

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
May 18, 2026

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Kyle Kern, Mrs. Andrea Oyer, Mr. Todd Spangler, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance.

Mr. Peters recognized Mr. Kaleb Pohlman for being named the Northwest Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Athletic Director of the Year.

#43-26 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 27, 2026 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She thanked all of the very generous donors. She noted that the District has received \$4,500.00 towards the state championship rings. The invoice total was \$28,054.00. Mrs. Buenger also informed the Board there is an increase of \$300.00 per year for the contract with Julian & Grube to prepare the GAAP and GASB financial statements for the next three fiscal years. She also explained the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund is for future improvements. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger provided information on the service agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Genacross Family & Youth Services. ODEW requires an approved agreement for the LEC each year to receive grant funding.

#44-26 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mrs. Oyer 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:

Meyer Badenhop Insurance Agency State Championship Football Rings \$500.00

Approve the following After Prom donations:

Dave & Martha Gebers	Rob & Tiffany Mohler	Bob & Kim Jones
Adam & Sara Lawniczak	Scott & Charlyn Barrett	Todd & Brenda Kruse
Joe & Catrina Hopkins	Scott & Katie Fuller	Glen & Amy Teems
Eric & Kristin Bauman	Clayton & Kelly Hill	Andrew & Michelle Pieracini

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Erin McAvoy	Drewes Family	Christian & Annie Beattie
Jeff & Annette Bowlick	Mike & Kathy Bailey	Ray & Mary Donald
April Spurlock	4A Creative Designs	Bayer Construction
Nate & Nicole Bayer	Spark Keeps Permanent Jewelry	
Henry County Cattleman's Association		Lani Flory
Dr. Carpenter – Dental Excellence of Delta		KC Bailey
Mandy Kern	Megan Miller	Lindsay Ott
Ashley Foster	Susan Wyckhouse	Michelle Bailey
Wachtman Family	Sonnenberg Trucking	CS Coated
Red Barn Sales & Service	Monica Atkinson	Lorrie Briner
Damman Rentals	Jessica Capretta	Charla Espinoza
Michelle Kunz	419 Signs – Long Family	Lindsay Strayer
Brianne Wymer	Dawn Badenhop	Jenny Perry
Ward's Powersports & Carts	Wildcat Nutrition	Anonymous Donors

Approve Julian & Grube to prepare the District's GAAP and GASB financial statements for FY26, FY27, and FY28 at a three-year engagement cost of \$5,500.00 per year.

Approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters recognized Eric Witte for his retirement at the end of the school year. He is a part-time, second shift custodian. He has been with the District for eight years. Mr. Peters thanked him for his service and dedication to the school.

Mr. Peters informed the Board of upcoming dates. The last day of school is Thursday, May 21st. The LEC graduation will take place on the 21st at 11:00 at the LEC. A staff appreciation breakfast will be held on Friday, May 22nd at 8:00 a.m. in the Auditoria.

#45-26 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve an overnight trip for Spanish Club and Art Club students and advisors to go to Ecuador from June 2-10, 2027.

Approve an overnight trip for the boys basketball team and coaches to attend a camp at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio from June 22-23, 2026.

Approve an overnight trip for the girls basketball team and coaches to attend a camp at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio from June 8-10, 2026.

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Approve an overnight trip for the girls soccer team and coaches to participate in a beach soccer tournament in Muskegon, Michigan from July 24-26, 2026.

Approve the Liberty Center Public Library's 2026 Budget as presented.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#46-26 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Recommendations

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

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2025-26 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Approve Tyson Andrews as a van driver for the 2025-26 school year, pending completion of all necessary training and paperwork.

Retroactively approve Sheila Parcher as an educational aide substitute for the 2025-26 school year.

Accept the retirement resignation of Eric Witte, Custodian, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Kathy Bailey – Senior Class Advisor
Jessica Keller – Junior Class Advisor (50%)
Stephanie Sager – Junior Class Advisor (50%)
Heather Underwood – Sophomore Class Advisor
Jeff Ressler – Freshman Class Advisor
Patrick O'Dwyer – High School Student Council
Andrea Panning – Middle School Student Council (50%)
Alex Geahlen – Middle School Student Council (50%)
Holly Weber – Elementary Student Council
Diane Mott – National Honor Society
Carrie Sines – National Junior Honor Society
Carrie Cowger – Spanish Club
Amy Spieth – Art Club
Holly Weber – Jr. Great Books
Jeff Ressler – SADD/Stand for the Silent
Mary Chamberlin – Elementary Musical
Emily Hill – Elementary Art Show
Cassie Hartzell – Middle School Quiz Team
Shelley Ahleman – High School Quiz Team
Joel Kellar – Director of Bands

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Joel Kellar – Pit Band Director
Chelsey Kester – Vocal Music Director
Matt Bryan – Tiger Tales Advisor
Jeff Ressler – Yearbook Advisor
Heather Underwood – District Mentor Coordinator
Nicole Carter – Drug Free Club
Diane Mott – Chess Club
Pam Righi – Amazing Shake
Stacy Bowers – Amazing Shake
Stacy Bowers – District Publicist
Jess Keller – High School Writer’s Club
Jan Strauss – Family Literacy Night Facilitator
Casey Mohler – Weight Room Coordinator
Chase Miller – Game Manager
Casey Mohler – Head Football Coach
Ryan Miller – Assistant Football Coach
Matt Bryan – Assistant Football Coach
Luke Crozier – Jr. High Football Coach
MacKenzie Arme – Jr. High Cheerleading Coach (50%)
Katherine Bell – Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Coach
Nicole Carter – Archery (50%)
Luke Hutchinson – Archery (50%)
Easton Delgado – Head Boys Soccer Coach
Bryan Miller – Jr. High Football Coach

Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplement positions per ORC 3313.53, and received no interested or qualified licensed employees, move to offer the following non-certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Julian Delgado – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Owen Box – Freshman Football Coach
Chris Righi – Assistant Football Coach
Eric Wymer – Assistant Football Coach
Brad Howe – Assistant Football Coach
Jesse Miller – Jr. High Football Coach
James Whitmire – Jr. High Football Coach
Mallory Dockery – Head Volleyball Coach
Stephanie Sharpe – JV Volleyball Coach
Brian Dotson – Head Golf Coach
Ken Barnes – Head Cross Country Coach
Gracie Miller – Jr. High Cross Country Coach
Justin Frye – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Aaron Shafer – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Tyson Andrews – Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

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Jesse Miller – Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
Kyle Pieracini – Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
Troy Westhoven – Head Wrestling Coach
Chad Ball – Head Girls Soccer Coach
Shane Hollenbaugh – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)
Colleen Roth – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)
Shelley Davis – Varsity Football Cheerleading Coach
Lexi Sexton – Jr. High Cheerleading Coach (50%)
Tim Davis – Head Girls Basketball Coach

Approve the following volunteers for the activity listed, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Logan Meyer – Boys Basketball
Rebecca Keller – Girls Soccer
Todd Spangler – Football
Nick Miller – Football
Burgin Bachman – Volleyball
Karlee Badenhop – Volleyball

Offer employment to Stacy Bowers, an LCCTA employee, as a part-time summer (2026) technology department employee, beginning approximately May 26, 2026 through approximately August 14, 2026.

Offer employment to Elliot McMaster as a part-time summer (2026) technology department employee at minimum wage, \$11.00 per hour, with no benefits, beginning approximately May 26, 2026 through approximately August 14, 2026.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#47-26 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to offer the following non-certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Greg Badenhop – Head Boys Basketball Coach

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter
Abstain: Mrs. Oyer
Nays: None – Motion Carried

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#48-26 2026-27 Service Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mrs. Oyer to approve the 2026-27 Service Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Genacross Family & Youth Services, Inc.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#49-26 Resolution to Adopt a Cybersecurity Program

It was moved by Mrs. Oyer and seconded by Spangler to approve the Resolution to Adopt a Cybersecurity Program.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The LEC graduation will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the LEC.

The next board meeting is June 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Retire/Rehire Public Hearing for Teresa Detmer will be held on June 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. during the regular board meeting.

The Facility Committee will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the flag pole, baseball field, and softball field.

#50-26 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the May 18, 2026 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:14 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger