

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. Mr. Todd Spangler was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Postl, Elementary Principal and Grants Coordinator, presented to the Board on the 2022-23 grants. The Title I grant totals \$145,945.01 and will be used for Title I teacher salary and benefits, professional development for the ARC program, and intervention resources. \$24,876.82 will be received for the Title II grant. A portion of the Title II grant will go towards a fourth grade teacher’s salary and additional ARC materials and resources for the additional class. The District is receiving \$11,624.50 for the Title IV grant. This grant will be used for a portion of the gifted teacher’s salary, supplies for gifted instruction and supplies for PBIS. The IDEA B grant totals \$217,663.83 for the 2022-23 school year. These funds will go towards a portion of three special education teacher salaries and benefits. Lastly, the Title I Neglected grant totals \$42,852.32 and will be used for after school programs at the LEC, as well as software and supplies for the LEC.

Mrs. Jimenez, Director of Student Services, presented to the Board on the results of the 2021-22 State Report Card. The District met or exceeded each component of the report card. The State changed from a letter rating to a star rating. Achievement is the measurement of whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall. Gap Closing is a measurement of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups. The Early Literacy component looks at how successful schools are at improving reading for at-risk students in grades K-3. Progress looks at the growth all students are making based on their past performance. The Graduation component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Gap Closing</u>	<u>Early Literacy</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Graduation</u>
District: 4	District: 5	District: 4	District: 3	District: 4
High School: 3	High School: 3	Elementary: 4	High School: 3	High School: 4
Middle School: 5	Middle School: 5		Middle School: 3	
Elementary: 5	Elementary: 5		Elementary: 1	

Mrs. Jimenez, Director of Student Services, along with DLT Co-Chairs Jen Schroeder, Carrie Sines and Stephanie Sager, presented to the Board on the goals and vision of the DLT (District Leadership Team). The focus is Each Child, Our Future. The motto is, “At Liberty Center Local Schools, each child is *challenged* to discover and learn, *prepared* to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and *empowered* to become resilient, lifelong learners who contribute to society.” The goal is to produce high school graduates, who one year after graduation, are enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career technical program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program; serving in a military branch; earning a living wage; or engaged in a meaningful, self-sustaining vocation. They presented on the four learning domains: functional knowledge skills, well rounded content, leadership and reasoning, and SEL.

Mr. Peters commended the staff for their hard work and dedication to the academic success of the students at Liberty Center.

#82-22 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 22, 2022 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

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

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Buenger reviewed her consent agenda items. She updated the Board on the regular monthly reports. Mrs. Buenger thanked the very generous donors. She also explained the increase in the mileage reimbursement rate, which has always followed the IRS mileage rate. Mrs. Buenger provided information on the FY23 Permanent Appropriations. The total amount for FY23 is \$22,923,649.07, which is approximately 2% less than last year’s total of \$23,309,869.59. The General Fund is 7% higher, \$17,833,067.00 versus \$16,572,994.32, but the PI is almost 50% less due to the projects nearing completion. The grant funds are also quite a bit lower this year due to the ESSER funds having already been spent. She also explained the FY23 Certificate of Estimated Resources. The total amount is the same; however, the state changed the OFCC Safety Grant account numbers, which required an update to the certificate.

#83-22 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
- Cash Summary Report
- Disbursement Summary Report
- Investment Report

Approve the following donations:

Woolace Electric Corp.	\$6,800.00	Labor/materials for wrestling room demo
Dennis & Connie Cahill	\$25.00	Donation to Golf Team
Worthington Industries		Snacks for staff members

Approve the increase of the 2022 mileage rate from \$0.585 per mile to \$0.625 per mile (current IRS rate), effective July 1, 2022, for all non-union employees, LCCTA members and OAPSE members. The athletic mileage rate is set per the LCCTA Contract at \$0.32 per mile.

Approve the FY23 Permanent Appropriations as presented.

Approve the FY23 Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

Approve the following New Fund and Special Cost Center, Appropriation Modification, and Amended Certificate Modification:

New Fund and Special Cost Center
599 9022 OFCC School Security Grant

Increase Appropriations
599 9022 OFCC School Security Grant \$99,754.53

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

Increase Amended Certificate

599 9022 OFCC School Security Grant \$99,754.53

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl provided the Board with an update on the elementary. NWEA benchmark testing is nearly complete. The KRA has been completed for all kindergarten students. Ms. Postl also noted the school store fundraiser has begun. The PTO is meeting and planning events for the school year. The next PTO meeting is October 18th at 3:00 p.m. Lastly, Ms. Postl explained a new program Mrs. Righi, Elementary Guidance Counselor, has started, "Start With Hello."

See Someone Alone: Step 1 – Learn how to recognize the signs of loneliness and social isolation.

Reach Out and Help: Step 2 – Find out what you can do to help others feel included.

Start with Hello: Step 3 – Discover how to break the ice and strike up a conversation

Middle School

Mr. Storrer noted the middle school has had a very smooth start to the school year. He highlighted the implementation of 7 Mindsets. Morning Meeting is held everyday from 8:00-8:15 to implement the program. Mr. Storrer also informed the Board the 7th/8th grade Student Advisory Council is working towards addressing items they identified as areas to improve at LCMS.

High School

Mr. Radwan updated the Board on happenings in the high school. Academically, Mr. Radwan highlighted the results of the State Report Card for the building, noting that each component was met or exceeded. He also explained a new elective that is being offered: Adulting 101. The class will teach life skills including: taxes, making an appointment, changing a tire, planning a budget, planning a vacation, car insurance and utility bills. Mr. Radwan also highlighted the homecoming festivities. The football team beat Swanton 42-0. The dance was held Saturday evening. Mr. Radwan congratulated all fall athletes on their seasons and wished them good luck in the last half of the season and as they prepare for playoffs.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman provided an update to the Board on athletics. The Liberty Center XC Extravaganza was held on Saturday. Close to 1600 runners competed at the course at Leaders Farms. There were over 177 team competing in six different races: two boys high school, two girls high school and two junior high races. Mr. Pohlman noted that if the event continues to grow, they will add additional races. He also thanked all of the volunteers who helped the event run smoothly, specifically the golf and football teams who assisted with parking.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

Mr. Pohlman congratulated the football team on their 6-0 start and first place standing in the region. They have clinched a playoff spot. This year, all playoff games for Division 5 will be on Friday nights. The higher seeds will host in rounds one and two.

The boys golf team finished sixth in the league. The boys will compete at Sectionals on Thursday, September 29th. The girls will compete in Sectionals on Tuesday, September 27th. The soccer teams recently hosted their annual kick for a cause game, with all proceeds going towards Make-a-Wish. The Volley for a Cause game will be held on October 13th against Patrick Henry. The proceeds from this year's event will go towards Hospice. Mr. Pohlman also noted that Homecoming was a success. The bonus of having the asphalt around the field this year was that the tradition of the car parade was brought back.

Mr. Pohlman noted the Athletic Boosters held their first drawing for the fall raffle, which took the place of the annual ball drop. They will continue to draw names at the last football game. He also updated the Board on the renovation project in Varsity Gym/Administrative building. The flooring company is making great progress on the installation of the floor in the lobby area. The hope is that it will be completed in a few weeks. Lastly, with the update of the District website, Mr. Pohlman informed the Board he is working on reconstructing the athletic website and is aware of issues with the calendars integrating.

Mr. Pohlman also informed the Board that on the agenda is the recommendation to hire Nikole Keil as the Head Softball Coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters updated the Board on GMP 3. The flooring is expected to be completed this week. A center logo will be installed on the floor and is anticipated to arrive before the end of the calendar year. The District is planning an open house for the community to be able to tour the renovated building on October 14th prior to the last regular season home football game. Additional details will be forthcoming. Mr. Peters also announced the first Senior Citizen Breakfast for the 2022-23 school year will be held Thursday, September 29th at 8:30 in the Auditoria.

#84-22 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve membership in HPS (Hospital Purchasing Service), at a cost of \$1,787.25 for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

Approve an overnight trip for FFA students and teachers to attend the FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 26 – 29, 2022.

Approve the Liberty Center School District Emergency Operations Plan as submitted to the Ohio School Safety Center.

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

Destiny Babcock

Hayley Babcock

Madison Baum

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

Katie Black	Kayla Bohman	Amber Burdue
Hope Carroll	Trisha Carter	Courtney Cobb
Celeste Coey	Amanda DeMoe	Chelc Floyd
Heather Frye	Patty Hill	Dana Holt
Shelby Huffman	Jillian Kabwata	Lyndsey Kregulka
Natalie Long	Desiree Losey	Emily Lumbardo
Melanie Martin	Erika McGreevy	Megan Miller
Darcie Mohler	Randi Murdock	Diane Phelps
Stephanie Pier	Shaina Proudfoot	Jordan Rogers
Brooke Schmidlin	Mandi Strayer	Sara Thielman
Aimee Waymire	Jody White	Todd Williford
Taylor Yarnell		

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

#85-22 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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:

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

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Technology Committee for the 2022-23 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate paid per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Stacy Bowers – Co-Chair
Ryan Miller
Jacob Rupp
Cindy Hageman
Liz Halleck
Kara Kellermeier
Kathy Bishop
Carey Pogan

Appoint Kyle Storrer, Middle School Principal, and Katie Jimenez, Director of Student Services, as the Administrative Representatives on the Technology Committee for the 2022-23 school year.

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee for the 2022-23 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate paid per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Ryan Miller – Co-Chair
Kaite Yungmann
Shelley Ahleman
Kati Weaks
Kathy Bailey

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

Amy Spieth

Appoint Greg Radwan, High School Principal, and Katie Jimenez, Director of Student Services, as the Administrative Representatives on the Evaluation Committee for the 2022-23 school year.

Offer the following certified individuals each 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:

Liz Halleck – Middle School Student Council (50%)
Andrea Panning – Middle School Student Council (50%)
Becky Tejkl – National Honor Society

Retroactively approve Sarah Feehan as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 20 hours per week beginning the week of September 19, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplemental position per ORC 3313.53, and received no interested or qualified licensed employees, move to offer the following non-certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2022-23 school year, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Nikole Keil – Head Softball Coach

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

#86-22 Resolution for Substitute Teachers

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the Resolution to Establish Qualifications for Certain Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 School Years.

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

#87-22 Personnel Recommendations

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to retroactively conditionally approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 school year as they have applied for the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license and met the qualifications for substitute teaching:

MacKenzie Arme
Lynn Groll
Rene Hadding
Kristina Kryder
Bryan Lucas
Kate Mohler
Erica Musshel

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

Macey Stover
Lisa Wagner

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

New Business

Next Board Meeting: October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

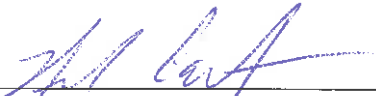
Board Members' Committee Reports

The Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting.

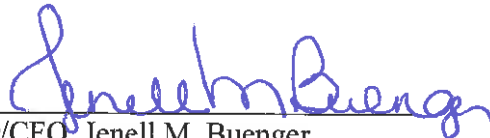
#88-22 Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mrs. Zacharias seconded the motion to adjourn the September 26, 2022 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:03 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger