

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2023

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 2023 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. Per Resolution #14-23, Mrs. Zacharias served as the Treasurer Pro Tempore for the meeting.

Mrs. Jimenez, Director of Student Services, and Stephanie Sager, High School Teacher and DLT representative, presented information on the Prepared Initiative for the district. With the goals of challenging, preparing and empowering our students, the DLT has decided to focus on how to best prepare our students for their next steps. This could be the next grade level or moving from elementary school to middle school, or entering the workforce or college after graduation. The DLT is gathering data from employers, higher education, students, staff, parents and graduates. The DLT will use this information to create a plan applicable to all K-12 students, with the hope of implementing the plan at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

#81-23 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 25, 2023 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Zacharias thanked the very generous donors. She also noted that Mrs. Buenger sent an email to the Board explaining the items under her consent agenda.

#82-23 CFO/Treasurer’s Consent Agenda

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

K Kern Painting	Football Cleats	\$6,670.01
LC Athletic Boosters	Hudl	\$9,000.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Golf Shirts	\$275.00
LC Soccer Club	Girls and Boys Soccer Camp Accounts	\$1,973.03

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications, Amended Certificate Modifications and Intra-Fund Transfers:

Appropriation Modifications		
200 9017	After Prom	\$11,000.00

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Amended Certificate Modifications

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Intra-Fund Transfers

572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs Odd Year	(\$8,349.53)
572 9104	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs Even Year	\$8,349.53
572 9103	Title I D Neglected Odd Year	(\$12,529.93)
572 9102	Title I D Neglected Even Year	\$12,529.93
584 9023	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Achievement	(\$1,837.94)
584 9022	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Achievement	\$1,837.94

Approve the following amended student activity budget for the 2023-24 school year: **(Exhibit C)**
After Prom

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary School

Ms. Postl provided an update on the Elementary. There have been some noted behavior issues in the elementary. While the Pax program is effective, the building is expanding the program so it can be something parents can also utilize at home. A training workshop was held for parents of fourth grade students. Child care and dinner were provided for the families in attendance. The hope is to have two more parent sessions before Christmas for families with younger students, with the next one scheduled for November 2nd. Mrs. Righi is trained in the program and leading the sessions. Ms. Postl also reported that OhioGuidestone is also partnering with the school on this endeavor. Our representative will be following up with parents. The hope is that there will be a positive impact on students with reinforcement and consistency of Pax behaviors at home and at school.

Ms. Postl also informed the Board the first round of state testing will take place on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Lastly, the Halloween parade will take place at 1:30 on Friday. Each class will have a sign, making it easier for parents and grandparents to find their students during the parade.

Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update on the Middle School. The building is in their second year of the 7 Mindsets program. The September students of the month were awarded a certificate, a t-shirt donated by the PTO, and a gift certificate to Tiger Den Dairy Bar. They were recognized for September's theme of 'Everything is Possible.' The theme for October is 'Fall Into Your Passions.' Students are focusing on their strengths, areas of interest, taking a stand and being authentic. Staff put a tree on one of the walls and each student is filling out a leaf with their specific information. Lastly, Mr. Storrer congratulated the junior high girls cross country team on placing first at the state cross country meet. Team members include Mya Stark, Hailey Bowen, Ryley Miller, Alli Johnson, Carly Knapp and Castyn Miller.

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High School

Mr. Radwan updated the Board on academics, fine arts and athletics in the High School. Recently, 41 students went to the University of Toledo for a college visit, 27 students attended Manufacturing Day at Northwest State Community College to explore programs in welding, robotics and electricity and later this year students will have the opportunity to visit Bowling Green State University. Mr. Radwan also talked about the recent professional development day when staff had the opportunity to speak with local businesses to get a better understanding of what they are looking for in their employees. Mr. Radwan also emphasized the importance of having high school students make connections with younger students. This past month, FFA students assisted with the Elementary's Amazing Shake program, teaching students about basic tools and how to use them. Lastly, Mr. Radwan informed the Board that the LC team placed second in the district dairy judging competition.

In the arts department, the choirs held their fall concert last Tuesday. There were also 11 choir members who performed at the Black Swamp Honors Choir at St. John's UCC in Defiance over the weekend. Lastly, Mr. Radwan informed the Board the band program recently started mini majorettes for students in grades K-8. They performed at both the homecoming and senior night games.

Mr. Radwan congratulated all of the fall sports athletes on their seasons. He commended the girls volleyball team, girls cross country team and the football team on their league championships.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman reported on the happenings in the athletic department. The fall sports season is coming to an end. There are three fall sports who claimed the Northwest Ohio Athletic League Championships. The girls volleyball team won their first league title since 2004, and the first undefeated league title in school history. The girls cross country team won their fifth straight league title and the 14th of all time. The football team also won the league title, making it only the second time in school history when the team has won back to back titles, the last time occurring in 2000 and 2001.

Mr. Pohlman announced that Liberty Center will be hosting the 8-man football state championship on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. He was approached by their league commissioner and is happy to have the facility available to use for the event. The school will be able to profit from the concessions stand and a 50/50 raffle. The participating schools will provide ticket takes, announcers, and pay for security.

Mr. Pohlman also announced that playoff tickets can be purchased either on line or at the gate with cash. There is a discounted price to purchase online, which will also save time at the gate.

On November 7th, Mr. Pohlman will be taking a group of student athletes to a mental health summit in sports put on by the National Football Foundation. The keynote speaker will be Todd Crandell, President and Founder of Racing for Recovery. He has completed 110 ironman competitions all over the world. He has turned a past addiction into a dedicated business of counseling others with addiction and mental health challenges towards recovery. There will also be sessions on bullying, cyber-bullying, suicide prevention, substance abuse, and mental health awareness for injured athletes.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters announced a few upcoming important dates. The next Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria. The Veteran's Day assembly will be held on Wednesday,

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November 8th at 9:00 a.m. Parent teacher conferences will be held the evening of Thursday, November 9th and the morning of Friday, November 10th.

#83-23 Superintendent’s Consent Agenda

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 Consent Agenda items as follows:

#0141.2	#0164	#2623.02	#3120.08	#4120.08	#5320
#5330	#5330.05	#5337	#6240	#6700	#7440
#8120	#8330	#8600	#8650	#9160	#9211
#9270					

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

#84-23 Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

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

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2023-24 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license:

- Kelsey Crow
- Mea Eberly
- Lynn Groll
- Ashley Martin
- Elizabeth Patrick
- Brooklyn Reineke
- Jensen Sonnenberg

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2023-24 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Retroactively approve Stephanie Sager as a homebound intervention tutor for a high school student for a maximum of two hours per week for the 2023-24 school year.

Offer Ellen Bockelman a continuing contract as a Bus Driver, effective November 30, 2023. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Rescind the appointments of Shelley Ahleman and Diane Mott to the Evaluation Committee for the 2023-24 school year.

Rescind the following supplemental contract for the 2023-24 school year:

Braelyn Wymer – Freshman Girls Basketball Coach

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Approve the following individuals to serve on the Evaluation Committee for the 2023-24 school year, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Kaite Yungmann
Kathy Bailey
Amy Spieth
Kati Weaks

Offer the following certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Pam Righi – Girls Head Track 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 2023-24 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Chris Box – Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach
Nick Tammarine – Jr. High Wrestling Coach
Rob Myers – Boys Head Track Coach
Braelyn Wymer – Girls Assistant Basketball Coach

Approve the following volunteers for the activity indicated for the 2023-24 school year, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork:

Drew Keefer – Wrestling Volunteer
Shawn Wymer – Wrestling Volunteer
Sean Westhoven – Wrestling Volunteer
Jimmy Spieth – Wrestling Volunteer
Jeremiah Taylor – Wrestling Volunteer
Brett Rhoda – Wrestling Volunteer
Clayton Hill – Wrestling Volunteer
Brodie Stevens – Wrestling Volunteer
Dylan Matthews – Wrestling Volunteer
Jared Gillen – Wrestling Volunteer
Pam Righi – Indoor Track Volunteer
Rob Myers – Indoor Track Volunteer
Bethany Wolf – Gymnastics Volunteer
Denise Brown – Swimming Volunteer
Kristin Stacey – Girls Basketball Volunteer

Approve increasing the substitute aide pay to \$73.15, effective January 1, 2024.

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

#85-23 E-Rate Agreement with Epic Communications

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve the Epic Communications Agreement for E-Rate Funding for the 2024-25 school year.

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

#86-23 Approve Then and Now Purchase Order

Upon the recommendation of the administration, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the following “Then and Now” purchase order in accordance with ORC Section 5705.41 (D)(1) which states, “Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of this section and section 5705.44 of the Revised Code, make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the obligation or, in the case of a continuing contract to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, the amount required to meet the obligation in the fiscal year in which the contract is made, has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. This certificate need be signed only by the subdivision's fiscal officer. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be void, and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon. If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt by the taxing authority of the subdivision or taxing unit of a certificate of the fiscal officer stating that there was at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances, such taxing authority may authorize the drawing of a warrant in payment of amounts due upon such contract, but such resolution or ordinance shall be passed within thirty days after the taxing authority receives such certificate; provided that, if the amount involved is less than one hundred dollars in the case of counties or three thousand dollars in the case of all other subdivisions or taxing units, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without such affirmation of the taxing authority of the subdivision or taxing unit, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.”

Purchase Order #2400549 to Naviance, Inc. – Powerschool Group in the amount of \$4,599.93

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

New Business

The Finance Committee will be meeting on November 13, 2023 at 5:30.

The next Board meeting is November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

#87-23 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the District.
The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

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

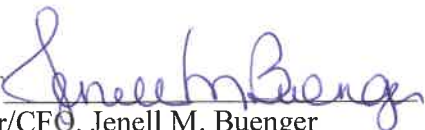
#88-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the October 23, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:15 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger