

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
February 22, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#33-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2021 and Special Meeting held on February 5, 2021 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports, highlighting the Budget vs. Actual Report. The District is currently on track for both revenues and expenditures for FY21. She also explained the resolution accepting rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, which is completed each year in February.

Mrs. Buenger explained the resolution authorizing the use of an insurance policy in lieu of a surety bond. The District's insurance carrier, SORSA, is able to provide coverage to replace the bonds for the Treasurer, Superintendent and Board. This will save the District \$200 per year.

Mrs. Buenger thanked the generous donors for the mask donation and softball uniforms.

Mrs. Buenger provided information on the two NwoESC agreements for special education services. The agreement is reviewed mid-year with updates made to the cost estimate. For FY21, the District's costs are \$89,000 higher than originally estimated due to a student attending the IEC, students with multiple disabilities and speech services. The mid-year review allows the adjustment to be made to our foundation payments rather than paying the full balance in June. The second agreement is the 2021-22 contract. The increase of \$71,872 is due to increases in costs for preschool services, speech, APE 7-12, and education consultant services, including a 2% base increase in salaries, a 6% increase for health insurance premiums and a 3% increase in dental insurance premiums. Mrs. Buenger noted she reviewed the contract with Mr. Peters and Mrs. Kamelesky, Director of Student Services, in an effort to ensure all services are necessary. This amount may change next year during the mid-year review.

Mrs. Buenger explained the depository agreements with Huntington Bank, Farmers & Merchants State Bank and Henry County Bank. These agreements are required in order to have accounts with the banks.

#34-21 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

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Disbursement Summary Report
Investment Report
Budget vs. Actual

Approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Approve the Resolution as presented that in lieu of executing a surety bond, the Board may authorize the Treasurer, Superintendent and Board to be covered by an insurance policy by a Board approved and accredited insurance carrier or joint self-insurance pool. The policy must cover the Board from losses caused by the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law of the Treasurer or other employees.

Approve the following donations:

Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp	2000 Masks	
Anonymous Donation	Softball Uniforms	\$2,826.10

Ratify the revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Special Education services for fiscal year 2021. The foundation deduction shall be revised to an annual amount of \$539,960.37.

Approve the agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NWOESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$686,832.05.

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl reported the benchmark testing is complete for elementary students. This data is used to determine who is struggling to read and who is making progress. Ms. Postl also noted the elementary is seeing growth in students' ability to read with the utilization of the ARC reading curriculum, specifically for those who receive Title I support.

Ms. Postl informed the Board the elementary is using Branching Minds for an RTI/MTSS platform to streamline the approach for grades K-4. Ms. Postl, Mrs. Kamelesky, Director of Student Services, Mrs. Voss, School Psychologist, and Mrs. Jiminez, NWOESC Curriculum Coordinator, went through the training on February 19th. All elementary teachers will receive the training on March 26th during the vaccine/professional development day. The focus will be on the students who fall into the Tier 2 category as identified through the NWEA MAP testing.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan highlighted the preparation measures being taken at the middle school for state testing. He noted the staff are focusing on trends in state test questions, analyzing areas of improvement, and creating schedules and groupings.

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Mr. Radwan explained how the State's new assessment tool, One Needs Assessment, is impacting the middle school. It is requiring the engagement in District level questions to drive initiatives at the middle school level. The middle school will be utilizing a combination of TBTs, the BLT, and content-specific teams to explore priority items.

Mr. Radwan reported the middle school is already working on goals and plans for next school year, including PBIS, Branching Minds and Student Success Plans.

High School

Mr. Black reported he is meeting with Mrs. Braucksieck, High School Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Kamelesky, Director of Student Services, to review the new graduation requirements and develop a plan to provide opportunities for each student to meet the new requirements. He noted that completing credits and taking tests will not be the only graduation requirements in the near future.

Mr. Black explained the high school students are currently completing the second round of MAP testing. The first testing provided baseline data on where our students rank educationally as compared to other students throughout the country. Mr. Black highlighted that Liberty Center students were ahead at the beginning of the school year. The second set of testing will provide growth data for students.

Mr. Black informed the Board all juniors would be taking the ACT on Tuesday, February 23rd during school, which is a state requirement.

Mr. Black thanked the Baristas at Starbucks on Airport Highway near Spring Meadows for generously providing cake pops for staff members as a thank you for their efforts in education during the pandemic.

Mr. Brad Hurtig, motivational speaker, will speak to Liberty Center students on March 3rd. He is a Fairview graduate and will bring a message of hope to the students.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman reported winter sports are nearing the end, as all sports are currently in their post-seasons. Girls basketball and girls bowling have finished up their very competitive seasons. The girls basketball team fell in the Sectional final to Swanton. The girls bowling team competed at the Sectional meet, but did not make it to Districts. Boys basketball will play in the Sectional semi-final at Liberty Center on Wednesday against Delta. The winner will play Archbold on Saturday. Wrestling will be competing on Friday and Saturday at Sectionals at Archbold. LC was 3rd at the league meet two weeks ago. Gymnastics will compete at the District meet on Friday in Maumee. Boys bowling took 3rd place at Sectionals and 5th place at Districts. Landon Amstutz qualified as an individual and will be competing in Columbus at State on Saturday morning. The competition cheer team also filmed their state routine and submitted it for judging.

Mr. Pohlman thanked all winter sports teams and parents for their cooperation throughout the winter season. He also acknowledged the game workers as their efforts were essential to the successful winter sports season.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters explained the Memorandum of Understanding with LCCTA. He noted that while the dates of the vaccine clinic changed due to national weather conditions, the intent of the MOU remains the same, changing two student days to professional development days. Mr. Peters confirmed the Henry County Health Department

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received the vaccines, which will be administered on Friday, February 26th, with the second dose being administered on Friday, March 26th, meaning no school for students on these dates. He also noted that with the change in vaccine dates, the 2020-21 school year calendar will be updated at the March meeting.

Mr. Peters provided information on the resolution for Liberty Center's commitment to the Northwest Ohio Athletic League. He noted there are many rumors circulating about the NWOAL and felt it was important to highlight the decision of the Board to remain committed to the NWOAL.

Mr. Peters provided an update on the renovation projects. Garmann Miller is currently in the design stage. Once completed, Rupp Rosebrock will be able to set the GMP and the official contract with Rupp Rosebrock is anticipated to be approved on March 22nd. The goal will be to have the metal building renovations and varsity gymnasium building renovations completed by August/September.

#35-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Accept the retirement resignation of David Grim, High School Math Teacher, effective May 31, 2021. Dave has been with the District for 25 years.

Accept the resignation of Diane Gwinn, Bus Driver, effective February 11, 2021. Diane has been with the District for 31 years.

Approve Aubrey Overmier as a substitute bus driver for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2020-21 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Approve Lori Giesige, Intervention Specialist, as a tutor for middle school students for a minimum of five hours per week through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Approve Raellen Merritt as a volunteer track coach for the 2020-21 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve Sheila Parcher as a long-term substitute Intervention Specialist beginning February 17, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and following the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement for long-term substitutes.

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

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#36-21 Depository Agreement – Huntington Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Benson to enter into a Depository Agreement with Huntington Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2021 through March 16, 2026.

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

#37-21 Depository Agreement – Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Weaver to enter into a Depository Agreement with Farmers & Merchants State Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2021 through March 16, 2026.

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

#38-21 Depository Agreement – Henry County Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to enter into a Depository Agreement with Henry County Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2021 through March 17, 2026.

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

#39-21 NwOESC Service Agreement

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the Service Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) effective August 15, 2020 through June 15, 2021 for autism diagnostic observation schedule (ADOS) services at a rate of \$88.60 per hour, to be provided at Liberty Center Local Schools and the Liberty Education Center.

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

#40-21 Memorandum of Understanding with LCCTA

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Liberty Center Local School District Board of Education and Liberty Center Classroom Teachers' Association to modify the calendar for the COVID-19 vaccination program.

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

#41-21 Resolution Expressing Commitment to the Northwest Ohio Athletic League

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve the Resolution Expressing Commitment to the Northwest Ohio Athletic League.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is March 22, 2021.

Board Members' Committee Reports

#42-21 Executive Session

Mr. Benson made the motion and Mr. Weaver seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:36 p.m. to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 8:18 p.m.

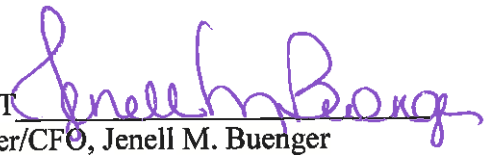
#43-21 Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the February 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:19 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger