The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 7:01 p.m. in the High School Media Center with board members Jeff Benson, Tim Bowers, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler, and John Weaver present.

#### #37-17 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Liberty Center Board of Education held on April 17, 2017 with the addition of approving board policy #7530.01 - Cell Phone Policy, as reviewed by the board's policy committee. This policy was inadvertently left off the list of polices to be approved.

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

Mr. Dan Chambers spoke to the board regarding saving the old gymnasium. He said he had spoken extensively with several contractors about the cost of renovating the gym and costs ranged from \$180,000 to \$300,000. He also stated that he has a couple of benefactors willing to help with some of the costs.

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

Mrs. Buenger reported that revenue has been up considerably over what was budgeted. She explained the property taxes received were up \$50,000, tangible personal property was up \$82,000, and income tax was up \$14,000, from what she previously budgeted. However, the district will lose about \$260,000 in state funding over the next couple of years due to the state's calculations of student enrollment based on 2011 statistics. Mrs. Buenger also reported that expenditures for personal services and benefits are based on existing negotiated agreements, and could increase that line item when the new contract is negotiated. She forecast a \$2.5 million deficit by 2021 at current trends of revenue and expenditures, but those numbers will be adjusted as projections develop.

### #38-17 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

Monthly Bank Reconciliation FIN SUM Check Register Investment Report Budget vs Actual

Accept the following donations with Thanks:

Received the book, *Night of the Gargoyles*, in memory of Ella Ordway from Holgate Elementary School, for the L.C. Elementary Library.

Received \$812.20 from Box Tops for Education for the Elementary.

Received \$2500.00 from Glenn and Suzanne Hunter for the Spring Sports Complex.

Approve the 5-Year Forecast as presented.

Approve the agreement with Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc., for assisting in managing the district's Ohio Medicaid School Program, in order to procure Federal Medicaid reimbursement for Medicaid eligible services provided by the district, for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018, at a cost of \$5,500.00.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Benson, Mr. Weaver

Nays: None - Motion Carried

### Principals' Reports

Mr. Larry Black, High School Principal, told the board the annual Senior Awards night was recently held and Emma Babcock was chosen by the faculty to receive the 2017 Senior Leadership Award.

He commended the Chamber Choir for receiving all Superior 1's, the highest possible ratings, at the OMEA State Choir Contest held at Van Buren High School on Friday, April 21st.

The Senior's last day is Friday, May 19; Four County's Recognition day is scheduled for May 23; the student's last day is Wednesday, May 24; and commencement is Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**Dr. Marcia Rozevink, Middle School Principal,** reported the 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the Henry County Quiz Tournament on May 9 and the 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated on May 11. Dr. Rozevink said she was very proud of those students for practicing during their lunch periods. May 10<sup>th</sup> was the new member induction for Junior National Honor Society and the Middle School Awards Assembly was held on Friday, May 12. The Bengals were declared the winners of the Jungle contest. Dr. Rozevink congratulated the Jr. High Girls' Track Team for winning the league title.

Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger, Elementary Principal, submitted a written report reflecting that the kindergarten clinic was held on May 1 and 2, and there are approximately 70 new students enrolled for kindergarten next year. The year-end awards will be given out on the last day of school on May 24<sup>th</sup> and Jump Start will be held this summer from July 31-August 11, 2017.

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

Dr. Tod Hug reported that 95% of the brick veneer is completed on the new school facility and also 95% of the elementary wing is completed. He said crews are just waiting to put the terrazzo flooring down. Dr. Hug explained that there is a shortage of the aggregate used in the terrazzo, which has put that project a little behind. He said the windows should be delivered on May 27 and will be installed soon after they arrive. He also said the bus garage's foundation is finished and the concrete forms are being pulled.

#### #39-17 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Commend the High School Chamber Choir members and Mrs. Chamberlin, Director, for receiving all Superior 1 ratings, the highest possible ratings in the OMEA State Choir Contest held at Van Buren High School on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the fourth straight year the Chamber Choir has qualified for the state level competition by receiving the highest, superior rating at the District 1 competition.

Approve Coach Greg Badenhop and the Boys Basketball team members to attend basketball camp at The University of Findlay from June 21-22, 2017.

Approve Mr. Brandon Readshaw and two students to attend FFA Camp from June 19-23, 2017 in Carrollton, Ohio.

Approve Coach Dave Busick and the Girls Soccer team members to attend Soccer Camp at the University of Findlay from July 28-30, 2017.

Approve the Liberty Center Public Library's 2018 proposed budget as presented.

Approve offering student accident insurance for the 2017-18 school year from National Guardian Life Insurance Company, Glenview, Illinois, through Frost Insurance Agency, Napoleon, Ohio.

Approve the NwOeSC Mentor Program Service Agreement for 2017-18 as presented.

Approve Mrs. Chamberlin, Mr. Riley, and music students to travel to New York City, NY, from April 4-8, 2018.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Weaver

Nays: None - Motion Carried

#### #40-17 Personnel Recommendations

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

Approve the resignation of Leigh Foster-Buote, Bus Driver, effective retroactive to April 24, 2017.

Offer Mary Ann Reimund a two-year contract as a Bus Driver, effective August 22, 2017 and ending on August 21, 2019. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the retirement resignation of Diane Gwinn, Bus Driver, effective June 1, 2017. Diane has been a bus driver for the past 27 years at Liberty Center Schools.

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2017-18 school year. His/her salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Casey Mohler- Head Football Coach
Matt Bryan- Assistant Football Coach
Ryan Miller-Assistant Football Coach
Luke Crozier- Jr. High Football Coach
Casey Mohler-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Doug Hinton-Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
Brett Green-Concession Manager
Kathy Bailey-Senior Class Advisor

Becky Tejkl (50%) and Alicia Soto (50%)-Junior Class Advisors

Patrick O'Dwyer-Sophomore Class Advisor

Jeff Ressler-Freshman Class Advisor

Patrick O'Dwyer-High School Student Council Advisor

Matt Bryan-Tiger Tales Advisor

Jeff Ressler-Yearbook Advisor

Nick Riley-Pit Band Director

Nick Riley-Director of Bands

Emily Wesley-Assistant Band Director

Amy Spieth-Art Club Advisor

Dawn Mericle-H. S. National Honor Society

Shelley Ahleman-H. S. Quiz Team

Kati Weaks-FBLA

Alicia Soto-Spanish Club

Jerry Oberhaus (50%) and Carrie Sines (50%)-Middle School Student Council Advisors

Cassie Hartzell-Middle School Quiz Team

Holly Weber-Jr. Great Books

Emily Wesley-Elementary Musical

Jill Evans-Elementary Art Show

Holly Weber-Elementary Student Council Advisor

Patty Hill-District Mentor Coordinator

Offer Kim Bergstedt a one-year probationary contract as a Bus Driver effective August 1, 2017 and ending on July 31, 2018, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Salary and Benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve Hillary McBride as a tutor for a homebound student effective, May 1, 2017 for a maximum of five hours per week through the end of the 2016-17 school year, at the LCCTA tutor rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Offer Renee Ellis a one-year probationary contract as an Intervention Specialist, beginning at Masters +30, Step 5, on the LCCTA Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Liberty Center Local School District's Board of Education and OAPSE Local 414 as presented.

Offer employment to Ashley Davis, Konner Snyder, and Rita McLaughlin as part-time summer (2017) custodial employees at the hourly rate of \$8.15, with no benefits, beginning approximately May 30, 2017 through approximately August 18, 2017, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Rescind #22-17, the 2016-17 supplemental contract approved for Mary Chamberlin as the Assistant Musical Director (50%) and approve Mary Chamberlin as the 2016-17 Assistant Musical Director at 100%.

Employ Patricia Hyland as a School Psychologist at \$67.00 per hour, beginning August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for a maximum of 20 hours per week with no benefits. She will serve students at the Liberty Education Center (LEC).

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Carter, Mr. Weaver

Nays: None - Motion Carried

#### **Board Members' Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Bowers, Mr. Benson, and Treasurer, Mrs. Buenger, met recently to go over the 5-year forecast. Mr. Bowers said the state's share of funding is cut each year; leaving a larger burden on the districts, which is very frustrating. Dr. Hug commented that he does not think this will change in the future.

### **Educational Foundation Report**

Mr. Benson distributed a written report from the Educational Foundation's meeting held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### #41-17 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. The board invited Mr. Black, High School Principal, into Executive Session, also. Dr. Hug, Mrs. Buenger, and Mr. Black exited Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. At 8:54 p.m., Mrs. Buenger and Dr. Hug returned to Executive Session.

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

The board returned from Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.

#### #42-17-New Business

Set the Retire/Rehire Hearing for Diane Gwinn, Bus Driver, for July 17, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular July Board Meeting.

Rescheduled the June Board from Monday, June 26 to Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

#### #43-17 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the May 15, 2017 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 9:02 p.m.

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

President, John Weaver

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger