

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
April 26, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2021 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.

A Special Presentation was given by LifeWise Academy. The committee members present for Liberty Center's LifeWise Academy include Randy Riegsecker, Ronda Miller, Dawn Sharpe, Regina Babcock, and Susie Krugh. The main goal of the released time religious instruction is character education, with the hope of improved character, resulting in lower discipline numbers. Classes will be offered to students one day per week for 40 minutes. All LifeWise Academy teachers will have a background check completed. LifeWise Academy is not sponsored by the school. Other districts in the area with LifeWise Academy include Ayersville and Van Wert. Napoleon and Defiance are currently making plans to launch programs.

#53-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2021 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 explained the transfers in relation to the Bond Retirement Funds to pay the Districts' debt on the bonds and the PI Fund to the Retirement Fund TAN to pay the interest on the District's TAN, which will occur each year in July for the next ten years. She also explained the After Prom budget was received later as the status of Prom was not known until recently.

Mrs. Buenger provided information on the appropriation and amended certificate increases. The ESSER II funds will be available soon and will be used for a portion of the bleachers and metal building addition. The School Safety Grant will be used to purchase security cameras for the Varsity Gym and Metal Building. The Building Project is for the fencing and the Bond Retirement Fund is for the first interest payment on the TAN.

Mrs. Buenger explained the Then and Now certificate for PO 2100863 is for the legal work completed by the District's bond counsel for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). It was originally going to be deducted from the proceeds of the Note, but Henry County Bank deposited the total amount into our account.

#54-21 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

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Approve the following donations:

Anonymous	Engelhardt Low String Bass	\$1,500.00
Anonymous	Fencing Around Football Field	\$125,000.00
Athletic Boosters	State Wrestling	\$365.79
Athletic Boosters	State Bowling	\$222.15
Athletic Boosters	State Gymnastics	\$109.00
Athletic Boosters	Neff Awards	\$408.77
Athletic Boosters	Track Camp Fund – Fundraiser	\$2,000.00

Approve the transfer of \$159,539.52 from the Bond Retirement Fund to the Bond Retirement Classroom Facilities Project Fund.

Approve the transfer of \$2,454.20 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund TAN.

Approve the following student activity budget for the 2020-21 school year:

After Prom

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases:

Increase Appropriations		
507 9922	ESSER II	\$528,159.59
200 9017	After Prom	\$2,500.00
499 9019	School Safety Grant	\$5,150.00
001 9015	Building Project	\$130,000.00
002 9021	Bond Retirement – TAN	\$2,454.20

Increase Amended Certificate		
507 9922	ESSER II	\$528,159.59
200 9017	After Prom	\$2,500.00
499 9019	School Safety Grant	\$5,150.00
001 9015	Building Project	\$130,000.00
002 9021	Bond Retirement – TAN	\$2,454.20

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl reported Swanton Middle School, Swanton Elementary School, Holgate Elementary School, and Oak Hill United School in Indiana came to visit the elementary last week to review the new reading curriculum in action. As a bonus for holding the event, the elementary will be receiving free resources from American Reading Company.

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Ms. Postl provided an update on testing. The 3rd and 4th grades will finish state testing this week. NWEA testing will follow to measure students' growth for the year in math and reading.

Additional updates from Ms. Postl included: Branching Minds training took place for teachers last month, with plans being developed for students in Tier 2 reading; kindergarten screening for the 2021-22 school year was successful with 85 students screened; a make-up date for kindergarten screening is scheduled for those who were unable to attend last week's screening; Right to Read Week is the week of May 10th with a camping theme; and Field Day is scheduled for May 26th with no parent spectators allowed.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan updated the Board on state testing in the middle school. He also reported 6th and 7th graders have the opportunity this year to attend Camp Willson May 10-12, 2021. A few students will be transported daily by Mr. Radwan in the school van for those not comfortable staying at the camp. Mr. Peters added they have been working with the Henry County Health Department, who has approved camp and field trips.

National Junior Honor Society inductions will be held on May 20th. The 5th and 6th grade talent show is scheduled for May 26th. Mr. Radwan reported he is working on scheduling an LCMS awards ceremony, but it may be held virtually. PTO is organizing a Field Day for May 24th.

High School

Mr. Black reported high school state testing will finish this week and MAP testing will be conducted to monitor student progress. End of Course testing will finish this week, with make-ups scheduled for next week.

Carly Roth, LC junior, and Jacob Parento, LC senior, have been chosen as Student of the Month by their respective teachers at Four County Career Center. Senior Kaelyn Kinnan finished in the top 4 in Swine Production – Entrepreneurship FFA Proficiency at the state level. The winner will be announced at the State FFA Convention on April 30th.

Mr. Black also updated the Board on upcoming events in the high school: Prom is May 1st with dinner served in the Middle School Gym with dancing in the Auditoria; May 4th is senior class picture day; Senior Awards Night is May 27th in Varsity Gym; and Graduation will be on May 30, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym with each student receiving four tickets for their family. For graduation, families are asked to sit in groups of four, socially distance, and wear face masks.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman commended the following state qualifying athletes for the winter sports season:

- Dylan Matthews – Wrestling, 145-pound weight class
- Owen Box – Wrestling, 285-pound weight class
- Camren Foster – Wrestling Alternate
- Owen Johnson – Wrestling Alternate
- Landon Amstutz – Bowling
- Calla Oelkrug – Gymnastics, beam
- Sam Engler – Gymnastics, beam

Mr. Peters thanked Mr. Pohlman, the coaches, and all student athletes for overcoming all of the obstacles presented this year with the pandemic.

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Mr. Pohlman updated the Board on spring sports. The girls track team has shown their strength early, having won the Diller Invitational, Anna Invitational, and LC Invitational. The boys track team has also done well, winning the LC Invitational. This weekend the track teams will be traveling to Port Clinton. Baseball is 1-3 in the league and 3-12 overall. They have faced good opponents, with a lot of close games. Softball is 1-3 in the league and 13-5 overall. There are currently five teams in the NWOAL with double-digit wins.

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on the renovation projects and the ability for sports to schedule gym time. He is also meeting with all head coaches in May to review "Priority Days." The OHSAA changed the 10-day limit for coaching days in the summer. Mr. Pohlman wants to be cognizant of not over-working or straining student-athletes.

Mr. Pohlman reported the Liberty Center branding project is almost complete. The mascot has been unveiled on the turf field. He said it was a great process working with BSN and Varsity Branding. He released a "teaser" on the LC Athletics Facebook page of some of the various logos that will be used. In addition to all of the work, the District will also be receiving a media backdrop, table cloth, and six avenue banners that we get to design with our new logos. The plan is to purchase the remaining banners needed to have banners on all of the lights posts in the facility.

Mr. Pohlman updated the Board on the final walk-through of the new turf field. Maumee Bay provided information for maintenance, coaches, and the band director. Mr. Peters commented on how quickly and efficiently Maumee Bay has been – with the discussion of a turf field beginning February 1st, installation beginning March 29th, and the final walk-through on April 26th. Mr. Peters thanked the Kern Family for their generous donation and thanked Scott Arney, Athletic Booster President, and all of the Athletic Boosters for their work on the project.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters updated the Board on the building projects. The scope of the projects has increased with the increase in available funds. Initially, the budget was approximately \$1 million. With the availability of ESSER funds, the budget has increased to \$2.8 million. GMP 1, on the agenda for approval, totals \$1.6 million and includes work on the Metal Building, bleachers at Rex Lingruen Stadium, and air conditioning in the Varsity Gymnasium. GMP 2 will include updates to the exterior and landscaping at the Metal Building and completion of the fencing around the stadium, with \$125,000 donated for the fencing. The goal is to have these finished prior to the start of football season. GMP 3 will include work on the Varsity Gymnasium building, with the plans being finalized after the state finalizes ESSER III funding.

#55-21 Superintendent's Consent Items

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:

Commend Landon Amstutz for qualifying for State in bowling.

Commend Dylan Matthews and Owen Box for qualifying for State in wrestling and Camren Foster and Owen Johnson for qualifying as alternates for State in wrestling.

Commend Samantha Engler and Calla Oelkrug for qualifying for State in gymnastics.

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Approve the girls basketball team and coaches to attend an overnight basketball shootout at the Cedar Point Sports Complex in Sandusky, OH from June 14-15, 2021.

Approve the Fine and Performing Arts Seal, Student Engagement Seal, and Community Service Seal as Local Educational Authority Defined Seals for the graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2022.

Approve the 2021 graduating Seniors from Liberty Center High School, contingent upon successful completion of graduation requirements established by the State Department of Education and the Liberty Center Board of Education.

Approve offering student accident insurance for the 2021-22 school year from Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, Glenview Illinois, through Frost Insurance Agency in Napoleon, OH.

Approve FFA students and teachers to attend an overnight trip for FFA Camp Muskingum from June 7-11, 2021.

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

#56-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Non-renew all 2020-21 Supplemental Contracts as of June 30, 2021.

Approve Patricia Hyland, School Psychologist, at the rate of \$80 per hour, for the 2021-22 school year, on an as needed basis with no benefits. She will serve the students at the Liberty Education Center (LEC).

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2020-21 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Accept the resignation of Brett Green, Classroom Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Accept the resignation of Carrie Pratt, Intervention Specialist Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Offer the following continuing contracts beginning September 4, 2021, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

Bonnie McGilvery – Cafeteria Cashier
Kim Bergstedt – Cafeteria Aide

Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2021-22 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

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One Year Contract

Andrea Dennie
Raellen Merritt

Two Year Contract

Michelle Bailey
Seth Bowser
Jessica Keller

Three Year Contract

Mary Bentancur
Ashley Braucksieck
Sharon Brown
Mary Chamberlin
Ashley Chapa
Brittany Gonzalez
Alicia Soto
Andrew Watson

Continuing Contract

Kaitlyn Yungmann

Offer Laura Myers a contract as a Playground Monitoring Aide beginning with the 2021-22 school year through February 21, 2022, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Ellen Bockelman a contract as a Bus Driver beginning with the 2021-22 school year through November 29, 2021, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Laura Myers a two-year contract as a Bus Driver beginning September 4, 2021 through September 3, 2023, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the following as chaperones for the 6th/7th Grade Camp Willson trip, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Adam Lawniczak
Mercedes McNett

Approve the transfer of Larry Black from High School Principal to LEC Principal and his employment contract addendum.

Accept the resignation of Greg Radwan, Middle School Principal, pending the approval of his hiring as the High School Principal.

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Offer Greg Radwan a two-year contract as the High School Principal, beginning August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2023.

Offer Breanna Sharp a two-year contract as the Payroll Specialist, beginning May 4, 2021 through May 3, 2023. All insurances, leaves of absences, vacation and holidays will be per Board Policy.

Approve the following individuals as chaperones on the Washington D.C. trip, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Jackie Culler	Trisha Sattler
Erin Lubinski	Lisa Walker
Cassie Maynhart	Merry Giesige
Anna McMaster	Emily Hill
Robert Minnich	Casey Mohler
Michelle Ordway	
Luke Rohrs	

Approve Greg Radwan as a volunteer van driver for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings.

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

#57-21 Resolution to Initiate

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adopt the Resolution to Initiate the retire/rehire process of David Grim, whose retirement resignation was approved in Resolution #35-21.

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

#58-21 Approve Then and Now Purchase Order

Upon the recommendation of the administration, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the following “Then and Now” purchase order in accordance with ORC Section 5705.41 (D)(1) which states, “Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section and section 5705.44 of the Revised Code, make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the obligation or, in the case of a continuing contract to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, the amount required to meet the obligation in the fiscal year in which the contract is made, has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate need be signed only by the subdivision's fiscal officer. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon. If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt by the taxing authority of the subdivision or taxing unit of a certificate of the fiscal officer stating that there was at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any

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previous encumbrances, such taxing authority may authorize the drawing of a warrant in payment of amounts due upon such contract, but such resolution or ordinance shall be passed within thirty days after the taxing authority receives such certificate; provided that, if the amount involved is less than one hundred dollars in the case of counties or three thousand dollars in the case of all other subdivisions or taxing units, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without such affirmation of the taxing authority of the subdivision or taxing unit, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.”

Purchase Order #2100863 to Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP in the amount of \$8,925.00

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

#59-21 Resolution Approving GMP

Mr. Spangler made the motion and Mr. Weaver seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment Related to the Board’s Renovation Project.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is May 24, 2021.

The Retire/Rehire Public Hearing for David Grim is June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Board Meeting.

Board Members’ Committee Reports

The Policy Committee and Finance Committee will be scheduling meetings prior to the May Board Meeting.

#60-21 Executive Session

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:52 p.m. 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 and to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 8:51 p.m.

#61-21 Adjournment

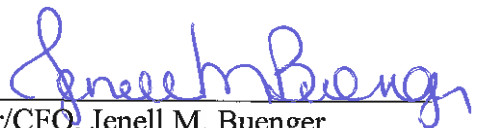
Mr. Spangler made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the April 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:52 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger