

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Special Board Meeting
June 25, 2026

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Kyle Kern, Mrs. Andrea Oyer, Mr. Todd Spangler, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance.

A public hearing was held for the re-employment of a retired employee.

#51-26 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2026 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She noted that the district is still on track to end the year in the black. She thanked the Athletic Boosters for their very generous donations. Mrs. Buenger explained temporary appropriations for FY27 are approximately \$351,000.00 more than last year's temporary appropriations.

Mrs. Buenger gave a report on the credit card rewards program, which is a new requirement. For FY26, we earned 123,754 points. We used 70,000 of those points. 30,000 of those points were used for the gift cards for our staff at the end of year appreciation breakfast and 40,000 points were used for statement credit.

Mrs. Buenger informed the Board the District received our Threshold Cost reimbursement. These costs are for our students that cost over \$27,375.00 to educate. She filed for 16 students at a total of \$236,827.00. We received 25.5% in Threshold Cost reimbursement, which totaled \$60,659.74. Last year, the state reimbursement rate was 34.5% of our costs.

#52-26 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mrs. Oyer 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
Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	Dr. Dish Basketball Shooting Machine	\$6,181.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Champion Football Rings	\$7,500.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Wrestling Expenses	\$1,895.88

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Approve the renewal of the property, fleet, and liability insurance policies with SORSA (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority), Frost Insurance Agency, at a total annual premium of \$114,332.00. This policy will be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Approve the 2026-27 preschool transportation rate for typical students at \$100.00 per month.

Approve the following student activity budgets for the 2026-27 school year:

Students in Need Fund
Elementary Principal's Fund
High School Principal's Fund
Middle School Principal's Fund
After Prom
Art Club
High School Quiz Team
Future Business Leaders of America
Spanish Club
Liberty Center FFA
High School Student Council
Elementary Student Council
Middle School Student Council
SADD/Stand for the Silent
Drug Free Club
Chess Club
Class of 2031
Class of 2032
Class of 2033
Class of 2027
Class of 2028
Class of 2029
Class of 2030
National Honor Society
Athletic Team Supporters
Boys Basketball Camp Fund
Football Camp Fund
Football Mom's Group
Cross Country Camp Fund
Girls Soccer Camp Fund
Girls Basketball Camp Fund
Volleyball Camp Fund
Golf Camp Fund
Archery Club
Bowling Camp Fund
High School Cheerleaders
Junior High Cheerleaders
Tigeron Yearbook

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Approve the FY27 temporary appropriations in the amount of \$23,139,083.27.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters introduced Hanna Jeffers, the new Intervention Specialist on the agenda for approval. Hanna is a 2018 Liberty Center graduate with 4 years of teaching experience at the IEC. This position will focus on behaviors at the elementary. Her experience will be a great asset.

Mr. Peters also explained the resolution on the agenda to authorize the solicitation of qualifications for construction manager at-risk services for the baseball/softball infield project. The estimated cost of the project is \$225,000.00. This is estimated on the high side. We will be using permanent improvement funds and athletic department funds to pay for the project. The Athletic Boosters have expressed an interest in donating to the project as well. The scope of the project includes the removal of the current playing material and surface, removal of current grass areas and replacement of sod, rebuilding of mounds and batting box areas, and an installation of an irrigation system in the infield, foul territory, and outfield of the baseball field. We have had ongoing drainage and general playability issues on both diamonds. The goal is to have the project under contract by our August board meeting so the work can be completed prior to the winter months. This may require a special board meeting in order to meet the necessary requirements and timeline.

Mr. Peters also provided an update on work being done at the football stadium. The current flagpole was in a ground sleeve. This will allow us to move the pole to the southwest corner of the stadium at half the cost. The feedback we received from the rented bleachers was that the bleachers in the east endzone were not used as much due to the setting sun being in spectators' eyes. Moving the flagpole will allow both sets of portable bleachers to be in the west endzone. We will be adjusting the placement of the play clock as well. The goal is to have this work done by August 1st so everything is set for the first home football game on August 21st. Mr. Peters noted the bleacher project has been a priority for a few years in order to provide additional seating at the football stadium and seating accessibility at the track. The portable bleachers provide the most cost-effective way to accomplish this.

Mr. Peters noted all of the open educational positions are currently filled for the upcoming school year. We will be looking to fill one custodial position with the retirement of Eric Witte.

Mr. Peters also thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for their work to have the buildings and grounds in great shape for the start of the school year and events.

#53-26 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the 2026-27 Educational Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training and Rehabilitation Center beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$91.00 per student per weekday for students assigned to JWOJDT&RC.

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Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hosting of Defiance College Teacher Education Candidates, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Retroactively approve the 2026-27 Interagency Agreement with Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission: NOCAC Head Start Henry County, Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Family & Children First Council, Holgate, Local Schools, Napoleon City Schools, and Patrick Henry Local Schools to ensure all children ages birth through age five have successful and seamless transitions between agencies.

Approve the 2026-27 Agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio at the following rates:

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

Approve the one-year Nursing Services Agreement with the Henry County Hospital, commencing August 24, 2026, at a cost of \$67,551.93. The Henry County Hospital will also provide nursing services for 6th Grade Camp Willson for an additional fee.

Approve 6th grade students (Class of 2033) and teachers to attend Camp Willson from May 10-12, 2027.

Approve the FY27 NWOCA Membership Contract at a cost of \$42,461.69 with Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) for the 2026-27 school year.

Approve the Technical Services Agreement with Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Approve the NBEC NOVA Agreement for the administration of certain virtual courses with Northern Buckeye Education Council from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#54-26 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Recommendations

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

Rescind the following supplemental contract for the 2026-27 school year:

Jeff Ressler – SADD/Stand for the Silent

Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Chelsey Kester – Musical Director

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Kathy Bailey – Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Advisor
Shelley Ahleman -SADD/Stand for the Silent
Abby Readshaw – Assistant Volleyball 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 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Mya Carroll – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Jessica Shepherd – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Tyson Andrews – Freshman Football Coach
Bryan Hefflinger – Assistant Football Coach
Sydney Arno – JV Football Cheer Coach
Trina Elieff – Assistant Cross Country Coach
Benjamin Scofield – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Braelyn Wymer – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

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

Kelley McMurtrie – Music
Jennifer Grubaugh – Music
Andrew Genson – Music
Sarah Genson – Music
Tammy Mays – Music
Dustin Mays – Music
Jennifer Huber – Music
Joshua Huber – Music
Amanda Miller – Music
Jeremy Miller – Music
Jodi Buckenmeyer – Music
Christy Myers – Music
Thomas Myers – Music
Martha Rowland – Music
Nadia Rowland – Music
Elizabeth Spangler – Cheer
Breanna Tammarine – Cheer
Scarlette Gerken – Girls Basketball

Approve advancing Chase Miller, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.

Approve Ashley Chapa, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 2 hours.

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Approve Jodi Biederstedt, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 1 hour.

Approve Abbey Lamb, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 1 hour.

Approve Renee Elliss, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 2 hours.

Approve Ashley Chapa, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 2 hours.

Approve Cindy Hageman, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 1 hour.

Approve Luke Hutchinson, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 1 hour.

Approve Annette Niekamp, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 5 hours.

Approve Sarah Feehan, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 5 hours.

Grant the following individuals extended contracts for the 2026-27 school year, as listed:

Pam Righi – 9 days
Alexandra Geahlen – 9 days
Shelley Ahleman – 19 days
Brandon Readshaw – 35 days
Katherine Bell – 35 days
Joel Kellar – 20 days
Kathy Bailey – 3 days

Offer Tim Reed, a non-certified individual, a one-year contract as the Concession Manager for the 2026-27 school year, with his hourly rate set at minimum wage, for a maximum of 450 hours per school year, plus mileage, as submitted by timecard and signed by the Athletic Director.

Offer Hanna Jeffers a one-year probationary contract as an Intervention Specialist, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Matthew Benecke a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Crossing Guard, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

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Offer Kamryn Chaffee a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Bus Monitoring Aide, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Logan Balog-Kwapich a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Bus Monitoring Aide, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, as the Grants Coordinator for the 2026-27 school year with a stipend of \$4,000.00.

Accept the resignation of Elliot McMaster, part-time summer technology department employee, effective June 12, 2026.

Offer employment to Garrett Ruffell as a part-time summer (2026) technology department employee at minimum wage, \$11.00 per hour, with no benefits, beginning approximately June 29, 2026 through approximately August 14, 2026.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#55-26 Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Statements of Qualifications for Construction Management At-Risk Services

It was moved by Mrs. Oyer and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Statements of Qualifications for Construction Management At-Risk Services Related to the Board's Baseball and Softball Turf Project.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#56-26 Resolution to Employ Legal Counsel

It was moved by Mrs. Oyer and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the firm Gingo & Bair Law, LLC to serve as legal counsel to the Liberty Center Local School District Board of Education and hereby authorize the Board President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and designated administrators to engage the services of said firm on an as needed basis.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#57-26 Internet Service Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to ratify the Internet Service Agreement with NBEC/NWOCA from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 at a cost of \$39,015.33 for FY27, and an estimated cost of \$40,185.79 in FY28, \$41,391.36 in FY29, \$42,633.10 in FY30, and \$43,912.10 in FY31..

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

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#58-26 Cancel Regular June Board Meeting

It was moved by Mrs. Oyer and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to cancel the Regular June Board Meeting originally scheduled for June 29, 2026.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The next board meeting is July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

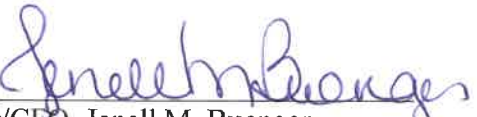
#59-26 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the June 25, 2026 special meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 6:04 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Kern, Mrs. Oyer, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Zeiter, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger