

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
LIBERTY CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024  
7:00 P.M.  
BOARD ROOM**

**1. Call To Order**

**2. Pledge Of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

Mr. Carter\_\_\_ Mr. Spangler\_\_\_ Mr. Weaver\_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias\_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter

**4. Recognize and Commend OMEA All-State Choir Participant**

**5. Approve Minutes**

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion to accept the minutes of the Records Commission meeting held on December 18, 2023 and the Organizational and Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2024 of the Liberty Center Board of Education. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. **(Exhibit A)**

VOTE: Mr. Spangler\_\_\_ Mr. Weaver\_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias\_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter\_\_\_ Mr. Carter\_\_\_

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

**6. Recognition Of Visitors/ Public Participation**

**0169.1 Public Participation at Board Meetings**

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, the content of the speech, or the viewpoint of the speaker.

The Board is also committed to conducting its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, honors the voluntary nature of the Board's time and using that time efficiently, and allows for a fair and adequate opportunity for input to be considered. Consequently, public participation at Board meetings will be governed by this bylaw.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public participation portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- D. Individuals may not register others to speak during public participation.
- E. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and may be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- F. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
- G. During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. Audio or video recordings are permitted. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review the possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:
  - 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
  - 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
  - 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session and not disrupt the meeting.
- J. The presiding officer may:
  - 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest);
  - 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
  - 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;

4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.

The Board may permit individuals to attend meetings remotely through live broadcast; however, public participation will be limited to those who are in attendance at the meeting site only. The Board is not responsible for any technology failures that prevent or disrupt any individual from attending remotely.

**7. CFO/Treasurer’s Report/Recommendations**  
**Treasurer’s Report-Mrs. Jenell Buenger**

Consent Items

- a. Approve the financial reports, including the following: **(Exhibit B)**
  - Monthly Bank Reconciliation
  - Cash Summary Report
  - Disbursement Summary Report
  - Investment Report
  - Budget vs Actual Report

- b. Approve the following donations:

LCMS Social Committee	Archery Donation in Memory of Ronald Hutchinson	\$25.00
LCCTA	Archery Donation in Memory of Ronald Hutchinson	\$50.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Cheerleading Cake Raffle	\$1,099.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Bowling Raffles and Donations	\$5,265.00

- c. Approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. **(Exhibit C)**
- d. Approve the agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$841,996.38. **(Exhibit D)**
- e. Approve the following student activity budget for the 2023-24 school year: **(Exhibit E)**  
Class of 2029
- f. Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Modifications:

**Appropriation Modifications**

499 9019	School Safety Grant	-\$4,165.67
499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness	\$7,495.17
018 9103	Students in Need Fund	\$6,000.00
300 950A	Athletic Fund	\$40,000.00

499 9123	Ohio AG’s School/Law Enforcement Technology Linking Safety Grant	-\$20,000.00
572 9102	Title 1D Neglected	-\$51,116.31
200 967J	Class of 2029	\$1,200.00
587 9700	Preschool Grant Expenses	-\$5,889.58
572 9104	Title 1A Improving Basic Programs	\$5,779.94
590 9204	Title 11A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$551.45
516 9714	Title VI-B IDEA B Special Education	\$180.56

**Amended Certificate Modifications**

499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness	\$7,495.17
018 9103	Students in Need Fund	\$1,000.00
572 9102	Title 1D Neglected	-\$3,027.32
587 9700	Preschool Grant Expenses	\$6.97
572 9104	Title 1A Improving Basic Programs	\$5,779.94
590 9204	Title 11A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$551.45
516 9714	Title VI-B IDEA B Special Education	\$180.56

- g. Ratify the revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Special Education services for fiscal year 2024. The foundation deduction shall be revised to an annual amount of \$731,383.42. **(Exhibit F)**

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Mr. Weaver \_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias \_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter \_\_\_ Mr. Spangler \_\_\_ Mr. Carter \_\_\_

**8. Principals’ Reports**

**9. Athletic Director’s Report**

**10. Superintendent’s Report/Recommendations**

**Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Richard Peters**

Consent Items

- a. Commend Savannah Hernandez for participating in the 2024 OMEA All-State High School Choir.
- b. Approve the 2024-25 school year calendar. **(Exhibit G)**
- c. Approve John Patrick to serve on the Liberty Center Public Library Board of Trustees with a term expiring December 31, 2031.

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Mrs. Zacharias \_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter \_\_\_ Mr. Spangler \_\_\_ Mr. Weaver \_\_\_ Mr. Carter \_\_\_

## 11. Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

### Consent Items

- a. Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2023-24 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. **(Exhibit H)**
- b. Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101, retroactively approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2023-24 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license:

Arielle Bernal  
Jessica Hammond  
Cadin Jaessing  
Morgan Leppelmeier  
Samuel Medina  
Alisha Pieracini  
Cole Plassman  
Hayden Shultz

- c. Approve the following individuals as chaperones for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Dawn Badenhop	Aimee Naveau	Amanda Dilbone
Thomas Myers	Kristi Gyurasics	Kelly Dotson
Brian Dotson	Jeremy Kern	Celeste Croley
Kristen Campos	Ryan Sager	Lynette Shepard
Sara Lawniczak	Adam Lawniczak	Brenda Oberhauser
Nicole McClure	Daniel Wright	Dave Brink
Robert O'Neal	James Case	Stacie Maas
Joe Dilbone		

- d. Approve Leah Leeper as a classroom volunteer for the 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.
- e. Accept the retirement resignation of Kerry Homan, Classroom Teacher, effective May 31, 2024.
- f. Accept the retirement resignation of Kathy Bishop, Classroom Teacher, effective May 31, 2024.
- g. Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2023-24 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Kerry Homan – Assistant Track Coach  
Matt Bryan – Assistant Track Coach  
Annette Niekamp – Assistant Track Coach (50%)  
Luke Crozier – Jr. High Track Coach  
Raellen Merritt – Jr. High Track Coach

- h. Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2023-24 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Kara Behnfeldt – Jr. High Track Coach  
Bryan Miller – Jr. High Track Coach

- i. 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 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Nikole Keil – Head Softball Coach  
Darcie Mohler – JV Softball Coach  
Peg Zientek – Assistant Softball Coach  
Brandon Horman – JV Baseball Coach (50%)  
Spencer Rader – JV Baseball Coach (50%)  
Josh Ryan – Assistant Baseball Coach  
Dennis Spade – Assistant Track Coach

- j. Approve the following volunteers for the activity indicated for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork:

Lexi Meyer – Softball  
Danielle Jones – Softball  
Scott Barrett – Softball  
Emily Young – Softball  
Katie Fuller – Softball  
Jenny Perry – Softball  
Tom Mohler – Softball  
Ben Richard – Baseball  
Zach LaPlante – Baseball  
Todd Spangler – Track  
Kenny Barnes – Track  
Sophie Long – Track  
Kristi Gyurasics – Track  
Brecken Garretson – Track  
Abigail Badenhop – Gymnastics  
Erika Wolf – Gymnastics

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: Mr. Zeiter \_\_\_ Mr. Spangler \_\_\_ Mr. Weaver \_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias \_\_\_ Mr. Carter \_\_\_

## 12. OHSAA Membership Resolution

The motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the resolution for continued membership for the 2024-25 school year in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). **(Exhibit I)**

VOTE: Mr. Spangler \_\_\_ Mr. Weaver \_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias \_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter \_\_\_ Mr. Carter \_\_\_

## 13. Old Business

**14. New Business**

The next Board meeting is March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

**15. Board Members' Committee Reports**

**16. Executive Session**

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of preparing for negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

VOTE: Mr. Weaver\_\_\_ Mrs. Zacharias\_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter\_\_\_ Mr. Spangler\_\_\_ Mr. Carter\_\_\_

**17. Adjournment**

\_\_\_\_\_ made the motion and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion to adjourn the February 26, 2024 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

VOTE: Mrs. Zacharias\_\_\_ Mr. Zeiter\_\_\_ Mr. Spangler\_\_\_ Mr. Weaver\_\_\_ Mr. Carter\_\_\_