

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**December 18, 2023**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditoria. 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.

Mr. Pohlman, Athletic Director, recognized and commended fall sports teams, athletes and coaches.

**#95-23 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 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 also thanked all of the very generous donors.

**#96-23 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
- Budget vs Actual Report

Approve the following donations:

Ted & Bonnie Mohler Estate	Spring Sports Complex/Music Dept.	\$20,156.71
Anonymous Donor	Students in Need	\$5,000.00
Select Sanitation/ Brian & Bernadette Meyer	22 Orange and Black Totes	
Anonymous Donor	Students in Need	\$1,000.00
Rob McColley	State Football Charter Bus/Hotel	\$2,500.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Football Charter Bus/Hotel	\$1,000.00

Approve the following donations too Football Moms for team meals:

ADOT Appraisal Service	Automatic Feed Company
Jay & Cherie Beaudry	Chambers Control Company
Civista Bank	Dave's Auto Service
Davis Farm Services	DECKED
Delventhal Landscaping	Dental Excellence of Napoleon & Delta
Dutchmen Construction	Garmann Miller
The Gerken Companies	Hanneman Funeral Home
Herron's Amish Furniture	Hill Asphalt LLC
Hill's Family Restaurant	Holgate Metal Fab
Homan Seed Service	John & Darla Huddle

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Keil's Produce & Greenhouse	Kleeberger Contracting Services Inc.
Linda Klamer	Lauf & Meents Doctors of Optometry, LLC
Liberty Center Fire Department	Mamma Mir's Kitchen
Marigold Market	Maumee Valley Restoration
Maumee Valley Bottlers	Meyer-Badenhop Insurance
Napoleon Moose Lodge 788	Midwest Community Federal Credit Union
North Star Bluescope Steel LLC	Brad & Anna Musshel – Musshel Farms LLC
Outlaw Smokehouse	Paul Martin & Sons
Red Barn	Sonnenberg Trucking
Ridgeville American Legion	Rivello McDonald's
Rupp Rosebrock, Inc.	Sattler Family Meats
Saul Insurance Agency LLC	Select Sanitation Inc.
Swanton Welding & Machining Co.	Sharp's Farms – Chuck, Rick & Allen
Tenneco	Three Cord
The Tiger Den Dairy Bar	Tomahawk Printing
Tom Speiser Electric LTD	Triple Diamond Plastics
Doug Upell	Vernon Nagel, Inc.
V&V Custom Welding LLC	Wildcat Nutrition
Worthington Industries	Many Anonymous Donors
In Memory of Landon and Mason Smith's Grandparents – Beverly Panning and Doug & Barbara Smith	

### **Principals' Reports**

#### **Elementary School**

Ms. Postl provided an update on the Elementary. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade recently performed their musical, Elflandia. It was a big success! The Napoleon Community Band also performed Christmas songs during lunch on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The students really enjoyed their interactive performance. The PTO recently held their Secret Santa event for elementary students to purchase gifts.

Lastly, Ms. Postl reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading state test scores. The fall proficiency rate is 51%. This year's data includes three students from the LEC who tested. Last year's fall proficiency score was 54%. Students will test again in the spring.

#### **Middle School**

Mr. Storrer provided an update on the Middle School. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students recently attended a STEAM day with the Toledo Walleye. 7<sup>th</sup> graders recently heard from WTOL Meteorologist, Ryan Wichman, who shared information about his job. Mr. Storrer also noted the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Morning Meeting groups will host the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in a variety of holiday games and activities on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders designed and will facilitate the event. Lastly, Mr. Storrer informed the Board there were 232 girls who attended the Daddy Daughter Dance.

#### **High School**

Mr. Radwan updated the Board on academics, fine arts and athletics in the High School. All high school students recently attended the college and technical school fair. There were 30 schools in attendance. After the event, 15 college professors, deans and staff members met with the DLT to discuss the 'Prepared' initiative.

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Senior members of the football team helped with the Henry County Christmas Cheer. High school and middle school students also donated and wrapped gifts for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy.

Mr. Radwan reported the Art Club is finishing a mural at Tenneco. The choirs performed their holiday concert on December 12<sup>th</sup> and the bands will perform their concert tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Radwan congratulated all fall sports teams and athletes on a successful season. He also wished all of the winter athletes and teams the best of luck on their season.

**Athletic Director's Report**

Mr. Pohlman provided the Board with an update on the close of the fall sports season:

- 27 NWOAL Scholar Athletes
- 40 All NWOAL Selections: 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> Teams, 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams, and 16 Honorable Mention
- 2 NWOAL Coaches of the Year: Mallory Dockery – Volleyball and Casey Mohler – Football
- 2 Player of the Year Designations: Logan Estelle – Boys Soccer, Landon Bockelman – Football
- Girls Sports are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in the All-Sport Standings after the fall season
- 9 All Ohio Honorees
- 3 League Championships – Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, Football
- 1 Sectional Championship – Girls Soccer
- 1 District Championship – Girls Cross Country
- 1 Regional Runner Up – Girls Cross Country
- 1 Regional Championship – Football
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the State – Girls Cross Country
- 1 State Runner Up Finish – Football

Mr. Pohlman noted the winter sports season is underway. All teams have now competed in contests, although there were a few delayed and postponed games for most of our sports due to the football team's success and the conflicts with scheduling.

Mr. Pohlman also updated the Board on the Spring Sports Complex projects. Rupp Rosebrock has been working on the batter's eye. He reminded the Board that after consulting an engineer, we were able to keep most of the existing structure but cut it down to a height that passed wind load tests. Consequently, the sign for the field had to be removed and a sign will be placed over the baseball scoreboard designating 'B.A. Miller Field.' The new scoreboards for both baseball and softball have been ordered and are expected to be delivered near the end of January or early February. Currently, we are working with the contractor to add an additional column to help with the weight of the new scoreboard for the baseball field. The track resurfacing is complete. Due to the weather, the striping will occur at a later date. Mr. Pohlman also informed the Board he is working with the same company who modified the bleachers in the Varsity Gym to see if changes could be made to the bleachers at the Spring Sports Complex to make them more accessible with a ramp, walkway, steps and aisles. He is also hoping to add a tile top to the fence around the track to match the baseball and softball fields.

Mr. Pohlman will be joining a cohort through the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association with the goal of earning the OIAAA Bruce Brown Award of Excellence. The purpose of the award is to recognize on-going and consistent efforts on the part of Ohio interscholastic athletic departments that demonstrate best practice in the endorsement and promotion of education based athletic programming. As we progress through

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the process, additional board action may be required. Mr. Pohlman noted this award reflects what we are already doing to underscore the mission of education-based athletics.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Peters recognized and thanked Mr. Benson for his years of service to the Liberty Center School District Board of Education. Mr. Benson served on the Board for 20 years, including 325 meetings. Mr. Carter, Board President, presented a plaque to Mr. Benson.

Mr. Peters discussed the 2024-25 school calendars. He anticipates presenting a calendar to the Board for approval at the February board meeting.

Mr. Peters explained the item on the agenda to pay full time bus drivers for their training time. He noted bus drivers are the most challenging position to fill. To stay competitive and attract future candidates, he is recommending the District offer to pay for the training to get the necessary certification needed to drive a bus. They would need to have worked for the District full time for 90 days, and then they would be paid for up to 30 hours of documented training at the trip rate. He also is recommending it be retroactive to August 1<sup>st</sup> to be fair with our most recently hired full time driver.

**#97-23 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:

Commend the Girls Cross Country Team for competing at State and placing 6<sup>th</sup>

MaKayla Meller  
Kristine Minnich

Gracie Miller  
Jade Seiler

Aleah Minnich  
Colbie Strayer

Commend the Football Team for earning State Runner-Up.

Grady Miller  
Will Fitzenreiter  
Cam Kahle  
Mason Smith  
Kaden Kreinbrink  
Braxton Light  
Waylon Rentz  
Kaden Sonnenberg  
Ethan Gray  
Isaac Orth  
Daine Bayer  
Jaxton Lawniczak  
Adam Foster  
Levi Spade  
Brady Giesige  
Trey Flory  
Tate Pieracini

Colton Kruse  
Trenton Kruse  
Landen Kruse  
JT Oelkrug  
Blake Garber  
Jackson Bartels  
Brooks Behnfeldt  
Kyelar Kern  
Tyler Rohrs  
Garrison Kruse  
Zander Zeiter  
Zac Weaver  
Max Walker  
Parker Trumble  
Lucas Navarre  
Ashton Nagucki  
Logan Sifuentes

Thomas Mohler  
Heath Atkinson  
Aiden Tallent  
Landon Amstutz  
Noah Hammontree  
Max Perry  
Ted Wyrembek  
Colton Chambers  
Dakota Szabo  
Ty Jackson  
Brady Badenhop  
Baxter Barrett  
Tyler Ley  
Landon Smith  
Degan Schwaiger  
Kellen Wymer  
Stephen Brogan

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Noah Genson	Grant Bartels	Mason Tallent
Gavin Podach	Seth Navarre	Clayton Seel
Gabe Clapp	Andrew Szczepanski	Hunter Spangler
Landon Bockelman	Mark Jensen	Cole Shultz
Louis Collins	Clayton O'Neal	Toby Pieracini
David Minnich	Ian Rosebrook	Colton Szczepanski

Commend the following All State Athletes:

MaKayla Meller – All Ohio in Cross Country and placing 12<sup>th</sup> at State  
Landon Bockelman – Earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State in Football  
Colton Kruse – Earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State in Football  
Trenton Kruse – Earning 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State in Football  
Landon Kruse – Earning 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State in Football  
Max Walker – Earning Honorable Mention All-State in Football  
Cam Kahle – Earning Honorable Mention All-State in Football  
Zander Zeiter – Earning Honorable Mention All-State in Football  
Seth Navarre – Earning Honorable Mention All-State in Football

Approve an overnight trip for the girls basketball team to attend the Jingle Bell Jam Basketball Tournament at Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH from December 28-29, 2023.

Approve an overnight trip for the wrestling team to attend the Marion Harding Classic Wrestling Tournament in Marion, Ohio from December 29-30, 2023.

Approve an overnight trip for the wrestling team to attend the Marion Pleasant – Sally George Wrestling Invitational in Marion, OH from January 26-27, 2023.

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

**#98-23 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

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

Andrea Aeschliman  
Addison Arnold  
Marki Bly  
Mariah Bostelman  
Hayden Dales  
Lucy Jones  
Jody Kolbe

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Bryan Lucas  
Jocelyn Peterson

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

Approve paying new, full time bus drivers for up to 30 hours of documented training with the on-board instructor, retroactive to August 1, 2023. Pay will be at trip rate and paid after 90 days of full-time employment with the District.

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

**#99-23 Election of President Pro Tempore**

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mrs. Zacharias seconded the motion to appoint Todd Spangler as the President Pro Tempore for the January 10, 2023 Organizational Meeting.

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

**New Business**

The Organizational Meeting date is January 10, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, with the Regular Board Meeting immediately following.

**Board Members' Committee Reports**

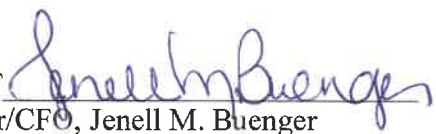
The Records Commission met prior to the start of tonight's regular meeting.

**#100-23 Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the December 18, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:31 p.m.

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

  
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President, Neal Carter

ATTEST   
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger