

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 30, 2025**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. 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.

A public hearing was held for the re-employment of a retired employee.

Mr. Pohlman recognized and commended the spring sport athletes.

**#56-25 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 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 noted the Budget vs. Actual report was updated with the recently approved Five-Year Forecast information. She thanked the very generous donors. Mrs. Buenger explained the preschool transportation rate is staying the same for the 2025-26 school year. She also noted the increase in the insurance costs, which is due to coverage and the value of the buildings. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained the temporary appropriations. The amount is an increase of approximately \$1,009,348 over last year's temporary appropriations.

**#57-25 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Zeiter 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

Approve the following donations:

LC Wrestling Club	Sally George Wrestling Tourn. Hotels/Expenses	\$3,299.14
LC Athletic Boosters	State Duals Wrestling Hotels/Expenses	\$2,141.11

Approve the 2025-26 preschool transportation rate for typical students at \$100.00 per month.

Approve the renewal of the property, fleet, and liability insurance policies with SORSA (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority), Frost Insurance Agency, at a total annual premium of \$114,043.00. This policy will be effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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Approve the following student activity budgets for the 2025-26 school year:

Amazing Shake  
Elementary Principal's Fund  
High School Principal's Fund  
Middle School Principal's Fund  
After Prom  
Art Club  
High School Quiz Team  
Middle School Writer's Club  
Future Business Leaders of America  
Liberty Center FFA  
High School Student Council  
Elementary Student Council  
Middle School Student Council  
SADD/Stand for the Silent  
Drug Free Club  
Chess Club  
Class of 2032  
Class of 2026  
Class of 2027  
Class of 2028  
Class of 2029  
National Honor Society  
Liberty Center Drama Department  
LC Bands  
Vocal Music  
Athletic Team Supporters  
Boys Basketball Camp Fund  
Football Camp Fund  
Football Mom's Group  
Cross Country Camp Fund  
Girls Soccer Camp Fund  
Track and Field Camp Fund  
Girls Basketball Camp Fund  
Volleyball Camp Fund  
Archery Club  
Bowling Camp Fund  
High School Cheerleaders  
Junior High Cheerleaders  
Tigeron Yearbook

Approve the FY26 temporary appropriations in the amount of \$22,788,204.98.

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

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**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Peters introduced Mrs. Mariah Downing, Special Education Supervisor. Mrs. Downing introduced new Intervention Specialist, Buffy Kelb.

Mr. Peters explained the recommendations on the agenda complete the hiring of all current open positions for the upcoming school year. He also noted the roof project was scheduled to begin today, but will now begin tomorrow due to the rain. It will take approximately one week to complete. This is the only major facility project this summer. Mr. Peters also highlighted the maintenance and custodial staff who are working diligently to get the buildings and grounds ready for the 2025-26 school year. He thanked them for their hard work.

Lastly, Mr. Peters reviewed the pending state budget. The bill must be signed by Governor DeWine today. He and Mrs. Buenger have been following this budget bill closely over the past few months. The exact impact will not be known until there is time to review the final passed bill. Mr. Peters will be working with Mrs. Buenger to provide more information at the July board meeting.

**#58-25 Superintendent's Consent Agenda**

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

Commend the following spring sport athletes who competed at State:

Jaxton Lawniczak: 110m Hurdles – 9<sup>th</sup> Place

Hunter Spangler: Shot Put – State Champion

Brady Giesige: Shot Put – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Max Walker: Discus – 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Brooklyn Mohler, Chloe Mohler, Aletha Fausnight, and Calleigh Stoner: 4x200m Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Approve the 2025-26 Agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio at the following rates:

Per student per day for our students assigned to JDC	\$88.00 per diem
Per student per day for our students assigned to JRC	\$96.00 per diem

Approve the Educational Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training, and Rehabilitation Center beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$91.00 per student per week day for students assigned to NWOJDT&RC.

Approve the FY26 NWOCA Membership Contract at cost of \$42,461.69 with Northern Buckeye Educational Council for the 2025-26 school year.

Approve the Technical Services Agreement with Northern Buckeye Educational Council from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Approve the NBEC NOVA Agreement for the administration of certain virtual courses with Northern Buckeye Education Council from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

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Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hosting of Defiance College Teacher Education Candidates, beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students (Class of 2032) and teachers to attend Camp Willson from May 4-6, 2026.

Approve the one-year Nursing Service Agreement with the Henry County Hospital, commencing August 18, 2025, at a cost of \$62,795.97. The Henry County Hospital will also provide nursing services for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Willson for an additional fee.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Henry County Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2028 at a cost of 76% of the SRO's salary and benefits.

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

**#59-25 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:

Approve the transfer of Lynn Leatherman, Classroom Teacher, from 5-12 Band Teacher to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher.

Offer Joel Kellar a one-year probationary contract as a Classroom Teacher (Grades 5-12 Band), effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Lauren Whitman a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide, effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Buffy Kelb a one-year probationary contract as an Intervention Specialist (LEC Teacher), effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Matt Bryan – Tiger Tales  
Diane Mott – Chess Club  
Joel Kellar – Pit Band Director  
Joel Kellar – Director of Bands

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Grant the following individuals extended contracts for the 2025-26 school year, as listed:

Pam Righi – 9 days  
Alexandra Geahlen – 19 days  
Shelley Ahleman – 19 days  
Brandon Readshaw – 35 days  
Katherine Bell – 35 days  
Joel Kellar – 20 days  
Kathy Bailey – 5 days

Approve Renee Ellis, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 2 hours for 1 day.

Approve Luke Hutchinson, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor a middle school student for a maximum of 2 hours for 1 day.

Approve Renee Ellis, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 1 hour for 1 day.

Approve Kim Jones, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 1 hour for 1 day.

Approve Renee Ellis, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 1 hour for 1 day.

Approve Steve Doseck, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for a middle school student, for a maximum of 1 hour for 1 day.

Approve Lori Giesige, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 2 hours per day for 2 days.

Approve Brittany Meyer, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 2 hours per day for 2 days.

Retroactively approve Nicole Ruiz as a Summer Program Tutor at the LEC, 4 days per week, 2 hours per day from June 2, 2025 to June 26, 2025.

Approve Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, as the Grants Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year with a stipend of \$4,000.00.

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Approve the following volunteers for the activity indicated for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork:

Jerry Brown – Music	Rhonda Brown – Music
Tim Ordway – Music	Michelle Ordway – Music
Josh Huber – Music	Jennifer Huber – Music
Dustin Mays – Music	Tammy Mays – Music
Jessica Trapp – Music	Korey Trapp – Music
Rachel Louiselle – Music	Rex Louiselle – Music
Lynn Leatherman – Music	Erin Hernandez – Music
Danny Hernandez – Music	Amanda Lee – Music
Kyle Lee – Music	Martie Rowland – Music
Nadia Rowland - Music	

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

**#60-25 Approve the LCCTA Memorandum of Understanding**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to retroactively approve the LCCTA Memorandum of Understanding as it relates to the retirement stipend and the changes made by the State Teachers Retirement Board modifying the service requirement for full retirement with unreduced benefits from thirty-three years to thirty-two years.

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

The next board meeting is July 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Facilities Committee recently met to review past, current, and future projects. With the state budget not finalized, no decisions were made. The Policy Committee will be meeting soon.

**#61-25 Executive Session**

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District.

Mr. Peters and Mrs. Buenger entered Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.


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

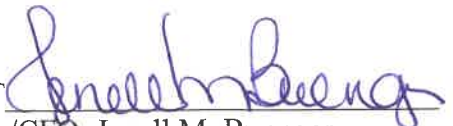
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**#62-25 Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the June 30, 2025 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:38 p.m.

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

  
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President, Neal Carter

ATTEST   
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Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger