

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 23, 2019**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019 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. Andrea Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Shelley Davis was recognized and commended for being named OASSA Cheer Coach of the Month for September.

Cole Zeiter was recognized and commended for being a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

Patrick King from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated presented the process for refunding the District's bonds. Due to decreasing interest rates, the District has the ability to refinance the bonds that are being used to fund the K-12 building project. This will not provide additional dollars for operating the District. It will allow the tax payers to see a slight decrease in their property taxes.

**#104-19 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 26, 2019 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 donations. The Athletic Boosters donated \$3,065.45 for patches for state and district qualifies, as well as \$100.00 for a golf app for the golf team. Davis Farm Services donated the application of crabgrass preventer and weed killer on the football field. Colton United Methodist Church donated money towards a mentoring program to be used in the Elementary.

Mrs. Buenger also provided information on the changes to the adult lunch price and reduced breakfast price. The adult lunch price is being increased \$0.05 to \$3.55 due to the state formula where an adult meal must equal or exceed the price charged to students paying full price plus the current value of federal cash and donated food assistance plus performance based assistance. The breakfast price for students qualifying for reduced meal prices will now be at no charge, a decrease of \$0.25. There are currently 92 students who qualify for reduced price lunches, with only 10-14 of them eating breakfast daily. The hope is that by reducing this cost, more students will be able to eat breakfast and not be hungry. This could also provide additional funding from the state, with the potential of up to \$152.00 per day.

Mrs. Buenger reported on the permanent appropriations. The overall appropriations for FY20 are \$19,421,041.11. Last year they were \$27,548,082.17. The primary reason for the large decrease is that we are nearing the end of the building project. In regards to the General Fund, the appropriations are only \$15,719.00 more than last year. This is due to the changes we have made to control expenditures.

The Certificate of Estimated Resources increased due to grant allocations, student activity budgets turned in after July 1<sup>st</sup>, amended activity budgets, as well as some payments coming in higher than anticipated.

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**#105-19 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Benson 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
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report

Approve the following donations:

Athletic Boosters	\$3,065.46	Athletic patches from US Awards for athletes
Athletic Boosters	\$100.00	Golf App
Davis Farm Services	\$75.00	Crabgrass Preventer Application on Football Field
Davis Farm Services	\$380.00	Herbicide Application on Football Field (4 times)
Colton United Methodist	\$300.00	Elementary Guidance for a mentoring program
Church Families to Families Fund		

Amend the following Cafeteria prices for the 2019-20 school year:

Lunch: Adult	\$3.55 (increase \$0.05)
Breakfast: PK-12 Reduced	No Charge (decrease of \$0.25)

Approve the FY20 Permanent Appropriations as presented.

Approve the Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

Approve an engagement letter with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated to confirm discussions related to a potential issue of, or series of issuances of, municipal securities related to the refinancing of Liberty Center Local School District's Classroom Facilities and School Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, and to formalize Stifel's role as underwriter with respect to the Issue.

Approve the Supplemental Fiscal Officer's Certificate as related to the outstanding Liberty Center Local School District's Classroom Facilities and School Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014.

Approve an engagement letter with Sudsina & Associates, LLC to serve as the District's Municipal Advisor in connection with any debt proceedings for the District including bonds, note issues, private placements or other financings of the District and addresses necessary regulatory considerations that are required to be disclosed.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter

Nays: None – Motion Carried

**Principal's Reports**

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Ms. Postl reported on the new NWEA MAP Diagnostic testing that is scheduled to be completed by September 27<sup>th</sup>. She explained they delayed testing for a few weeks specifically for reading so they can obtain more accurate data on students who struggle in reading. Reading improvement plans will be created for those who do not meet the cut-off score for being “on-track” which is established by NWEA: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade is 151 = 24% tile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is 170 = 37% tile, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is 181 = 32% tile. For students in Kindergarten, the RIMPS will be determined by the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) which will begin September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The testing must be completed by November 1, 2019.

Grades 1-4 are utilizing Typing Club in their classrooms. The goal is to have students exposed to typing well before they reach 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and are expected to have typing skills to be successful on the state test. This is also a vital real-world skill they will need when they are older.

Ms. Postl informed the Board that all Elementary music programs will take place in the spring. They are working to make connections between the music performance topic and the grade level genre of study in reading for grades 1-4.

The PTO will be hosting a Color Run for a fundraiser in late fall. Widewater will be the location for the run. Additional information is forthcoming. The goal is to find ways to raise money without selling products that people don't really want to purchase.

Ms. Postl updated the Board on the success of the ARC curriculum implementation. Teachers are becoming more comfortable with the program and students are excited to read and write. The plan is to purchase additional books through the electronic bookshelf ARC offers, which will allow students the chance to practice reading on the computer screen prior to state testing.

Lastly, Ms. Postl reported the Literacy Team is planning a literacy event to introduce the new reading curriculum to parents and show them the focus for the year.

**Middle School**

Mr. Mariano explained to the Board that this week is spirit week, with students dressing up to show their school spirit. The week will end with a school-wide pep assembly Friday afternoon. Last week, experts from Maumee Valley Guidance Center and Middle School Counselor Shelley Ahleman provided students in grades 6-12 with age appropriate education about how to recognize the signs of depression in themselves and others. The number for the 24-hour text and voice crisis helplines were programmed into cell phones for students who have them. All students received cards to carry with them with these numbers as well. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the National Children's Theater will be at Liberty Center to do an improvisation show that revolves around energy agents. The show is sponsored by First Energy.

Mr. Mariano congratulated and recognized the students who scored a perfect score on a section of the OST/AIR testing from the spring:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: Joy Brown and Elliot McMaster

5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA: Joy Brown, Carly Ordway and James Bailey (as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Leah Orr and Joy Brown (as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Molly Perry and Madeline Bailey (as a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader)

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA: Hudson Keefer

**High School**

Mr. Black reported on the spirit events taking place for Homecoming Week. He also announced the court: Queen Meredith Zeiter, Maria Murrey, Madison Perry, Hanna Wachtman and Calla Oelkrug. The escorts for the court include Matthew Orr, Aaron Shafer, Alex Righi, Max Phillips and Dakota Shultz. The crown bearer is Meg Hill and the ball bearer is Drew Sharpe. The pep assembly is Friday starting at 1:45. The pregame ceremonies will start at 6:30, and the dance is Saturday from 8-11 p.m.

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the high school students attended an assembly in the form of a game show. The topics for questions were driving safety, vaping and alcohol use mixed with pop culture. Mr. Black thanked the Henry County Health Department for their generosity in sponsoring the event.

Mr. Black met with members of the Henry County CIC and the coordinators for Ohio Means Jobs in Henry and Fulton Counties to look at ways to improve communication between the schools, employers and future employees.

**Athletic Report**

Mr. Pohlman congratulated Shelley Davis on being named OASSA Coach of the Month for September. She was recognized for her part in leading the Liberty Center Competition Cheer Team to four state championships and the AmeriCheer International Champions in 2019.

Mr. Pohlman reported that fall sports are well underway, with both the football and the girls' soccer teams being undefeated. Golf will be participating in Sectionals at Ironwood this week. The boys' soccer team has a record of 3-5-1 and has a big week of games coming up. The Widewater Cross Country Invitational took place this past weekend. The girls placed first and the boys placed fourth. There were more than 10 state ranked teams and over 1200 runners between all the races.

While attending the NW District meeting, Mr. Pohlman was commended on how clean the football team left the Tinora locker room. This led him to an idea wanting the same cleanliness in our stadium. He has assigned a grade level to each of the four remaining home games. The selected grade will have volunteers clean up the trash in the student section area after the home games to help our custodial staff out and keep the stadium looking nice.

Mr. Pohlman informed the Board of the replacement of a light on the play clock on the west end of the stadium. The part is under warranty.

Homecoming festivities are taking place this week. As in years past, the gates will open for Friday's Homecoming game against Wauseon at 5:45.

The powder puff game will take place again this year. It is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The final winter and spring sports schedules will be released soon. Both boys and girls basketball have started conditioning in preparation for the upcoming seasons.

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At the last Athletic Boosters meeting, the building of a shed for the softball program was approved for \$2,500.00. It will be built by the Vo-Ag classes with Mr. Readshaw's leadership. A diamond resurfacing was also approved to begin this fall on the softball field.

Lastly, Mr. Pohlman reported the signs on the football field scoreboard will be updated this week since they have faded over time.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Peters gave an update on the State Report Card, where the District earned an overall grade of C. Mr. Peters noted that the District improved in two key areas: Graduation Rate and Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers. The remaining areas all stayed the same from the previous year. The District Leadership Team is reviewing the data from the State Report Card, and Mr. Peters will work with them to make informed instructional decisions, as well as provide targeted professional development.

Mr. Peters provided information on the solar project. A meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss the LED lighting portion of the project in the Varsity Gym building, which is scheduled to be completed prior to basketball season. The goal is to start installing the poles for the solar array within a month, with the project expected to be completed by the end of December.

Mr. Peters informed the Board the Veterans' Wall project encountered a minor set-back; however, the hope is to have it completed by Veterans' Day.

He also gave an update on the closing of the K-12 building project. There is still an issue related to the power in the building that will need addressed prior to the closing of the project. Contractors are being contacted to complete this task. The anticipated closing date for the project is the end of the calendar year. Any money left over from the project will be used to construct a restroom and concession facility at the football field. This project will be completed in conjunction with the Athletic Boosters plan to update the concession stand.

**#106-19 Superintendent's Consent Agenda**

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 Consent Agenda items as follows:

Commend Coach Shelley Davis for being named OASSA Cheer Coach of the Month for September.

Commend Cole Zeiter for becoming a Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Approve the Middle School trip to Washington, D.C. from June 10-13, 2021.

Approve a one-year electronic subscription to Ohio School Boards Association *Communication Plus* at a cost of \$300.00.

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

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**#107-19 Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations**

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 Personnel Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve Sarah Feehan as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of five hours per week at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Approve the contract with Pablo Barahona-Sical to provide services for a student who has been identified as Limited English Proficient. Mr. Barahona-Sical will provide one-on-one English Language services as a tutor and translator. He will receive \$45 per day for up to 90 days.

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 2019-20 school year, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

- Assistant Wrestling – Chris Box
- Assistant Wrestling – Tyler Short
- Jr. High Wrestling – Brett Rohda
- Jr. High Wrestling – Clayton Hill
- JV Boys Basketball – Justin Frye
- Assistant Boys Basketball – Kyle Bostater
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball – Kyle Pieracini
- 7th Grade Boys Basketball – Nick Pieracini

Approve advancing Sarah Feehan, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +15 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement’s Salary Schedule, effective as the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

Approve the following volunteer van drivers for the 2019-20 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings:

Katherine Bell

Approve the following classroom volunteers for the 2019-20 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Alexandra Adams	Kathy Foss	Deb Nash
Monica Atkinson	Heather Frye	Jeff Nash
Gina Babcock	Kristi Gyurasics	Michelle Ordway
Sue Barnes	Kennedy Hall	Jenny Perry
Charlyn Barrett	Alycia Hartford	Michelle Pieracini
Annie Beattie	Mary Hernandez	Denise Radlinski
Kayla Bohman	Jody Hollenbaugh	Shannon Richardson
Teri Brillhart	Dana Holt	Bridgette Robinson
Christine Brink	Ashley Hurst	Marie Rompf

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Elaine Butler	Mandy Kern	Janet Ruple
Megan Butler	Ashton Kessler	Tiffany Silveus
Kristin Campos	Kylie Kessler	Zac Sperling
Jessica Capretta	Crystal Kline	Heather Switzer
Tracy Carinci	Sara Lawniczak	Jenna Tammarine
Cindy Christian	Molly Lee	Kelley Taormina
Lindsey Clemens	Tara Lester	Casey Underwood
Jenell Cobb	Megan Lewallen	Kaitlin Westhoven
Amanda DeMoe	Sherry Martin	Pamela Wright
Judy Desumma	Erika McGreevy	Brandi Zeiter
Amanda Dilbone	Bernadette Meyer	Carly Zeiter
Jill Fitzenreiter	Jilayne Michelson	
Lani Flory	Adriana Minck	

Offer the following certified individuals a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2019-20 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

- Musical Director – Seth Bowser (50%)
- Assistant Musical Director – Seth Bowser (50%)
- Freshman Boys Basketball – Doug Hinton

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 position indicated for the 2019-20 school year, with pay stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

- Musical Director – Dustin Mays (50%)
- Assistant Musical Director – Dustin Mays (50%)

Approve the following certified individuals to serve on the Technology Committee for the 2019-20 school year, with pay stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Elementary

- Brittany Meyer
- Karen Rettig
- Kathy Bishop
- Stacy Bowers

Middle School

- Melissa Smith
- Cindy Hageman
- Joanne Junge
- Luke Hutchinson

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High School  
Jeff Ressler  
Jill Evans  
Ryan Miller

Approve the following volunteer for the sport indicated for the 2019-20 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork:

Jack Bartels – Wrestling

Approve the following running club volunteers, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Sara Lawniczak  
Bernedette Meyer  
Renee Meyer

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

**#108-19 Resolution Rescinding Termination and Accepting Resignation**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve the Resolution rescinding action to initiate termination of the employment contract of Emily Wesley and to accept her resignation.

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

**#109-19 Bond Resolution**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$17,830,000.00 for the purpose of refunding debt charges savings certain of the District's outstanding Classroom Facilities and School Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 21, 2014.

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

**#110-19 Personnel Recommendation**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve Liz Spangler as a classroom volunteer for the 2019-20 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

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



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**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria.

The next Board Meeting is October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members' Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee will meet on October 16, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. to review the Five-Year Forecast.

**#111-19 Executive Session**

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. for the purpose of:

Consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, and

Consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes, or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter

Nays: None – Motion Carried

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

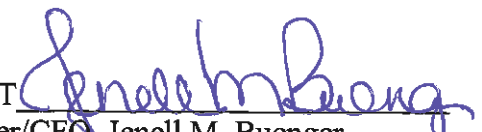
**#112-19 Adjournment**

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the September 23, 2019 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:12 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter

Nays: None – Motion Carried

  
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President, Neal Carter

ATTEST   
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger