

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2017

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 7:02 p.m. in the High School Media Center with board members Jeff Benson, Tim Bowers, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler and John Weaver present.

#83-17 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Liberty Center Board of Education held on Oct. 16, 2017

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

Recognized Cross Country Teams

The cross country team members were invited to attend the board meeting and be recognized. Board President, John Weaver, congratulated both the boys' and girls' cross country team members on their great seasons and for advancing to the State Meet this year.

Treasurer's Report-Mrs. Jenell Buenger

Mrs. Buenger explained that the financial reports were the usual ones, along with the addition of the budget to actual since the approval of the 5-year forecast last month.

She said the Drama budget was amended because originally the director did not budget for both a fall and spring musical.

Mrs. Buenger said the bridge agreement from Huntington is because the State of Ohio implemented a new pooled collateral program and the bank has to recognize this new pool option in their depository agreement.

She explained that the district received three memorials for trees or landscaping at the new school building; two memorials in memory of Alicia Soto's father and one memorial from the grandparents of Ella Ordway, which was designated specifically for a tree.

Mrs. Buenger discussed the Appropriation Modifications, New Funds and Special Cost Centers. She said the New Fund is for the new \$10,000 grant that she talked about last month. She said the principals are in the process of deciding how to allocate this money. She said the increases are for the drama fund mentioned above and Title 1-A and Title 1-D have slight increases because the allocations for the grants increased. The decrease of Title II-A is because this grant amount decreased.

#84-17 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson that the board approves the Treasurer's Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approve the financial reports, including the following:
- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report
- Budget to Actual

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Approve the following amended student activity budget:

Drama

Approve the following donations:

\$50.00 from L.C. Schools in Memory of Jesus Gomez (Alicia Soto's father) for landscaping at the new school.

\$50.00 from LCCTA in Memory of Jesus Gomez for landscaping at the new school.

\$300.00 from Carl and Pam Gault (Ella Ordway's grandparents) in Memory of Ella for a tree at the new school building.

Approve the Appropriation Modifications as listed:

Approve the New Fund and Special Cost Center:

599 9018 Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant

Acct. #	Description	Amount
Increase Appropriations		
300 913A	Drama Fund	\$15,800.00
572 9104	Title 1-A Improving Basic Programs	\$ 348.62
572 9102	Title 1-D Neglected	\$1,189.96

Decrease Appropriations

590 9204 Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction \$ 130.05

Amended Cert. Increase

\$ 348.62	Title 1-Even	572 9104
\$1,189.96	Title 1-Neg.	572 9102

Amended Cert. Decrease

\$ 130.05	Title II-A Even	590 9204
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Retroactively approve the depository agreement (Bridge Agreement) with Huntington for the period commencing on Nov. 15, 2017 through March 26, 2021.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Benson, Mr. Weaver

Nays: None – Motion Carried

Homeless Report- Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger

Mrs. Hartbarger told the board members most people think of homeless people as just those sleeping on the streets or living in their vehicles, but the federal criteria for homeless students is defined as the lack of a permanent, fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This can mean being displaced from their residence, and possibly living short-term with a relative, in a hotel, in emergency or transitional housing, or those awaiting foster care placement. She said in some of those cases, the student may not have their records available, and it is the school's responsibility to enroll them anyway. She said is our school's responsibility to offer homeless students equal access to services like transportation, reduced or free lunches, and gifted programs. She also explained that a student enrolled at a school, such as Liberty Center, who becomes

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homeless, has the right to continue their education at their school of origin, even if they have been displaced to another school district. Mrs. Hartbarger said Liberty Center's homeless liaison is Mrs. Kim Kamelesky and she collaborates with the state coordinator and other school districts to ensure homeless students are given every opportunity for the educational services they deserve.

Principals' Reports

Mr. Larry Black, High School Principal, reported a group of sophomores visited Automatic Feed to learn about opportunities for college credit plus classes in Engineering Technology through Northwest State Community College.

Several Members of Student Council attended the N.W. Ohio leadership conference at Defiance College. They heard a speaker, were involved in group activities, and developed a plan of action to improve their leadership in the school.

Davina Fredrick, a Senior Art student, won a Blue Ribbon in her class at the Swanton Area Chamber of Commerce Art Show.

The guidance department sponsored a FAFSA clinic for seniors and their parents. Representatives from N.W. State and B.G.S.U. were available to help fill out the forms and walk families through the process. Approximately 40 people attended.

Mr. Readshaw and eight members of the Liberty Center FFA Chapter attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Alaina Kessler, a graduate of Liberty Center received her American Degree at the convention.

On November 2nd 95 students from Liberty Center attended Finance 101 at Defiance College. This is a financial simulation designed to help students understand how to better manage money. It is sponsored by the Midwest Community Federal Credit Unions.

Wednesday November 8th was a busy day; in the morning 195 students in grades 10 -12 took the American Legion Americanism test. He thanked Mr. Laverne Gerken and Post 492 for providing this opportunity for our students. In the afternoon, the annual Veterans Day Celebration was held in the gym.

On Thursday November 16th, Four County Career Center made a presentation in the Little Theater to Sophomores.

The Drama department presented the play "Murder by Indecision" November 16 - 18 in the Little Theater. The Spring Musical will be "The Drowsy Chaperone" and it will be presented March 1 - 3. Auditions for the musical will be December 11 and 12 in the Little Theater at 5:30 PM.

Coffee with the Counselor for November was held in the Home Ec room and the topic was College Credit Plus. L.C.H.S. will be hosting an informational meeting regarding College Credit Plus opportunities on Wednesday December 6, 2017 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Little Theater. This meeting is mandatory for anyone planning on CCP courses for next year.

Fall sports are complete. The Football team just missed the playoffs finishing 9th in the region, both soccer teams hosted tournament games and Cross Country had both teams qualify for the State meet with the Boys finishing 5th and the Girls placed 12th. Cameron Stark was the top individual finishing 3rd in the State. Congratulations to all fall athletes.

Mr. Nick Mariano, Middle School Principal, reported that they had a great turnout for Parent-Teacher conferences! He said he was pleased to see so many parents involved in their children's education.

He told the board that there are 252 out of 340 students in the Middle School that have a GPA of greater than a 3.0.

Mr. Mariano said the iReady data shows specifically where students are: on or above level, below level, or at-risk. He said the program is full of useful data regarding student progress and after reviewing the data and the

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approach, he said we are shifting our focus from 45 minutes per week on iReady to successful completion of lessons with iReady. This means it could take less or more than 45 minutes to complete the lesson.

Mr. Mariano announced the October students of the month: Grade 5-Grady Miller, Macie Krugh, Grade 6-Christopher Patchin and Hannah Roth, Grade 7-Alan Smith and Adrianna Meyer, Grade 8-Bryce McCloud and Cheyenne Shambarger.

He said they had a Jr. High Fall Fiesta Dance in the Jr. High Gym on Nov. 14th. He said the dance was sponsored by the 7th/8th grade Student Council and the kids had a great time.

Also, he said the students have been collecting canned goods and dry food items for the Christmas Cheer drive in Henry County.

On November 21st, the 6th grade class will get to go see the movie *Wonder*. After reading the book, the United Way graciously provided funding for students to see the movie and to use this experience to work on personal character development and anti-bullying strategies. Mr. Mariano thanked the United Way and Mrs. Carrie Sines for her work on the project.

Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger, Elementary Principal, reported that the PTO fundraiser just finished up and that Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Nov. 9th and 10th.

She said the 4th grade Christmas musical will be held on Dec. 7 and the 2nd grade Christmas musical will be held on Dec. 14th.

Mrs. Hartbarger said they are discussing having a speaker come in to talk to students about “Digital Empowerment”, which would be paid for from the Title IV-A Grant. In addition, they would like to bring the arts to Liberty Center. Some possibilities are the Toledo Opera, or the symphony.

She said teachers are busy getting their rooms cleaned out and deciding what will be taken to the new classrooms, and what will be left behind.

Superintendent’s Report- Dr. Tod Hug

Dr. Hug explained that there has been some misinformation stated regarding the district’s composite photos from past senior classes. He said the district never intended to get rid of the composites. He said the photos are being digitalized so they can be displayed on a revolving screen at the new school. He also said some of the originals may be displayed with the local historical society and rotated, but will be stored at the school.

Facilities’ Report- Mr. Neal Carter and Mr. Todd Spangler

Mr. Carter said the project is getting down to the nitty-gritty and the district should take ownership of the new building on December 11th. He said he learned by attending the Core Team meeting, that there is a punch list of about 600 items that need to be finished. Mr. Carter said he has had many people ask him why the lights are kept on all night long in the new building. He went onto explain that they are left on for liability reasons. The government states the building must remain lit until the district takes possession.

Mr. Spangler added that the building is looking awesome!

#85-17 Superintendent’s Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Bowers that the board approves the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda items as follows:

Commend Cameron Stark for earning 3rd place and finishing All-Ohio at the State Cross Country Meet held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

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Commend the Boys' Cross Country Team for finishing 5th and the Girls' Cross Country Team for finishing 12th in Division III at the State Meet held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

Approve fringe benefits for all non-union and administrative employees to equal the fringe benefits provided to members of the Liberty Center Classroom Teachers' Assn. (LCCTA).

Review and affirm Board Policy #2413, as per O.R.C. #3313.6020

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Weaver
Nays: None - Motion Carried

#86-17 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson that the board approves the Superintendent's Consent Agenda item as follows:

Approve the Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 216, which addresses the deregulation of public schools in Ohio.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Weaver
Nays: Mr. Bowers
Motion Carried

#87-17 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

#88-17 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson that the board approves the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations as follows:

Rescind the Jr. Hi Cheerleading Advisor supplemental contract issued to Sue Irving on 6/13/17, resolution #45-17.

Rescind the Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach (50%) supplemental contract issued to Tyler Box on 10/16/17, resolution #79-17.

Offer the following non-certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract to the position indicated for the 2017-18 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salaries will be per the

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LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Tyler Short (50%) Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
Brianna Tammarine (50%) Jr. High Cheerleading Advisor (Basketball)
Sue Irving (50%) Jr. High Cheerleading Advisor (Football)
Lindsay Bialorucki- Assistant Musical Director

Approve the following individuals as volunteers to the sport indicated for the 2017-18 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Collin Vollmar-Wrestling
Don Johnson-Wrestling
Todd Box-Wrestling
Angie Sonnenberg-Jr. High Cheerleading

Approve Matt Bryan, a certified individual, as the indoor track coach, which is an unpaid position, for the 2017-18 school year.

Approve the following individuals as chaperones for the music department's trip to New York, pending completion of a background check and any other necessary paperwork:

Anna McMaster
Amy Herrick
Louise Gibson
Paula Grooms
Anne Sanchez
Nicole Hall
Kaylene Atkinson
Diane Johnson
Tiffany Mohler
Tammy Chadwick

Approve the resignation of Brett Green as the concessions Coordinator effective November 20, 2017.

Offer Tim Reed the contract as the Concessions Coordinator, effective Nov. 20, 2017, for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.

Offer Jake Johnson, current Athletic Director, a two-year contract effective Aug. 1, 2018 through July 31, 2020, with salary per the board approved Administrative Salary Schedule.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Weaver
Nays: None - Motion Carried

New Business

Established the Organizational meeting date and time as January 8, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. with the regular January board meeting to immediately follow.

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Board Members' Committee Reports

Education Foundation-Mr. Jeff Benson

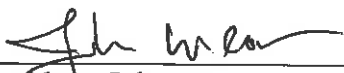
Mr. Benson reported that the Education Foundation had recently sent out a mailing, encouraging all district residents to become members.

#89-17 Adjournment

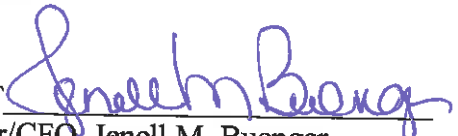
It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the Nov. 20, 2017 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:43 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Weaver

Nays: None – Motion Carried



President, John Weaver

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger

