Allison Postl

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

Sue Meister – Custodian
Ken Pohlman – Custodian
Hayley Babcock – Custodian
DeeAnn Shafer – Custodian
Norene Keller – Custodian
Kirsten Weirauch – Custodian
Gwen Weaver – Lunchroom
Kristi Gyurasics – Lunchroom
Barb Maunz – Lunchroom
Susan Garretson – Lunchroom
Hayley Babcock – Lunchroom
Katelyn Konrad – Lunchroom
Alisha Pieracini – Lunchroom
Ellen Bockelman – Lunchroom
Alisha Pieracini – Secretary
Jenny Perry – Secretary
Rachel Orr – Secretary
Rebekah Orr – Secretary
Riley Garretson – Secretary
Laura Myers – Bus Driver
Jennifer Fitzenreiter – Bus Driver

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate paid per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Jodi Biederstedt: Co-Chair
Kathy Bailey
Betsy Rees

Appoint Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, and Greg Radwan, High School Principal, as the Administrative Representatives on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2023-24 school year.

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Approve the following as volunteer van drivers for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings.

Kenny Barnes
Sophie Long
Jeff Ressler

Approve stipends to Liberty Center Classroom Teachers for the 2023-24 school year to serve as mentor teachers. Each stipend amount will be determined by and received from the college or university of the student teacher.

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Technology Committee for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Stacy Bowers: Co-Chair
Kathy Bishop
Cindy Hageman
Elizabeth Halleck
Kara Kellermeier
Ryan Miller
Carey Pogan
Jacob Rupp

Appoint Kyle Storrer, Middle School Principal, and Katie Jimenez, Director of Student Services, as the Administrative Representatives on the Technology Committee for the 2023-24 school year.

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Ryan Miller: Co-chair
Shelley Ahleman
Diane Mott

Appoint Greg Radwan, High School Principal, and Katie Jimenez, Director of Student Services, as the Administrative Representatives on the Evaluation Committee of the 2023-24 school year.

Retroactively accept the resignation of Jon Mignin, Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, effective August 7, 2023.

Retroactively accept the resignation of Donna Eickholt, Lunchroom Supervisor, effective July 31, 2023.

Retroactively accept the resignation of Jill Evans, Art Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Retroactively accept the resignation of Sara Lawniczak, Educational Aide, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Retroactively accept the resignation of Laura Myers, Bus Driver, effective August 4, 2023.

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Offer Haley Rhodes a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide/Crossing Guard effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Shannon Finn a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide/Crossing Guard effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the addendum to the Administrator Contract for Sheri Stacey.

Approve the addendum to the Employment Contract for Amber Wymer.

Amend Board Resolution #61-23 to add up to 100 additional hours to the Concession Manager's contract for Tim Reed.

Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplement position per ORC 3313.53, and received no interested or qualified licensed employees, move to offer the following non-certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Sophie Long – Jr. High Cross Country Coach

Accept the retirement resignation of Pat Parcher, Bus Mechanic/Assistant Transportation Supervisor, effective September 15, 2023.

Offer Stacey Dietrich a one-year probationary contract as a Bus Driver effective September 5, 2023, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve advancing Becky Tejkl, 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.

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

#69-23 Memorandum of Understanding - LCCTA

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve the LCCTA Memorandum of Understanding for the Tiger Tales supplemental contract changes for the 2023-24 school year.

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

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#70-23 Equalis Membership Resolution

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias that the Board retroactively approve the Resolution Approving a Contract and Membership with Equalis and the Cooperative Council of Governments.

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

#71-23 Resolution Approving a Contract for Track Resurfacing

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board approve the Resolution Approving a Contract for Track Resurfacing.

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

New Business

The next Board meeting is September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#72-23 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the District.

Mr. Rex Lingruen and Ms. Brandi Lingruen were invited into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. They exited Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

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

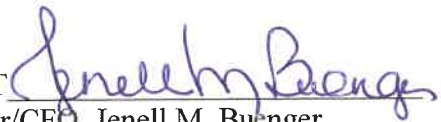
#73-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the August 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:21 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger