

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LIBERTY CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026
7:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM**

1. Call To Order

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mr. Carter ___ Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler ___ Mr. Zeiter ___

4. Recognize and Commend the Class of 2026 Valedictorians: Mr. Radwan

5. Approve Minutes

_____ made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2026 of the Liberty Center Board of Education. _____ seconded the motion. **(Exhibit A)**

VOTE: Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler ___ 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

- b. Approve the following donations:

K Kern Painting	State Championship Football Rings	\$500.00
Red Barn	State Championship Football Rings	\$500.00
Swanton Welding	State Championship Football Rings	\$500.00
Crossbuck Construction	State Championship Football Rings	\$500.00
Holgate Metal Fab	State Championship Football Rings	\$500.00
Liberty Center United	School Meals	\$212.00
Methodist Church		
The Family of Michael	Memorials to the Music Department	\$345.00
A. Feffer		

- c. Approve the Revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Special Education services for fiscal year 2027. The foundation deduction amount shall be revised to an annual amount of \$1,032,365.71. **(Exhibit C)**

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE: Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mr. Carter___

8. Principals’ Reports

9. Athletic Director’s Report

10. Superintendent's Report/Recommendations
Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richie Peters

Consent Items

- a. Commend the Class of 2026 Valedictorians: Taryn Kolodziejczyk, Stone Roth, and Calleigh Stoner.
- b. Commend Jack Badenhop for earning Special Mention All Ohio for Boys Basketball.
- c. Approve the 2026 graduating Seniors from Liberty Center High School, contingent upon the successful completion of graduation requirements established by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and the Liberty Center Board of Education.
- d. Approve an overnight trip for FFA students and teachers to attend the FFA State Convention in Columbus, OH from April 30-May 1, 2026.
- e. Approve the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Owens Community College, which shall be effective through June 30, 2027. **(Exhibit D)**
- f. Approve offering student accident insurance for the 2026-27 school year from Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, Glenview, Illinois, through Frost Insurance Agency in Napoleon, Ohio. **(Exhibit E)**
- g. Approve the NwOESC Mentor Program Agreement for the 2026-27 school year. **(Exhibit F)**
- h. Approve the amended job description for Director of Student Services. **(Exhibit G)**
- i. Approve the new job description for Special Education Supervisor. **(Exhibit H)**

VOTE: Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Carter___

11. Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Consent Items – Personnel

- a. Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2025-26 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. **(Exhibit I)**
- b. Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license or Pre-Service Teaching license:

Erin Yoder

- c. Offer employment to the following individuals as part-time summer (2026) custodial employees at minimum wage, \$11.00 per hour, with no benefits, beginning approximately May 26, 2026 through approximately August 14, 2026:

Alan Blair
Hudson Keefer
Braelyn Wymer

- d. Accept the retirement resignation of Diana Smith, Educational Aide, effective June 30, 2026.

- e. Approve Brian Baker as a substitute bus driver for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary training and paperwork.
- f. Approve Aaron Shafer as a van driver for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary training and paperwork.
- g. Offer the following contracts to non-certified staff beginning with the 2026-27 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

Two Year Contract

Lauren Whitman – Educational Aide
 Melanie Martin – Secretary

Continuing

Hayley Babcock – Secretary
 Stacey Dietrich – Bus Driver
 Mike Weaver – Lunchroom Aide

- h. Offer Kelly Wolfe a two-year contract as an Educational Aide and Monitoring Aide, effective August 25, 2026 through August 24, 2028, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.
- i. Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2026-27 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

One Year

Karsyn Ashbaugh
 Kathy Bishop
 Buffy Kelb
 Joel Kellar
 Chase Miller
 Samantha Molina
 Jeanette Strauss
 Audrey Wade

Three Year

Michelle Bailey
 Lauren Carl
 Carrie Cowger

Continuing

Regina Babcock
 Shayla Benecke
 Jessica Keller

- j. Non-renew all 2025-26 Supplemental Contracts as of June 30, 2026.

- k. Offer Kyle Storrer a five-year, 215-day contract as Middle School Principal, beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031.
- l. Offer Katie Jimenez a five-year, 215-day contract as Director of Student Services, beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031.
- m. Offer Kristin Bauman a five-year, 250-day contract as the Accounts Payable Specialist/Executive Assistant, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.
- n. Offer Michelle Matheny a two-year, 215-day contract as Special Education Supervisor, beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.
- o. Offer Chris Ward a two-year, 235-day contract as High School Principal, beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028.

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE: Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Carter___

12. Resolution to Initiate

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to adopt the Resolution to Initiate the retire/rehire process of Teresa Detmer, whose retirement resignation was approved in Resolution #24-26. **(Exhibit J)**

VOTE: Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Carter___

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- a. Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gymnasium.
- b. The next board meeting is May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.
- c. The LEC graduation will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the LEC.
- d. The Retire/Rehire Public Hearing for Teresa Detmer will be held on June 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular board meeting.

15. Board Members' Committee Reports

16. Adjournment

_____ made the motion and _____ seconded the motion to adjourn the April 27, 2026 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at _____ p.m.

VOTE: Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mr. Carter___