

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
December 15, 2025

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Varsity Gym Lobby. 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.

Mr. Kaleb Pohlman, Athletic Director, recognized and commended the fall sports athletes who competed at the state level and earned state honors.

#100-25 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 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 thanked all the various donors for their generosity. Mrs. Buenger also explained the Section 125 flexible benefit plan that is on the agenda for approval. It is approved each year and allows employees to pay for certain qualified medical expenses, such as health insurance, on a pre-tax basis.

#101-25 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following donations:

Dutchmen Construction	Girls Basketball	\$500.00
The Swick Shop – Arica Leidigh	Girls Basketball	\$250.00
Crossbuck Construction Company	Girls Basketball	\$250.00
K Kern Painting LLC	Girls Basketball	\$100.00
Davis Farm Services	Girls Basketball	\$200.00
Red Barn Sales and Service	Girls Basketball	\$50.00
JCM Construction	Girls Basketball	\$100.00
Stacey Machining	Girls Basketball	\$100.00
Exseed Landscape LLC	Girls Basketball	\$250.00
Anonymous Donation	Girls Basketball	\$1,000.00
Meister and Associates	Girls Basketball	\$500.00
Herron's Amish Furniture LLC	Girls Basketball	\$250.00
Anonymous	Students in Need Fund	\$5,000.00

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Anonymous	HS Principal's Fund - For Broadcasting Class	\$500.00
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Approve the following donations to the Football Mom's for team meals:

KK Collision Inc.	Napoleon Moose Lodge 788
Believe Dental Care	Saul Insurance Agency LLC
Bert G Taylor Post 300 American Legion	Liberty Center Fire Department
Doug Upell	Linda Klammer
4A Housing	Red Barn Sales and Service
Homan Seed and Service	Swanton Welding
Hill Asphalt	Woolace Electric Corp.
Lauf & Meents Doctors of Optometry	Gerald Grain Center
Ohio Asphalt Paving LLC	John and Darla Huddle
Garman Miller	Bridgemill Wealth
Ag Credit	Shine Ortho Studio
American Legion Ward L Adams Post 454	Wildcat Nutrition & Fitness Center
Vernon Nagel Inc.	Midwest Community Bank
Anonymous	The Gerken Companies
The Tiger Den	Circle K
American Freedom Energy	Davis Farm Services
Delventhal Landscaping	Ruth Small
Keller Plastering, Ltd.	North Star BlueScope Steel
Dutchmen Construction	Sattler Family Meats
Herron's Amish Furniture	Jim and Linda Vollmar
Worthington Steel	Holgate Metal Fab
Meyer-Badenhop Insurance	Dave's Auto Service
Double A Solutions LLC	Pisanello's Pizza
Carter Family	Keil Family
Ag Revolution	Randy Hill
Outlaw Smokehouse	Caroline Booth
Karlee Badenhop	Tara Lester
Amanda DeMoe	Kara Pieracini
Arica Leidigh	

Approve the Sample Plan Document, Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for American Fidelity for non-union employees, classified employees, and certified employees, as presented.

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl provided an update on the elementary. The results from the 3rd grade ELA fall testing showed 66% of students scored proficient or better. This is an increase from last year's score of 61%. She also informed the

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Board the students in 3rd grade are participating in their annual sock drive where they will deliver donated hats, socks, and gloves to the Liberty Center United Methodist Church. Ms. Postl also noted elementary students colored placemats for Thursday's senior citizen breakfast. Last week, 2nd graders performed their musical 'Star Bucks!' and 4th graders performed 'Shake It Up With Shakespeare!'

Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update on the middle school. 6th grade students welcomed guest speakers Cole Plassman from Fulton County Soil and Water and Molly Hunt from Ohio Geology. They shared their expertise about soil and rocks. Mr. Storrer also thanked and recognized the Napoleon Eagles for their donation of \$5,000.00 towards the 6th grade Camp Willson trip in May 2026. Lastly, Mr. Storrer recognized the students of the month: Dawsyn Rogers, Jesse Brink, Lorelei Gombash, and Addi Westhoven.

High School

Mr. Radwan provided an update on academics, the arts, and athletics in the high school. He highlighted the Leadership Class Stuff the Bus Food Drive. A bus is currently parked by the football stadium where community members can drop off donations of items. They are also having a competition to see which grade can donate the most items. Mr. Radwan also noted the Preparing of the Jungle event last month was a success. Freshmen students took the YouScience Aptitude Test, participated in exploration labs, listened to an AI presentation from a BGSU professor, and heard career stories from local community members. Sophomore students took the geometry and biology readiness tests, participated in exploration labs, listened to an AI presentation from a BGSU professor, and heard career stories from local community members. Juniors took a practice ACT test, listened to an AI presentation from a BGSU professor, and heard career stories from local community members. Seniors had the opportunity to choose between job shadowing someone new, visiting a college, or touring local businesses.

Mr. Radwan congratulated and thanked the marching band for their extended season. They did a nice job representing the school. Mr. Radwan also announced this year's musical: 'Legally Blonde: The Musical.'

Lastly, Mr. Radwan congratulated the football team for winning the Division V State Championship. He also wished all of the winter sports teams the best of luck as they begin their season.

Athletic Report

Mr. Pohlman reported that winter sports schedules will be finalized soon.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters congratulated all the fall athletes for their success this year. He also commended Athletic Director Kaleb Pohlman for all his behind the scenes work in the athletic department.

Mr. Peters recognized outgoing Board Members Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias. John has served on the board for 12 years and Andi has served for 8 years. Mr. Peters thanked them for their dedication to the students of Liberty Center. Mr. Weaver recognized the involvement of everyone in the district, noting the district remains in good hands. Mrs. Zacharias noted how proud she is to have served on the board and that the district continues to head in a positive direction.

Mr. Peters provided information on the 2026-27 school year calendar that is on the agenda for approval. With the Henry County Fair scheduled for August 13-20, 2026, the goal was to start after the completion of the fair.

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The calendar was decided upon based on input from staff and the unions. The quarters end October 23rd, January 8th, March 19th, and May 27th. The 2027 graduation will be held on May 23rd.

Mr. Peters also provided information on the purchase of a new school bus, which is on the agenda for board approval. The bus will be purchased from Cardinal Bus Sales and Service through the META Solutions Vehicle Bids program. The cost of the new bus is \$133,959.00. The new bus will replace an existing route bus that has accumulated high mileage. It will be the district's first gas bus as opposed to a diesel bus. A gas bus is cheaper up front and other districts have noted long-term savings on them as well.

Mr. Peters noted that in recent years, the district was able to purchase two new buses, which were partially paid for with grant funds. This started the discussion of a fleet rotation schedule. Buses are monitored and serviced to ensure the longest life possible. He also informed the Board the price for buses has continued to increase, but the co-op guarantees the lowest price available.

#102-25 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Commend the Girls Cross Country Team for competing in the State Cross Country Meet and placing third:

Hailey Bowen	Loella Dilbone	Ryanna Groth
Alli Johnson	Melissa Lee	Castyn Miller
Ryley Miller	Mya Stark	Colbie Strayer

Commend Mason Like for competing in and placing 7th at the State Cross Country Meet.

Commend the Football Team for being the Division V State Champions:

Jack Badenhop	Levi Howe	Ethan Gray
Thomas Mohler	Tatum Murdock	Brady Badenhop
Bishop Olis	Isaiah Badenhop	Kaden Kreinbrink
Max Perry	Mason Smith	JT Oelkrug
Ty Jackson	Ascher Miller	Troy Pieracini
Drew Silveus	Braxton Light	Hayden Dotson
Jaxton Lawniczak	AJ Salmi	Adam Foster Jr.
Roston Peters	Kaden Sonnenberg	Bergstrom Barrett
Trenton Nawrocki	Cole Spangler	Tyler Rohrs
Dakota Szabo	Isaac Orth	Garrison Kruse
Camdehn DeMoe	Tyce Westhoven	Jack Ward
Kaleb Lester	Brody Jaqua	E.N. Bailey
Baxter Barrett	Max Walker	Easton Flory
Levi Spade	Parker Trumbull	Braydon Crow
Billy Krueger	Lucas Navarre	Degan Schwaiger
Trey Flory	Jake Pieracini	Kellen Wymer
Tate Pieracini	Logan Sifuentes	Mitchell Pieracini
Kolton Wymer	Mason Olszewski	Lukas Leidigh

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Carter Booth
Levi Orth
Henry Fitzenreiter
Cole Shultz
Tristan Grubaugh

Mason Tallent
Gabe Clapp
Hunter Spangler
Blake Tammarine

Sawyer Bockelman
Isaiah Brandedberry
Jon Taormina
Cooper Hageman

Commend the following All State Athletes:

Colbie Strayer – All Ohio in Girls Cross Country (16th place)
Mya Stark – All Ohio in Girls Cross Country (44th place)
Mason Like – All Ohio in Boys Cross Country (7th place)
Calleigh Stoner – All Ohio in Girls Soccer
Garrison Kruse – DV Co-Offensive Football Player of the Year
Garrison Kruse – 1st Team All State in Football
Hunter Spangler – 1st Team All State in Football
Kellen Wymer – 1st Team All State in Football
Thomas Mohler – 1st Team All State in Football
Max Walker – 3rd Team All State in Football
Logan Sifuentes – Honorable Mention All State in Football
Kaden Kreinbrink – Honorable Mention All State in Football

Approve the following overnight trips for the wrestling team and coaches:

December 29-30, 2025 in Marion, OH for the Marion Harding Classic
December 28-30, 2025 in Medina, OH for the Medina Invitational
January 30-31, 2026 in Marion, OH for the Salley George Invitational

Approve the 2026-27 school year calendar.

Approve membership in the Henry County Community Improvement Corporation at a cost of \$250.00.

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

#103-25 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Agenda

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

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:

Bryson Collins
Cheyenne Segura

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

Kent Snyder – JH Girls Basketball
Adam Foster – Wrestling
Erika Wolf – Gymnastics
Pam Righi – Indoor Track
Rob Myers – Indoor Track
Kerry Homan – Indoor Track
Annette Niekamp – Indoor Track
Matt Bryan – Indoor Track
Kristi Gyurasics – Indoor Track

Approve the following individuals as chaperones for the Competition Cheerleading trip to Florida, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

MacKenzie Armey	Kathy Bailey	Mike Bailey
Natasha Bailey	Yvonne Brandeberry	Lisa Brown
Trisha Carter	Ashley Foster	Chelsea Howe
Bernadette Meyer	Brian Meyer	Angie Myers
Michele Ordway	Heather Rohrs	

Approve advancing Regina Babcock, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +15 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.

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

#104-25 Bus Purchase

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias that the Board approve the purchase of one 78 Passenger BBCV 3507 Stock Unit, Gas 436 Blue Bird Vision Bus, including an REI Camera System from Cardinal Bus Sales and Service, Lima, OH, in the amount of \$133,959.00. Pricing is per the META Solutions Vehicle Bids.

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

#105-25 Election of President Pro Tempore

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mrs. Zacharias seconded the motion to appoint Todd Spangler as the President Pro Tempore for the January 12, 2026 Organizational Meeting.

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

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The Organizational Meeting is January 12, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, with the Regular Board Meeting immediately following.

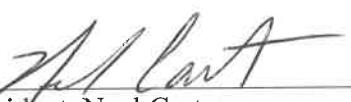
The next Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

#106-25 Adjournment

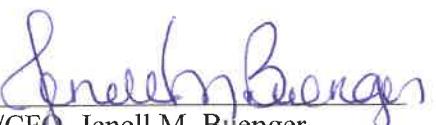
It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the December 15, 2025 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:31 p.m.

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger