

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
August 22, 2022

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. 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.

#76-22 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 18, 2022 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 reviewed her consent agenda items. She reported on her regular monthly reports, with the exception of the Budget to Actual Report, which will resume once the forecast is updated. The revenues are higher this month due to the income tax settlement, which is 5% higher than last year at this time. Mrs. Buenger also provided information on the payment in lieu of transportation for the student attending St. Paul's. With the new ODE guidelines and only having one student at the school, transportation is not practical this year. She also noted the payment amount was \$538.55 per student in FY22.

#77-22 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	State Track Team Meals	\$1,446.57
LC Athletic Boosters	Volleyballs	\$1,898.00

Declare transportation to be impractical for one parochial student who will be attending St. Paul Lutheran School and offer this student payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2022-23.

Declare transportation to be impractical for three parochial students who will be attending Monclova Christian Academy and offer the students payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2022-23.

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

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Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl highlighted the excitement for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The Open House was very well attended, and she is blessed to be starting her fourth year at the District.

Middle School

Mr. Storrer shared with the Board how well the Open House was attended for the Middle School. He also noted the initial training for 7 Mindsets went very well. The building is also happy to have Ms. Nancy McCann subbing in the guidance department.

High School

Mr. Radwan reported on the open positions in the High School. Shelley Ahleman is transferring to the High School Guidance Counselor position and Carrie Cowger is being hired as a Spanish Teacher. Mr. Radwan noted he is excited for the experience and expertise Ms. Cowger is bringing to the position. He noted that with the last minute staff changes, there have been some scheduling changes.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman updated the Board on the facility renovations. The Varsity Gymnasium is now complete. The A/C unit was turned on and is working. Temporary occupancy has been granted, which means the locker rooms can be used. The flooring is expected to be completed in September.

Mr. Pohlman also updated the Board on the process for the in-house athlete drug testing. The football team was the first athletic team tested, and it went very well. Mr. Pohlman ordered a few items to help with the process and will finish the rest of initial testing of fall sports teams by the end of August. The first random test will be in September.

Mr. Pohlman provided information on the Athletic Boosters Golf Outing. The annual outing was held the first weekend in August. The event had so much interest that the Boosters extended it to a two-day event. There were over 30 teams on each day, making it the largest golf outing yet for the Athletic Boosters.

Lastly, Mr. Pohlman updated the Board on fall sports. Football and volleyball both opened their season this past weekend with victories. Cross Country will have their first race this coming weekend at Seneca East. Boys Soccer lost their first game. The Girls Soccer team has their first game tonight. Boys and Girls golf have also been competing since the second week of August. Mr. Pohlman noted the official shortage is becoming more of an issue this year. There are some districts who may have to move their Friday night football games to Thursday nights in order to have officials. He currently does not foresee this happening for the District. Soccer, however, is the sport where there is the most difficulty in finding officials. There are over 30 dates in which the assignor for all of the northwest Ohio districts has said there are no officials available for those dates, which is making it difficult to schedule JV games. Mr. Pohlman is working to make sure Liberty Center students have opportunities to play.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters commended the principals and supervisors for their efforts this summer in filling open positions within the District. He noted the high quality of summer hires the District has, which is a great reflection of the District.

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Mr. Peters updated the Board on the various projects within the District. The renovations to the Varsity Gymnasium building are nearing completion. The gym itself is complete. The flooring for the commons area is delayed. The hope is that the project will be completed in September. Mr. Peters thanked The Gerken Companies, Liberty Center Athletic Boosters and local community members and businesses who donated towards the asphalt project. He also acknowledged The Gerken Companies for their work in completing the asphalt project around Kip Kern Field. Not only did they do an excellent job, the timing of the project was just in time for Meet the Team Night and the first games of the fall sports season. Mr. Peters noted that while these projects are wonderful, nothing is better than welcoming the 144 staff members and 1,000 students back for the start of a new school year.

#78-22 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the School Counseling Practicum Contract of Agreement with Bowling Green State University to place a graduate student at Liberty Center Local Schools for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of their school counseling practicum, commencing August 22, 2022 through December 9, 2022.

Approve the bus routes for the 2022-23 school year as presented.

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 2022-23 school year.

Approve the 2022-23 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	\$80.00 per diem
Per student per day our students assigned to JRC	\$85.00 per diem
Per seat at WCA	\$11,505.00 for the full year \$5,753.00 for one semester

Appoint Todd Spangler as the Board's delegate to the OSBA's annual Capital Conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio from November 13-15, 2022.

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

#79-22 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2022-23 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2022-23 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

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Continuing Contract

Mary Bentancur
Ashley Braucksieck
Betsy Rees

Accept the resignation of Mary Bentancur, Classroom Teacher and Spanish Club Advisor, effective August 31, 2022.

Accept the resignation of Ashley Braucksieck, High School Guidance Counselor and National Honor Society Advisor, effective August 31, 2022.

Accept the resignation of Tina Hammontree, Educational Aide, effective August 8, 2022.

Accept the resignation of Christy Rivera, Bus Driver, effective August 12, 2022.

Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective building Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Elementary

Christy Myers: Co-Chair
Hillary McBride
Dianna Szabo
Sarah Feehan
Kim Rettig
Annette Niekamp
Emily Hill

Middle School

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

Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective Building Leadership Team (BLT) for the 2022-23 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Elementary

Brooke Keefer: Co-Chair
Kathy Bishop
Merry Giesige
Dianna Szabo
Michelle Bailey
Traci Chapman
Carey Pogan

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Middle School

Jerry Oberhaus: Co-Chair
Jill Evans
Tracy Krueger
Steve Doseck
Kim Jones
Betsy Rees

High School

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

Approve the following individuals to serve on the District Leadership Team (DLT) for the 2022-23 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
Brooke Keefer: BLT Chair
Jerry Oberhaus: BLT Chair
Shelley Ahleman: BLT Chair
Raellen Merritt
Stacy Bowers
Jessica Keller
Patrick O'Dwyer

Approve the following individuals as substitutes for the department listed for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Glenda Conner – Secretary
Riley Garretson – Secretary
Rachel Orr – Secretary
Rebekah Orr – Secretary
Jenny Perry – Secretary
Deb Tanier – Secretary
Katelynn Konrad – Lunchroom
Katelynn Konrad – Bus Driver

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2022-23 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate paid per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

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Jerry Oberhaus: Co-Chair
Kathy Bailey
Jodi Biederstedt

Appoint Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, and Greg Radwan, High School Principal, as the Administrative Representatives on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2022-23 school year.

Approve Jeff Ressler as a volunteer van driver for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings.

Offer Michelle Gowing a one-year probationary contract as a Lunchroom Aide beginning with the 2022-23 school year. She will start at Step 0 on the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the following volunteers for the activity indicated for the 2022-23 school year, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork:

Bryce Trapp – Music
Lynette Branson – Cheerleading
Ashlyn Dulle – Cheerleading
Trina Elieff – Cross Country
Jackie Mendizabal – Girls Soccer

Offer Carrie Cowger a one-year probationary contract as a Classroom Teacher (Spanish), effective at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Approve stipends to Liberty Center Classroom Teachers for the 2022-23 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 advancing Andrea Panning, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters+30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's salary schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Approve Nancy McCann as a substitute in the Guidance Department, on an as needed basis, for the 2022-23 school year.

Offer Kennedy Hall a one-year probationary contract as an Educational/Intervention Aide effective at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, pending completion all necessary paperwork and certification. She will start at Step 0 on the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Katelyn Konrad a one-year probationary contract as a bus driver effective at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and certification. She will start at Step 0 on the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer the following certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2022-23 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

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Patrick O'Dwyer – High School Student Council Advisor

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter
Nays: Mrs. Zacharias – Motion Carried

Mr. Carter thanked the principals for the work they have done to ensure the successful start of the school year.

New Business

Next Board Meeting: September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

#80-22 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District.

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

Mr. Radwan entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and left Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Peters and Mrs. Buenger left Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

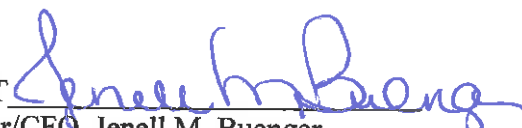
#75-22 Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the August 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:56 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

