

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
August 23, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 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.

#97-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 26, 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. She also acknowledged and thanked the very generous donors.

#98-21 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver 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
- Disbursement Summary Report
- Investment Report

Approve the following donations:

K Kern Painting LLC	Press Box and Old Concession Stand Painting	\$15,500.00
Anonymous Donor	Football Cleats	\$6,422.60

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl highlighted the excitement to start the 2021-22 school year in the elementary. She informed the Board that elementary students who are dropped off at the school in the mornings will continue to enter through Door #2. She noted the building will be utilizing Branching Minds to track and identify students who need additional support to meet their individual educational benchmarks.

Even with the addition of a kindergarten teacher, the kindergarten classes are full with 21 students in each class. Ms. Postl reported they currently are not accepting open enrollment in kindergarten due to these numbers. Ms. Postl also highlighted the changes and additions to the staffing in the elementary.

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Middle School

Mr. Storrer reported he has spent the past few days taking the time to get to know the middle school staff and students. He noted some focus will be placed on student discipline with the usage of a Google Form to help simplify and track behaviors, as well as identify any problem areas or patterns. Mr. Storrer received good feedback from the middle school staff after their staff meeting last week.

High School

Mr. Radwan reported the high school staff has reviewed initiatives, with the focus being on preparedness for the workforce, college or the military. The high school will be utilizing the program Naviance, which will survey students on careers and provide valuable insight for both students and staff. To further emphasize the importance of this endeavor, Mr. Radwan is forming a workforce development team that works with local businesses and the Henry County Ohio Means Jobs program to match students with programs, experience, and skills for their future. The details are still being working through in determining how to fund a position to oversee this project. Gerken Industries, which consists of 10 different companies, has committed to providing on-the-job skills training.

Athletic Director Report

Mr. Pohlman informed the Board on the success of the Meet the Team event. He thanked KK Collison and the Liberty-Washington Township Department for providing trucks for the parade. He also noted athletic passes are on sale in the Athletic Office. He noted that Facebook will be the best place to check for ticketing and scheduling updates.

Mr. Pohlman reported on fall athletics. Cross country has a meet this weekend. The cross country home course at Leaders Farms will host the District meet on October 12th. Liberty Center has their first girls golf team this year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters informed the Board the staff started on Friday with a professional development day and a work day today. On Tuesday, the District will welcome students back to the classroom. He noted the great attendance at tonight's Open House.

Mr. Peters provided an update on COVID protocols. Parents and students can decide on whether or not students will wear masks in the school or get the vaccine. However, masks are required on school transportation vehicles.

There was a facility tour prior to the start of the board meeting that was open to the public. The K-12 building, metal building, and stadium were visited. The fencing around the stadium is nearly 75% complete. The completion of the locker rooms is expected by the first home football game, which is September 3rd. The weight room will be finished shortly thereafter. The official dedication of Kip Kern Field will occur on Friday, September 3, 2021, with more details to come as the event is finalized.

Mr. Peters noted GMP3 has not been board approved yet, but will include updates to the Varsity Gym, the remodeling of the restrooms and locker rooms, and updates to the commons area outside of the gymnasium.

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#99-21 Superintendent's Consent Items

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

Approve a contract with Specialty Transportation Service Company to provide transportation for a student at the Liberty Education Center.

Approve an agreement with Bowling Green State University to place a teacher preparation program candidate in the classrooms of Liberty Center Schools for the purpose of participating in field-based experiences, including teacher internship/student teaching.

Approve Membership in HPS (Hospital Purchasing Service), at a cost of \$1,370.88 for the period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Appoint Mr. Spangler as the Board's delegate and Mr. Benson as the alternate to the OSBA's annual Capital Conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio from November 7-9, 2021.

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

#100-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson, 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:

Jerry Brown – Music
Laura Grace Sieja - Music
Travis Schultz - Golf

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

Approve the following individuals as substitutes to the department listed for the 2021-22 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and trainings.

Zac Sperling – Bus Driver
Carrie Zeiter - Secretary

Offer Sara Bateman a one-year probationary contract as a lunchroom aide beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Wages and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

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

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Chelsey Kester – Musical Director (50%)
Chelsey Kester – Assistant Musical Director (50%)

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

Dustin Mays – Musical Director (50%)
Dustin Mays – Assistant Musical Director (50%)

Approve Erica Blanton as a long-term Educational Aide substitute beginning August 24, 2021 through the end of the 2021-22 school year, as needed, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve the contract Addendum for Dustin Mays, Network Assistant, effective August 23, 2021.

Retroactively approve Jodi Biederstedt as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of one day per week for two hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Retroactively approve Abbey Lamb as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of one day per week for two hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Retroactively approve Kim Rettig as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of four days per week for three hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Retroactively approve Meggin Radlinski as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of three days per week for two hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Retroactively approve Brittany Meyer as a tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of three days per week for two hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Retroactively approve Carey Pogan as an intervention tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of three days per week for eight hours per day the week of August 16th- 20th, at the LCCTA tutor rate.

Offer Debra Cooke a one-year probationary contract as a 2.5-hour Playground Monitoring Aide beginning with the 2021-22 school year, with salary and benefits per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

#101-21 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

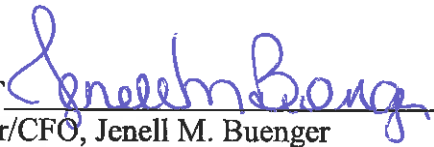
#102-21 Adjournment

Mrs. Zacharias made the motion and Mr. Weaver seconded the motion to adjourn the August 23, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:10 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger

