

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 16, 2018**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center with board members Jeff Benson, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler, John Weaver and Andrea Zacharias present.

Mr. Weaver asked for a moment of silence to remember the two students who recently passed away, Darren Pinson and Annabelle Tipton. He then thanked the Liberty Center students and staff for their support to the families of the deceased students.

**#28-18 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Liberty Center Board of Education held on March 19, 2018.

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

**Treasurer's Report-Mrs. Jenell Buenger**

Mrs. Buenger presented the usual monthly reports: bank reconciliation, financial summary, check register, investment report, and the budget-to-actual to the board. She said she cashed in a CD that was getting .91% and was able to re-invest the money at 2.2%. CD rates are finally going up and so far this year, the interest on our interim funds is about \$10,000 more than projected. Mrs. Buenger also reported on the donations that were recently received and listed under her consent agenda for board approval.

**#29-18 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Carter that the board approves the Treasurer's Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report
- Budget to Actual

Accept the following donations:

- \$100.00 from Mary K. Meyers in memory of Norma Miller to the L.C. Theatre department.
- \$200.00 from Labels for Education rewards to purchase playground equipment.
- The Henry County Farm Bureau donated the book, *John Deere That's Who!* to the Elementary library.
- \$15.00 Memorial from the Family of Renwick Guyer to the Liberty Center FFA
- Labor to paint in the Spring Complex Building donated by KKern Painting, LLC

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

**Athletic Director's Report-Jake Johnson**

Mr. Johnson reported that the Athletic Boosters recently held their meeting on the new turf in the Spring Sports Complex building. They had a great crowd and received good feedback and appreciation from those in attendance.

Mr. Johnson said they have had to cancel three track meets due to weather. Also, they have rescheduled baseball and softball games and there aren't many open dates before Sectional week. League games will take



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precedent over non-league games. Sectional Tournament seeding meetings are on April 29<sup>th</sup>. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the official end of the baseball and softball season this year, but OHSAA has voted to add another week next year.

The floor from the 1953 gym has been removed and will be sold in the fall.

**Principals' Reports**

**Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger, Elementary Principal**, reported that the third and fourth graders had completed the reading test. Beginning on May 3, students will begin the math section of the state test.

The third grade teachers provided tutoring to 33 students for six weeks prior to testing. She thanked the teachers, students, and parents that made the tutoring possible.

With money provided through the Title IV grant, they will be purchasing a class set of Ozobots, Bloxels, Virtual Reality Glasses (to complete a class set), and a few other items.

The Elementary hosted the *Energize Guys*. This is a play put on by the National Children's Teacher and sponsored by First Energy. Parents were provided a form to send in to receive a free energy kit.

Kindergarten registration began on April 3 and screening is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> here at the Elementary. There will not be kindergarten classes on those days.

**Mr. Nick Mariano, Middle School Principal**, said Ohio State Testing began last week with ELA and will continue on almost a daily basis until May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Middle School is administering only one part of each test per day, in an effort to minimize testing fatigue for students. Mr. Mariano said the connectivity in the new building is amazing and he thanked the voters for providing state of the art technology for our students.

He said they have added a gifted services page on the LCMS website. This website will include information on how students are identified and how Liberty Center Middle School is meeting the needs of our gifted students.

Mr. Mariano announced the March Students of the Month: Grade 5-Gavin Geahlen and Isabelle Hill; Grade 6: Xander Myers and Kinze Jaque; Grade 7: Jacob Fosnaught and Madalyn Brogan; Grade 8: Cole Roth and Kaitlyn Carter.

34 members of the Junior National Honor Society toured the University of Toledo on April 9<sup>th</sup> to learn about the university, the college credit plus program, and summer camps available for gifted students.

He said spring is a time of intensifying stress for many students. On March 25, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students received tips on how to manage stress. A new stress management group has been initiated by middle school guidance for students experiencing intense stress.

The Writer's Club has been meeting on a monthly basis with "Reading & Writing Buddies" from Sarah Feehan's class. Aspiring writers are putting the finishing touches on work to be entered in their first online contest.

Project Respect, a local, free (grand funded) program has been in our 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms presenting on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships, and responsible use of technology.

Deputy Zumfelde will be wrapping up the D.A.R.E. program with our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. He has been coming into the middle school on Wednesday mornings to teach the 7<sup>th</sup> graders about drug prevention and other life skills.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Henry County Health Department and middle school staff will partner to provide age appropriate information in separate presentations for boys and girls. Topics will include reproductive health and changing hygiene needs.

Mr. Mariano announced that the Middle School Boys' and Girls' Track Teams took first place at the Patrick Henry Invitational.

**Mr. Larry Black, High School Principal**, reported that the FFA Banquet was held on March 22.



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New FFA Officers are:

President Jason- Leatherman  
Vice President -Carl Yaney  
Secretary- Maxwell Weaver  
Reporter- Sam Engler  
Treasurer- Braden Gerken  
Sentinel- Sam Graber  
Student Advisor- Conner Sonnenberg  
Chaplain- Sarah Graber  
2nd Vice President- Kaelynn Kinnan

State FFA Degree recipients will be Carl Yaney and Braden Gerken

Congratulations to Maggie McGilvery - She was chosen as student of the month at Four County Career Center. She is a Junior in Interior Design. She is a member of FCCLA and on the Honor Roll

End of Course State Testing begins for the High School tomorrow. In the next month students will test in seven areas: ELA 1 & 2, Algebra 1, Geometry, American History, Government and Biology. Tests will be taken on Chromebooks and results will be announced as soon as we have them. These tests are part of the graduation process as students need to achieve 18 points in order to be eligible for graduation.

Puerto Rico trip - 26 students and chaperones traveled to Puerto Rico from April 4 - 11.

New York Trip - The music department sponsored a trip to New York City, April 4 - 8. Thirty students and chaperones traveled by bus to visit the 9-11 Memorial, Lincoln Center, Central Park and viewed a Broadway Show.

New National Honor Society (NHS) members were inducted on April 13th, 2018

Derrick Angiletta	Mackenzie Armey	Burgin Bachman	Emma Bowers
Shelby Brooks	Caleb Carpenter	McKenzi Collins	Haley Craft
Baylee Curtis	Madison Diemer	Brady Gerken	Gabriel Hinton
Savannah Jenkins	Morgan Jones	Jordan Keller	Josie Keller
Kamren Kern	Jarrett Krugh	Weston Kundo	Austin Like
Lydia Long	Stephanie McBride	Elyse McMaster	Madison Meienburg
Nathan Meller	Lydia Murrey	Hannah Oberhaus	Tanner Reimund
Constance Roell	Jacob Romine	Rebecca Sanders	Conner Sonnenberg
Alex Starkey	Sydney Storer	Parker Strauss	Mallory Weaver
Maxwell Weaver	Amanda Wiemken	Carl Yaney	Olivia Zacharias



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**Superintendent's Report- Dr. Tod Hug**

Dr. Hug reported the school building project is still on schedule, with demolition of the old buildings ongoing. He said in connection with the demolition work of the Ag and the 1953 Gym buildings, traffic will need to be re-routed for student drop-off and pick-up. He said this is in connection with asphalt work for the parking lot off St. Rt. 109 that will begin on Monday, April 23. He also reported that Young St. at St. Rt. 109 was closed beginning Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The village placed barricades at the intersection. He said the closure was needed for a water line spanning the street, to facilitate the water misting machine that will be used to cut down the dust from the demolition process. Access to the new school can be gained by using Maple St. to Parrish St. for the drop-off/pick-up routes.

Additionally, Dr. Hug said the venue for graduation is still up in the air until closer to the date, due to the parking situation and demolition work.

**#29-18 Superintendent's Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Benson that the board approves the Superintendent's Recommendations as follows:

Approve the following new or amended board policies:

#7530

#7530.02

7540.03

#7540.04

#7540.05

#7540.06

#7542

#7543

Approve offering student accident insurance for the 2018-19 school year from National Guardian Life Insurance Company, Glenview, Illinois, through Frost Insurance Agency, Napoleon, Ohio.

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

Nays: None - Motion Carried

**#30-18 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias that the board approves the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations as follows:

Approve payment to Joyce Sutton, School Psychologist, for 2.5 hours at the rate of \$67.00 per hour on March 23, 2018.

Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

**One-Year Contracts**

Mary Bentacur

Ashley Braucksieck

Renee Ellis

Danielle Helberg



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**Two-Year Contracts**

Lori Giesige  
Luke Hutchinson  
Carrie Pratt  
Brandon Readshaw  
Stephanie Sager

**Three-Year Contracts**

Sharon Brown  
Mary Chamberlin  
Christopher Cochrane  
Brittany Rhoads-Gonzalez  
Kaitlyn Rhodes  
Alicia Soto  
Andrew Watson  
Emily Wesley  
Ashley Westbury

**Continuing Contracts**

Shelley Ahleman  
Andrea Panning  
Amy Spieth

Offer the following contracts to classified staff members as Education Aides, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

**Continuing Contracts**

Amber Flory  
Diane Lankenau  
Tina Hammontree

Offer the following contracts to classified staff members as Monitoring Aides, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

**Continuing Contracts**

Jessica Capretta  
Rachael Like  
Deb Nash



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Offer the following contracts to classified staff, as Intervention Aides, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

**Continuing Contract**

Norene Keller

Offer the following contracts to classified staff members as Bus Drivers, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

**Two-Year Contracts**

Kim Bergstedt

Diane Gwinn

**Continuing Contract**

Hayley Babcock

Offer the following contracts to classified staff, as Lunchroom Aides, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement:

**Continuing Contract**

Hayley Babcock

Non-renew all 2017-18 Supplemental contracts as of June 30, 2018.

Amend resolution #25-18 to read, "Offer Cameron VanArsdalen a two-year, 204 day contract as the Director of Off-Campus Pupil Personnel, beginning August 1, 2018 and ending on July 31, 2020, at a yearly salary of \$42,500.00.

Approve the following as chaperones for the Camp Willson trip on May 16-18, 2018, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Charlie Krueger

Paul Amstutz

Approve Patricia Hyland, School Psychologist, at the rate of \$75.00 per hour, beginning August 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for a maximum of 20 hours per week with no benefits. She will serve students at the Liberty Education Center (LEC).

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

**Board Members' Committee Reports**



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**Finance Committee- Mr. Benson and Mrs. Zacharias**

They announced that the Finance Committee will meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Educational Foundation- Mrs. Zacharias**

The Educational Foundation will be having a Golf Outing on June 16, 2018 at White Pines Golf Course. Also, they will be selling engraved pavers from the old building.

**#31-18 Executive Session**

It was moved by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Carter that the board go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried

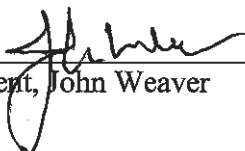
The board returned from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

**#32-18 Adjournment**

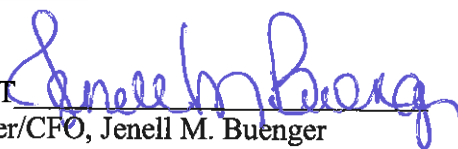
It was moved by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the March 19, 2018 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:35 p.m.

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried

  
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President, John Weaver

ATTEST

  
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Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger