

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
September 27, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. Mr. John Weaver was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#107-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 23, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on September 10, 2021 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She also acknowledged and thanked the generous donors. Mrs. Buenger explained the new funds and special cost centers are for two new grants, ARP IDEA Special Education, which is to be used for special education services, and ARP IDEA, which is to be used for early childhood special education services. She also noted Title IV-A is an existing grant, but the funding number changed from 599 to 584.

Mrs. Buenger highlighted the Permanent Appropriations. Permanent Appropriations were \$18,959,532.29 in FY 21 and are \$21,432,781.81 in FY22. The general fund increased 6%, with the remaining increases from grants, PI funds, and student activity accounts. Mrs. Buenger provided information on the Certificate of Estimated Resources. The changes are due to additional grants and activity budgets submitted after the June board meeting. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger informed the Board the ticket prices for JV/Freshman and Junior High Sporting events changed from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for adults.

#108-21 CFO/Treasurer’s Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler 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

Approve the following donations:

Anonymous	Volleyball jerseys	\$707.84
State of Ohio	2,150 adult disposable face masks, 2,200 nitrile gloves, and 102 BinaxNOW test kits	

Approve the following New Fund and Special Cost Centers, Appropriation Modifications, and Amended Certificate Modifications:

New Fund and Special Cost Center
516 9122 ARP IDEA Part B Special Education

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587 9122 ARP IDEA – Early Childhood Special Education
 584 9122 TITLE IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment -Different Fund Number

Increase Appropriations

200 961A	HS Student Council	\$2,200.00
200 971A	HS Honor Society	\$2,000.00
516 9122	ARP IDEA Part B Special Education	\$48,466.48
587 9122	ARP IDEA – Early Childhood Special Education	\$3,589.69
507 9922	ESSER II	\$162,532.42
587 9700	Preschool Grant Expenses (NWOESC)	\$5,531.75
584 9122	TITLE IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$11,693.09
599 9122	Funding Number Change	-\$11,693.09

Increase Amended Certificate

200 961A	HS Student Council .	\$4,150.00
200 971A	HS Honor Society	\$3,000.00
516 9122	ARP IDEA Part B Special Education	\$48,466.48
587 9122	ARP IDEA – Early Childhood Special Education	\$3,589.69
507 9922	ESSER II	\$524,198.40
	Preschool Grant Expenses (NWOESC)	\$5,531.75
584 9122	TITLE IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$11,693.09
599 9122	Funding Number Change	-\$11,693.09

Approve the FY22 Permanent Appropriations as presented.

Approve the Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

Approve the amended ticket prices for JV/Freshman and Junior High sporting events from Resolution #77-21 to the following:

Adults: \$4.00
 Students: \$2.00

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

Principals’ Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl reported on the testing taking place in the Elementary. Diagnostic and benchmark testing for students in grades 1-4 revealed summer learning loss was experienced by many students. The Kindergarten KRA-R testing will begin next week. Ms. Postl also informed the Board the staff will be training in PAX during the October 11, 2021 professional development day, with support staff trained at a later date. Ms. Postl announced the elementary will be having the Halloween parade this year, and the date will be forthcoming.

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As the Grants Coordinator, Ms. Postl also reported on the 2021-22 federal grants. The ARP IDEA grant totals \$48,466 and will be used for supplies for special education students, the Goalbook App for IEP goals, and to help offset the costs for a Special Education Consultant. The ARP IDEA Early Childhood grant totals \$3,589 and will be used for supplies for students with an IEP at the elementary level. The Title I grant totals \$146,000. It will be used for the Title I teacher's salary and benefits, ARC professional development, and intervention resources. The Title II grant totals \$28,800 and will be used for smaller class sizes, including the addition of a 4th grade teacher and ARC materials. Title IV totals \$11,600. It will be used for supplies for PBIS and gifted instruction, as well as a portion of the gifted teacher's salary and benefits. The IDEA B grant totals \$225,236 and will be used for three special education teacher salaries and a portion of their benefits. The EEOC grant totals \$4,951 and will be used for the credit recovery program for high school students. The Title I Neglected grant totals \$41,668. It will be used for software and supplies at the LEC, as well as the LEC after school and summer programs.

Middle School

Mr. Storrer reported on events happening in the Middle School. During Yellow Ribbon Week, students made 2,000 ribbons and raised \$1,763 for the Four County ADAMhs Board. The 6th Grade held their annual Walk-a-Thon to raise money to help reduce the cost for every student to attend Camp Willson. The students raised \$9,742.25. The all-time lap record was broken by Braydon Crow with 90 laps, which is 22.5 miles. The previous record was set in 2018 with 87 laps. Lastly, Mr. Storrer informed the Board that all students in grades 6-8 have been screened for depression. Any student who scored above average for depression was given a follow-up interview.

High School

Mr. Radwan highlighted the events surrounding Homecoming Week. All students in grades PK-12 can participate in spirit week. WNDH will be conducting interviews with students on Wednesday. On Thursday, the Homecoming Court will be attending the Senior Citizen Breakfast at the Liberty-Washington Township Fire Station. On Friday, the senior class will be having a picnic. The Homecoming Ceremony will begin Friday at 6:30, with the dance on Saturday from 8:00-11:00.

Athletic Director Report

Mr. Pohlman reported on the continuing progress in the metal building. The District has been granted temporary occupancy for the south part of the building, including the locker room and training room. Progress will then continue on the weight room side of the building and the exterior.

The LCXC Extravaganza was this weekend at Leaders Farms. There were over 140 teams represented by approximately 50 schools. This was attributed to word spreading about the course and Districts being hosted by Liberty Center at the Leaders Farms.

Mr. Pohlman reported Sectional assignments were released and the NWDAB will be using better seed hosting for the first round for soccer and volleyball. The final District sites are Defiance for volleyball, Ottawa Hills for boys' soccer, and Evergreen for girls' soccer. Golf sectionals are this week, with the girls at Moose Landing and the boys at Ironwood. For football playoffs, the better seed will host for the first two rounds, followed by neutral sites for the other games.

The OHSAA will be hosting an online student leadership contest that Mr. Pohlman will be asking coaches to nominate underclassmen to attend. It will be during the school day and focus on the values of civility,

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leadership, and strong character. These characteristics are foundational for our youth in equipping them with the necessary skills to overcome challenges and help better their community.

Mr. Pohlman also noted the benefits of having a turf field have already been felt with the need to reschedule Friday's football game from Swanton to Liberty Center due to their field being flooded. The Athletic Boosters were able to operate the concession stand and hold the 50/50 raffle.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters updated the Board on the building project. The District has been granted temporary occupancy of the locker room. The most recent update on the completion date is October 5th. The contractors are waiting on springs to arrive for the overhead doors. Mr. Peters also discussed GMP 3, which will include updates to the Varsity Gymnasium, locker rooms, commons area, and includes air conditioning for the Varsity Gymnasium. Work on GMP 3 will begin after basketball season.

Mr. Peters reported on the enrollment numbers for the 2021-22 school year. Total enrollment is 1,078, which is an increase of 33 from last year. There are currently 172 students open enrolled in and 46 students open enrolled out. Last year there were 152 open enrolled in and 36 open enrolled out. There are 98 students in Kindergarten, with 19 being open enrolled. The District has 35 students attending Four County Career Center.

Mr. Peters discussed the 2.5% Learning Recovery Stipend being recommended for OAPSE members and non-union staff. In appreciation for everything the District employees did throughout the pandemic, and to align with the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement, the Board will utilize the federal ESSER funds for the 2.5% stipend.

Lastly, Mr. Peters informed the Board there will be Senior Citizen Breakfast on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Liberty-Washington Township Fire station at 8:30.

#109-21 Superintendent's Consent Items

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

Approve an overnight trip for FFA students and teachers to attend the FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 27 – 30, 2021.

Approve an overnight trip for the cross-country team and coaches to attend the Maplewood Legends Cross Country Invitational from October 8 – 9, 2021 in Cortland, OH.

Approve the 2021-22 agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center, Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio, and the Wood County Academy at the following rates:

Per student per day for our students assigned to JDC	\$79.00 Per Diem
Per student per day for our students assigned to JRC	\$85.00 Per Diem
Per seat at WCA	\$11,505.00 for the full year
	\$5,753.00 for one semester

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

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#110-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias, that the Board approve the Superintendent's personnel items as follows:

Approve the following volunteers for the activity indicated for the 2021-22 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork:

Bryce Trapp – Music
Nikole Keil – Girls' Basketball
Ashley Garlick – Classroom Volunteer/Student Teacher

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2021-22 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Offer Julie Shultz a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide/Crossing Guard. Her starting date is pending verification of certification and paperwork. Her wages and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer the following certified individuals a one-year supplemental contract for the positions indicated for the 2021-22 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Chelsey Kester – Vocal Music Director
Holly Weber – District Mentor (2)
Joanne Junge – District Mentor
Heather Underwood – District Mentor
Mary Chamberlin – District Mentor (2)
Carey Pogan – District Mentor
Karen Rettig – District Mentor (2)

Retroactively approve Rene Hadding as a long-term Educational Aide substitute beginning September 13, 2021 through the end of the 2021-22 school year, as needed, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve Kyle Storrer as a volunteer van driver for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings.

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 individual a one-year pro-rated supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2021-22 school year, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Amanda Barnes – Junior High Cross-Country Coach

Approve increasing substitute teacher pay to \$100.00 per day, effective October 4, 2021.

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

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Nays: None – Motion Carried

#111-21 Memorandum of Understanding with OAPSE: Learning Recovery Stipend

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with OAPSE for a Learning Recovery Stipend in the amount of 2.5% of the 2021-22 salary for all current employees, payable in November 2021.

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

#112-21 Non-Union Employee: Learning Recovery Stipend

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve a Learning Recovery Stipend in the amount of 2.5% of the 2021-22 salary for all current non-union employees, payable in November 2021.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

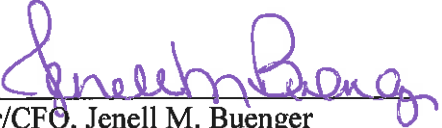
#113-21 Adjournment

Mr. Spangler made the motion and Mrs. Zacharias seconded the motion to adjourn the September 27, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:25 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger