

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
July 21, 2025

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver, Mrs. Andrea Zacharias, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance.

#63-25 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 30, 2025 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger provided an update on the regular monthly reports. She noted the fiscal year ended with a carryover of \$1,050,810.00. For fiscal year 2025, the district realized revenues of \$18,806,440.00 and expenses of \$17,560,765.00. Revenues were higher than anticipated due to the FY22 and FY23 Medicaid settlements being received in FY25 and CAT cost reimbursements coming in higher than usual.

Mrs. Buenger provided information on grants for FY26. Grant funding is down slightly; however, ODEW is allowing schools to spend any grant funds left from FY25 through this December.

#64-25 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following donations:

Dean & Jennifer Maassel	LC Athletics – Football	\$50.00
In memory of William Westhoven		

Approve the participation in the following state and federal grant programs for the 2025-26 school year:

- Title I-A Improving Basic Programs
- Title I-D Neglected
- Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III – Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA-B Special Education
- IDEA Early Childhood Special Education
- National School Lunch Program

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Approve the transfer of \$115,472.05 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund Tax Anticipation Note.

Approve the 2025-26 ticket prices for athletic events as presented.

Approve the 2025-26 Elementary Fees for grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2 at \$50.00 per student. Approve grades 3 and 4 at \$55.00 per student.

Approve the 2025-26 Middle School Fees at \$50.00 per student.

Approve the 2025-26 High School Fees as follows:

General High School Fee per Student: \$50.00
National Honor Society (Senior Fee): \$20.00

Approve the following change funds for the 2025-26 school year:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>
Athletic Fund	\$5,000.00	Kaleb Pohlman and Waverly Rue
Lunchroom Fund	\$100.00	Jillian Kabwata
High School	\$200.00	Heather Garretson
Middle School	\$100.00	Teresa Bostelman

Approve the following Cafeteria prices for the 2025-26 school year:

Extra Milk: All Grades	\$0.55 (no change)
Breakfast K-12	\$1.50 (no change)
Lunch K-8	\$3.10 (no change)
Lunch 9-12	\$3.25 (no change)
Breakfast Adult	\$2.50 (no change)
Lunch Adult	\$4.75 (no change)

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters provided an update on the most recent information regarding the Governor's biennium budget. On June 30th, Governor DeWine vetoed most of the line items that would negatively impact public education, and specifically Liberty Center Schools. He noted that while this is good news for public schools, we still have to wait and see if the House and Senate overturn any of these vetoes. This process could take months.

Mr. Peters also shared that the Policy Committee met last Wednesday to review the Athletic Code of Conduct for the 2025-26 school year. The committee reviewed the athletic code of conduct for each NWOAL school to ensure we are in line with what other districts have established.

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Lastly, Mr. Peters provided information on important upcoming dates:

Open House: August 18th from 5:00 – 6:30
First Day of School: August 20th

#65-25 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following Handbooks for the 2025-26 school year:

Elementary Student-Parent Handbook
Middle School Student-Parent Handbook
High School Student-Parent Handbook
Athletic Code of Conduct Handbook
Coaching Handbook

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

#66-25 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Weaver to board approve the Superintendent's 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 individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license or Pre-Service Teaching license:

Peyton Armey
James Clay
Chris Garcia
Brecken Garretson
Emily Gillson
Nicole Keller
Elle Mohler
Aubrey Pennington
Maryann Reimund
Allison Salmi
Dakota Sines
Mary Jo Vajen

Approve the athletic ticket takers pay per the schedule presented, as well as the Athletic Director to hire event help as needed.

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Offer Tim Reed, a non-certified individual, a one-year contract as the Concession Manager for the 2025-26 school year, with his hourly rate set at minimum wage, for a maximum of 450 hours per school year, plus mileage, as submitted by timecard and signed by the Athletic Director.

Approve Hayley Babcock as the District's On-Board Instructor at her current rate of pay for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve the following volunteer van drivers for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings:

Chad Ball
Ken Barnes
Katherine Bell
Tim Davis
Brian Dotson
Trina Elieff
Kennedy Hall
Paula Maurer
Annette Niekamp
Kaleb Pohlman
Greg Radwan
Brandon Readshaw
Jeff Ressler
Pam Righi
Raellen Shadler
Tyler Short
Diana Smith
Amy Spieth
Kyle Storrer

Offer Jeanette Strauss a one-year probationary contract effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year as a Classroom Teacher. Her salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer the following certified individuals a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule:

Matt Bryan – Assistant Football Coach
Ryan Miller – Assistant Football Coach
Luke Crozier – Jr. High Football Coach
Bryan Miller – Jr. High School Coach
Amanda Seiler – Assistant Cross Country Coach
Mackenzie Arney – Jr. High Cheerleading (50%)
Chase Miller – Game Manager

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Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplement 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:

Chris Righi – Assistant Football Coach
Eric Wymer – Assistant Football Coach
Brad Howe - Assistant Football Coach
Bryan Hefflinger – Assistant Football Coach
Tyson Andrews – Freshmen Football Coach
James Whitmire – Jr. High Football Coach
Jesse Miller - Jr. High Football Coach
Stephanie Sharpe – JV Volleyball Coach
Burgin Bachman – Freshmen Volleyball Coach
Kiersten Maas – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Elle Mohler – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Gracie Miller – Jr. High Cross Country Coach
Julian Delgado – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Shane Hollenbaugh – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)
Colleen Roth – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)
Breanna Tammarine – JV Football Cheerleading
Lexi Sexton – Jr. High Cheerleading (50%)

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

Todd Spangler – Football
Nick Miller – Football
Karlee Badenhop – Volleyball
Abby Readshaw – Volleyball
Trina Elieff – Cross Country
Rebecca Keller – Girls Soccer

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

#67-25 META Solutions Resolution to Advertise and Receive Bids

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the META Solutions Resolution authorizing META to advertise and receive bids on the Board's behalf for the purchase of school bus(es) and/or van(s).

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

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The next board meeting is August 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#68-25 Executive Session

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District.

Mr. Peters and Mrs. Buenger entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

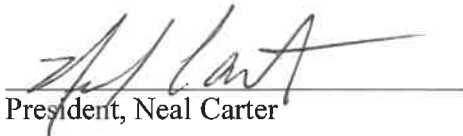
The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

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

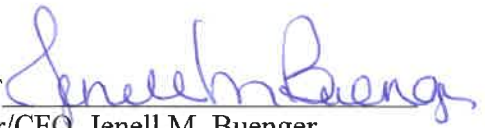
#69-25 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to adjourn the July 21, 2025 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:26 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger