

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 26, 2024**

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver, Mrs. Andrea Zacharias, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, presented information on the 2024-25 grants. The district will be receiving \$131,853.25 through the Title I grant. The Title I funds are used for a portion of our Title I Teacher's salary and benefits. It is also used to purchase intervention resources and supplies for elementary and middle school students, including a diagnostic test and target interventions. \$21,711.06 will be received in Title II funding, which will be used to help offset the salary and benefit costs for a kindergarten teacher in an effort to reduce the sizes of the kindergarten classrooms. Title IV funding for the year will be \$10,745.37. It will help offset a portion of the gifted teacher salary as well as purchase supplies for gifted instruction, PBIS, and help with professional development. The district will receive \$247,642.42 in IDEA B funding. These funds will go towards a portion of three special education teachers' salaries and benefits. Lastly, the district will be receiving \$42,337.26 through the Title ID Neglected grant. These funds will be used at the LEC for after school programs, software and supplies, and PBIS supplies, incentives, and professional development.

**#67-24 Approve Minutes**

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2024 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 reviewed the regular monthly reports. She also explained the payment in lieu of transportation, which parents must request each year and is reimbursed at the end of the school year. She also explained the Transportation Agreement, noting it is for a student attending a special needs program at Patrick Henry Local Schools. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained the appropriation and amended certificate modifications, which are due to budgets being submitted late.

**#68-24 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda**

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler 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

Declare transportation to be impractical for three students, who will be attending Monclova Christian Academy, and offer these students payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2024-25.

Retroactively approve the Transportation Agreement for the 2024-25 School Year.

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Approve the following student activity budgets for the 2024-25 school year:

Golf Camp Fund  
Vocal Music Fund

Approve the following change fund for the 2024-25 school year:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>
Middle School Fund	\$100.00	Teresa Bostelman

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Modifications:

**Appropriation Modifications**

300 954G	Golf Camp Fund	\$2,000.00
300 947A	Vocal Music Fund	\$2,960.00

**Amended Certificate Modifications**

300 954G	Golf Camp Fund	\$2,500.00
300 947A	Vocal Music Fund	\$3,050.00

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

**Principals' Reports**

Ms. Postl spoke on behalf of all the principals. She noted it was a smooth start to the school year. The arrival and dismissal procedures are going well.

**Athletic Director's Report**

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on athletics. The stadium lighting retrofit project has been completed. There were a few issues that have been corrected. He noted everyone is looking forward to using the different features the new lights provide. Mr. Pohlman also updated the Board on fall sports participation, which is at an all-time high. There are over 180 student-athletes at the high school level, and they were all introduced at the Meet the Team event: 73 football players, 30 boys soccer players, 22 girls soccer players, 24 playing volleyball, 13 running cross country, 11 participating in golf, and 15 cheerleaders.

Mr. Pohlman also updated the Board on events and activities hosted by the Athletic Boosters. They hosted their annual golf outing on August 3-4. It was a great success. This past Friday, the Athletic Boosters were approached by the Football Moms with the idea to donate their half of the 50/50 raffle to the family of Reed Ponton. Reed's dad, Rodney, is a graduate of Liberty Center. Reed is battling Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The family was gifted nearly \$1,400.00 towards home improvements.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Peters reported on the start of the school year. He noted it is great to see students and staff back in the building. Mr. Peters explained the addition of the new job descriptions, which were added as part of the negotiation process in the spring. Board Member Ryan Zeiter asked for additional information on the Drug

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Free Club. Mr. Radwan explained students pledge to be drug free and are drug tested, along with athletes, throughout the year.

Mr. Peters also informed the board that the agreement with the Wood County Educational Service increased in daily costs; however, the district has not utilized their services since 2021.

**#69-24 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:

Approve the bus routes for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

Appoint Mr. Todd Spangler as the Board's delegate and Mr. John Weaver as the alternate to the OSBA's annual Capital Conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio from November 10-12, 2024.

Approve the following job descriptions:

- District Publicist
- High School Writer's Club Advisor
- Drug Free Club Advisor
- Chess Club Advisor
- Amazing Shake Advisor

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Bowling Green State University to provide field based experiences, including teacher internship/student teaching, for students enrolled in The College of Education and Human Development, effective August 1, 2024 through August 1, 2029.

Approve the 2024-25 agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Agreement at the following rates:

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

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

**#70-24 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

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

Approve the NWOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2024-25 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license:

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Stephanie Martinez  
Renee Meyer  
Elle Mohler  
Dakota Sines

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2024-25 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule:

Megan Kolasinski – Mentor  
Kim Jones – Mentor  
Annette Niekamp – Mentor

Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective building Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee for the 2024-25 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Elementary

Christy Myers: Co-Chair  
Kim Rettig  
Kara Kellermeier  
Dianna Szabo  
Hillary McBride  
Annette Niekamp  
Emily Hill  
Pam Righi

Middle School

Andrea Panning: Co-Chair  
Joanne Junge  
Cassie Hartzell  
Luke Hutchinson  
Teresa Detmer  
Alex Geahlen

High School

Diane Mott: Co-Chair  
Jeff Ressler  
Casey Mohler  
Amy Spieth  
Megan Kolasinski  
Katherine Bell  
Shelley Ahleman

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Approve the following individuals to serve on their respective Building Leadership Team (BLT) for the 2024-25 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Elementary

Meggin Radlinski: Co-Chair  
Mackenzie Mahnke  
Merry Giesige  
Regina Babcock  
Brittany Meyer  
Traci Chapman  
Lori Giesige

Middle School

Tracy Krueger: Co-Chair  
Betsy Rees  
Jody Morris  
Cassie Hartzell  
Steve Doseck  
Alex Geahlen

High School

Jessica Keller: Co-Chair  
Stephanie Sager  
Patrick O'Dwyer  
Shelley Ahleman  
Kathy Bailey  
Diane Mott

Approve the following individuals to serve on the District Leadership Team (DLT) for the 2024-25 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Raellen Shadler: Co-Chair  
Carrie Sines: Co-Chair  
Stephanie Sager: Co-Chair  
Tracy Krueger: BLT Chair  
Jess Keller: BLT Chair  
Meggin Radlinski: BLT Chair  
Mary Chamberlin  
Kim Jones  
Shelley Ahleman  
Stacy Bowers  
Patrick O'Dwyer

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Appoint the following as Administrative Representatives on the District Leadership Team for the 2024-25 school year:

Richie Peters  
Katie Jimenez  
Greg Radwan  
Kyle Storrer  
Allison Postl

Approve the following individuals to serve on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2024-25 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate paid per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Jodi Biederstedt: Co-Chair  
Kathy Bailey  
Betsy Rees

Appoint Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, and Greg Radwan, High School Principal, as the Administrative Representatives on the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) for the 2024-25 school year.

Approve stipends to Liberty Center Classroom Teachers for the 2024-25 school year to serve as mentor teachers. Each stipend amount will be determined by and received from the college or university of the student teacher.

Approve the transfer of Sara Bateman from Lunchroom Aide – 3.5 hours to Cashier – 6.5 hours, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Offer Kelijo Chaffee a one-year probationary contract as a Lunchroom Aide – 3.5 hours, effective August 26, 2024. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Accept the resignation of Josh Williams, Bus Driver, effective August 12, 2024.

Offer Robbi Robison a one-year probationary contract as a Bus Driver, effective at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Accept the resignation of Kim Firman, Lunchroom Aide, effective September 25, 2024.

Offer Tabitha Bergstedt a one-year probationary contract as a Lunchroom Aide – 3.5 hours, effective September 23, 2024. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the following individuals as substitutes to the department listed for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all necessary trainings and paperwork:

Riley Garretson – Secretary  
Rachel Orr – Secretary

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Jenny Perry – Secretary  
Alisha Pieracini – Secretary  
DeeAnn Shafer – Secretary  
Kim Firman – Lunchroom  
Jamie Evans – Lunchroom  
Melissa French – Lunchroom  
Josh Williams – Bus Driver  
Hayley Babcock – Custodian  
Collin Reyes – Custodian  
Josh Williams – Custodian  
Kirsten Weirauch – Custodian

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

Martie Rowland – Music  
Nadia Rowland – Music  
Todd Spangler – Football

Approve advancing Traci Chapman, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement’s Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

Approve advancing Jessica Keller, Classroom Teacher, to the 150+ column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement’s Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

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, retroactively move to offer the following non-certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Kiersten Maas – JH Volleyball  
Brian Dotson – Golf  
Shelley Davis – Football Cheer

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

**New Business**

The next Board meeting is September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

**#71-24 Executive Session**

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District.

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


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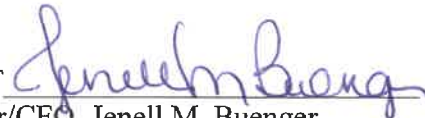
The Board returned from executive session at 7:39 p.m.

**#72-24 Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to adjourn the August 26, 2024 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:40 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   
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger