

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 23, 2026**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Kyle Kern, Mrs. Andrea Oyer, Mr. Todd Spangler, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance.

**#22-26 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to approve the minutes of the organizational and regular meeting held on January 12, 2026 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Buenger informed the Board the FY25 audit is finished. We are waiting on the State to complete the final release. There are a couple of recommendations from the Auditor of State. The first is that we do not have an SOC 1 report, which we are working with PaySchools to obtain. The second recommendation deals with security administration. We need to add multi-factor authorizations to PaySchools and develop a formal cyber security policy that outlines an enforceable training program.

Mrs. Buenger also provided an update on the financial forecast. She noted the new February requirement to update school financial forecasts. Currently, the district is still projected to end the year positive, with revenues estimated at \$19.308 million and expenditures estimated at \$19.071 million. If this is realized, the district would have a carryover of \$36,301. The forecast projects deficit spending in FY27, FY28, and FY29 of \$377,757, \$947,995, and \$1.395 million, respectively. Mrs. Buenger explained the district ended FY25 with a cash balance of \$10.608 million. The district would be left with a cash balance of \$7.924 million after FY29 if the forecast is realized exactly as projected. She noted forecasts are based on conservative projections and are typically realized in more positive amounts, especially as the district works to reduce costs whenever possible.

Mrs. Buenger noted the uncertainty in the forecast with the unknowns of exactly how the district will be impacted by House Bills 186, 335, 129, and 309. She also explained that property tax reform is still an evolving issue with the specific details still being refined. She noted that with the financial pressures of these issues, responsible and appropriate spending are more important than ever.

Mr. Peters thanked Jenell for her work on the forecast. He explained the district cannot control what happens at the state level for school funding, but the district can control how it communicates and educates the community about school funding. Currently, the district website features joint statements from the Henry County schools about property taxes and school funding. Mr. Peters also noted he discussed the topic during the district's December senior citizens breakfast. He understands that not everyone uses social media so the information has been mailed to those individuals expressing an interest in receiving the information in print form.

Board Member Andrea Oyer thanked the staff members who have taken the initiative to seek grant money, which ultimately helps the taxpayers. Other board members also thanked the staff for their efforts to prepare and manage the school's finances.

**#23-26 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda**

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

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Approve the financial reports, including the following:

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

Approve the following donations:

St. Paul Lutheran Church	Student Lunches	\$170.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Track Timing System	\$1,640.00
Anonymous Donations	State Champion Football Rings	\$500.00
Napoleon Church of the Nazarene	Student Lunch Recovery Fund	\$440.00
Amanda Dilbone	Cross Country Camp Fund	\$250.00

Approve the following donations to the Cheerleading Fund as sponsors for the International Cheer Competition:

Holgate Metal Fab	White Pines Golf Course
Hill Construction Services	Shady Brook Acres Hitching Post
Jim Speiser & Sons Inc	Charlie's Automotive
Fessenden Hardware	Kip's Garage
KK Collision	4A Housing
Ron's Metal Sales	Randy Mastin Septic Tank Inc
Swanton Welding	Lammon Brothers Lawn & Landscape Inc
Red Barn Sales & Service LLC	Davis Farm Services Inc
Premier Patching Inc	Delventhal Landscaping
K Kern Painting	Swan creek Sawmill
Tom & Pennie Howe	Anthony Wayne Chiropractic
Cheryl & Carl Carter	Vicars Heating and Air Conditioning
Stacey Machining & Fabricating Inc	Ohlrich Seamless Gutters
Hill Asphalt	

Declare transportation to be impractical for one student, who will be attending St. John Lutheran School, and offer this student a pro-rated payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2025-26.

Retroactively approve the Revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Special Education services for fiscal year 2026. The foundation deduction shall be revised to an annual amount of \$1,022,266.17.

Approve the Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwoESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$1,156,061.86.

Approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

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Approve the following New Fund and Special Cost Center, Appropriation Modifications, and Amended Certificate Modifications.

**New Fund and Special Cost Center**

499 9026      School Bus Safety Grant

**Appropriation Modifications**

499 9026	School Bus Safety Grant	\$29,303.00
499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness Funds	\$3,067.75
499 9020	Ohio Attorney General Formula Based School Safety Grant	\$4,523.80
200 967B	Class of 2031	\$2,000.00

**Amended Certificate Modifications**

499 9026	School Bus Safety Grant	\$29,303.00
499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness Funds	\$3,067.75
499 9020	Ohio Attorney General Formula Based School Safety Grant	\$4,523.80
200 967B	Class of 2031	\$2,000.00

Approve the following student activity budget for the 2025-26 school year:

Class of 2031

Approve the Financial Forecast as presented.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

**Principals' Reports**

**Elementary**

Ms. Postl provided information on the upcoming Elementary Family Literacy Night on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open for families to shop. Author Deb Weilnau will be visiting to read one of her books during the school day and will be available in the evening to meet families and sign books. Her stories address topics on sibling loss, adoption, being raised by a single parent, unique differences, and grandparents.

Ms. Postl highlighted the kindergarteners. They sang the National Anthem at the boys' basketball game on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She also informed the board registration opens to register for the kindergarten clinic on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The clinic will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. This is for children who will be five years old by August 26, 2026.

**Middle School**

Mr. Storrer highlighted students and activities in the middle school. The Students of the Month for 'We are Connected' are Kenslie Sager, Aiden Bovee, Stryker Oyer, and Kaydence Scott. The Students of the Month for

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'100% Accountability' are Ayden Nafziger, James Silveus, Will Behnfeldt, and Claire Hill. Mr. Storrer also recognized Mia Gyurasics for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the LCMS Spelling Bee and Stryker Oyer for placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both students will compete in the Henry County Spelling Bee on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Napoleon High School at 7:00 p.m. Lastly, Mr. Storrer highlighted activities the students participated in on December 19<sup>th</sup> before Christmas break. Morning meeting classes partnered together for games, there was a dodgeball tournament, and students played Bingo. Mr. Storrer thanked the VFW and Adam Foster for helping with the Bingo games.

**High School**

Mr. Radwan provided an updated on high school academics, the arts, and athletics. He noted the high school PBIS team hosted a Claws and Claus Challenge in December. He also informed the board there would be an ACT bootcamp on February 25<sup>th</sup>. He recognized the three 2026 FFA State Degree Winners: Cole Bauman, Owen Gebers, and Maddie Sattler. Mr. Radwan highlighted the youth mental health team for activities they have participated in recently.

Mr. Radwan recognized the LC Art Club for painting Mrs. Stacey's cafeteria office as well as a mural at the VFW. He also informed the board the music department will be hosting a band concert on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Radwan wished all of the athletes the best as the post-season begins.

**Athletics**

Mr. Pohlman informed the board about the football team's recent recognition at the Statehouse. At the invitation of Senate President Rob McColley and Representative Jim Hoops, the Liberty Center Football Team was recognized and honored by both the Senate and House of Representatives on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The visit included a tour of the Statehouse and a pizza lunch from Adriatico's. The team and coaching staff were surprised with a visit and talk from Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel. The team will also have multiple players and coaches receiving awards at the annual National Football Foundation Banquet on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Glass City Center in Toledo. Students receiving Scholar-Athlete Awards include Thomas Mohler, Hunter Spangler, Kaden Kreinbrink, and Max Walker. Head Coach Casey Mohler will be receiving the Pinnacle Award and Assistant Coach Matt Bryan will be receiving the Assistant Coach Award. Additionally, LC alum Zander Zeiter will be receiving the Mike Fiedler Distinguished Service Scholarship at the event.

Mr. Pohlman updated the board on winter sports. The boys bowling team earned NWOAL Co-League Champions. They competed well at Sectionals but did not make it out as a team. Wes Wilhelm qualified as an individual for Districts and placed 10<sup>th</sup>. The girls bowling team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sectionals and 7<sup>th</sup> at Districts. The boys basketball team won the NWOAL Championship this past Friday for the second time in 3 years. Tournament play starts this Friday at home against Northwood. The girls basketball team has battled all year long against adversity. They beat Evergreen in the Sectional final, coming back from a 19 point deficit to win by 2 and move on to Districts on Wednesday at Napoleon against Ottawa Hills. The wrestling team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the NWOAL tournament. They will compete at Sectionals this Saturday. Abigail Rohrs will compete at Districts this week at BGSU for gymnastics. Joy Brown was the District Runner-Up in diving and will compete at State in Canton this week.

Mr. Pohlman announced the NWOAL All-League Honorees:

Jack Badenhop: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Boys Basketball  
Wes Wilhelm: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Boys Bowling

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Stone Roth: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Boys Bowling  
Cheyenne Miller – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Girls Bowling  
Braedyn Tammarine – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Wrestling  
Daine Bayer – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Wrestling  
Kolton Wymer – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Wrestling  
Logan Sifuentes – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Wrestling  
Braxton Tammarine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Wrestling  
Brady Badenhop – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Wrestling  
Paige White – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Girls Bowling  
Maddox Oyer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Boys Bowling  
Aletha Fausnight – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Girls Basketball  
Ethan Gray – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Boys Basketball  
Isaiah Badenhop – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Boys Basketball  
Lindley Crow – Honorable Mention Wrestling  
Brody Jaqua – Honorable Mention Wrestling  
Jack Zeiter – Honorable Mention Wrestling  
Annaliese Keene – Honorable Mention Girls Bowling  
Owen Gebers – Honorable Mention Boys Bowling  
Addi Davis – Honorable Mention Girls Basketball  
Garrison Kruse – Honorable Mention Boys Basketball

Mr. Pohlman announced the NWOAL Scholar Athletes:

Quinn Bailey: Cheer  
Joy Brown: Diving  
Gabbie Conrad: Girls Basketball  
Aletha Fausnight: Girls Basketball  
Annaliese Keene: Girls Bowling  
Tyler McDougale: Boys Bowling  
Stone Roth: Boys Bowling  
Mason Smith: Boys Basketball  
Hunter Spangler: Boys Basketball  
Braedyn Tammarine: Wrestling  
Max Walker: Boys Basketball  
Jack Zeiter: Wrestling

Mr. Pohlman also noted OHSAA updates. Every two years the male and female enrollments of OHSAA member schools are used to determine OHSAA governance classifications and the tournament divisions for each sport. The number determining the division for all sports is the number of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 as of October 31, 2025. The numbers for Liberty Center are 131 for males and 116 for females. For the previous two years, these numbers were 140 for males and 116 for females.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Peters informed the board the district received \$29,303 for the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce School Bus Safety Grant. It will be used for LED lighting on the exterior of our buses. It will also be used to purchase a camera system for our new bus, which was delivered last Friday.

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Mr. Peters recognized two retirees on the agenda for board approval. Mr. Doug Hinton is retiring after 36 years with the district and Mrs. Teresa Detmer is retiring after 33 years with the district. Mr. Hinton is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher and Mrs. Detmer is an Intervention Specialist. He thanked them for their dedication and commitment to the students of Liberty Center Schools and wished them the best in retirement.

**#24-26 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

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

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2025-26 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individual as a Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license or Pre-Service Teaching license:

Amara Donnelly  
Sophia Good  
Ashley Haas  
Amy Lawson  
Ryan Lothamer  
Brandi Myers  
Kyle Rabe  
Ken Sanford  
Chloe Wiechers  
Gene Wyse  
Erin Yoder

Approve advancing Raellen Shaddler, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters+30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.

Approve advancing Chase Miller, Classroom Teacher, to the 135-149 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.

Accept the retirement resignation of Douglas Hinton, Classroom Teacher, effective May 31, 2026.

Accept the retirement resignation of Teresa Detmer, Intervention Specialist, effective May 31, 2026.

Approve the following individuals as chaperones for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Gerald Branson  
Bryan Flory  
Casey Hice

Matthew Bucher  
Tina Gray  
Kylie Kessler

Kristin Campos  
Anthony Griffith  
Crystal Kline

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Tara Lester  
Jeremy Michelson  
Al Wymer

Erin McAvoy  
Chad Perry  
Lauren Ankney

Kurt McMurtie  
Alec Thielman

Approve the following individuals as alternate chaperones for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Katie Black

Jordan Pioch

Chelsea Underwood

Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplemental positions per ORC 3313.53, and received no interested or qualified licensed employees, move to offer the following non-certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Jesse Miller – Assistant Baseball Coach (75%)  
Chad Henck – Assistant Baseball Coach (75%)  
Mike Petz – Assistant Baseball Coach (50%)

Approve the following volunteers for the activity listed, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Darcie Mohler – Softball  
Emily Young – Softball  
Aaron Biederstedt – Baseball  
Elizabeth Spangler – Cheerleading

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

**#25-26 OHSAA Membership Resolution**

The motion was made by Mrs. Oyer and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the resolution for continued membership for the 2026-27 school year in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

**#26-26 Depository Agreement – Huntington Bank**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Zeiter that the Board approve the Treasurer to enter into a Depository Agreement with Huntington Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2026 through March 16, 2031.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

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**#27-26 Depository Agreement – Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mrs. Oyer that the Board approve the Treasurer to enter into a Depository Agreement with Farmers and Merchants State Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2026 through March 17, 2031.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The next Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria.

The next board meeting is March 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Policy Committee and Student Achievement Liaisons will be scheduling meetings before the next board meeting.

**#28-26 Executive Session**

Mr. Zeiter made the motion and Mr. Spangler seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District and for the purpose of considering the sale of property at competitive bidding, since disclosure at this time would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to person(s) whose personal, private interests are adverse to the general public interest.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

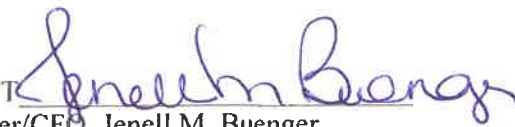
VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

**#29-26 Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mrs. Oyer to adjourn the February 23, 2026 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:18 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter  
Nays: None – Motion Carried

  
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President, Neal Carter

ATTEST   
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger