

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
May 24, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 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.

A special presentation was given by Scott Arney, Athletic Booster President, expressing his appreciation to the Kern Family for their donation and Maumee Bay Turf for their work on Kip Kern Field. With the completion of the project, the Athletic Boosters will be donating the leased field back to the District.

A special presentation was given by Lori Brodie, Northwest Regional Liaison of the Ohio Auditor of State. Ms. Brodie acknowledged the work of the school board, Superintendent, and specifically Treasurer Jenell Buenger and her staff for their work in achieving the Ohio Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting in accordance with GAAP and compliance with applicable laws for fiscal year 2020. Of the 5,900 audits conducted each year, only about 8% are even eligible to receive this award. Ms. Brodie thanked Liberty Center School District on behalf of the Auditor of State for their fiscal integrity.

#62-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 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 the very generous donors this month, including Select Sanitation for their donation for athletics and the many people and businesses who donated towards After Prom.

Mrs. Buenger reported she met with the Finance Committee on Tuesday to review the Five-Year forecast in detail. The forecast has improved since the October reporting. Income taxes were 5% higher than anticipated, open enrollment numbers are up for the year, and Worker's Compensation dividends and donations have increased from the original forecast. The expenditures for the year are also lower than anticipated, in part due to receiving ESSER funds which offset the cost of supplies and services and Student Wellness and Success Funds which offset expenses for salaries and services. The Lunchroom Fund was originally forecasted to require a transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to offset a deficit; however, due to the federal meal program for the year, this transfer was not necessary. With these increases in revenues and decreases in expenses, the District is forecasted to end FY21 with a positive balance of \$195,860.00.

Mrs. Buenger provided an update on the on the District's insurance policy with SORSA. There is an increase from last year, which can be partially attributed to the addition of the new turf field and a new school bus purchased earlier this year.

#63-21 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

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Approve the 5-Year Forecast as presented.

Renew the property, fleet, and liability insurance policies with SORSA (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority), Frost Insurance Agency, at a total annual premium of \$80,802. The policy will be in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl informed the Board the elementary field day is being moved to Tuesday due to the anticipation of rain for the originally scheduled date. All elementary students will also have the opportunity to visit Tigers Dairy Bar during the last week of school.

There were 45 applicants for the Kindergarten position, with 11 interviews scheduled. With the current kindergarten student numbers, there will be four full kindergarten classes this fall, which necessitated the creation of a wait list of open enrolled students.

Ms. Postl also informed the Board the District is receiving several complimentary ARC baskets of materials as two out of the three districts who visited last month will be adopting the ARC curriculum. Additionally, NWEA MAP testing has been completed for the year. The students have shown great growth and progress in their reading and writing.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan provided updates on events in the Middle School. Camp Willson was a great success for both sixth and seventh grade students. Mr. Radwan thanked sixth grade teacher Mrs. Kim Jones for her work and dedication to the camp experience for the students. National Junior Honor Society inductions took place on May 20th and was organized by sixth grade teacher Mrs. Carrie Sines. The Liberty Center Middle School Awards Ceremony will be held virtually. The PTO organized a field day for middle school students at the Spring Sports Complex. Mrs. Pam Righi assisted with setting up the events. The Liberty Center Fire Department brought their truck and sprayed the kids with water during the heat of the day.

Mr. Radwan informed the Board and provided a report on student improvement in reading and math through the iReady program. During the 2019-20 school year, 55% of the students were at or above grade level in reading and 61% were at or above grade level in math. For the 2020-21 school year, 60% of the students were at or above grade level in reading and 76% were at or above grade level in math.

High School

Mr. Black informed the Board Senior Awards Night is scheduled for May 27th in the Varsity Gym at 7:00 p.m. The majority of students will be in attendance. Graduation will be held in the Varsity Gym on Sunday, May 30th at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will be streamed for those unable to attend. Each student will receive eight tickets for their family. Tickets will be distributed at graduation practice on May 28th. Families are asked to sit together, social distance from others, and wear masks.

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Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on the spring sports season. Baseball fell in the sectional semi-final to Archbold. Softball lost in the sectional final to Evergreen in 13 innings, ending the season with 19 wins. The boys and girls track teams both won districts at Gibsonburg. Regional competition will take place Wednesday and Friday. Brecken Garretson was recognized by the Northwest 5th District Track and Cross-Country Officials Association as the 2021 award winner for the Sportsmanship Award. He was nominated by an official who observed him exhibiting sportsmanship throughout the year.

Mr. Pohlman informed the Board all open gyms and camp dates are set for the summer. The student athletes and coaches are grateful to be able to use the facilities all summer for workouts, lifting, and open gyms. Kip Kern Field is already being used by multiple teams for workouts and conditioning. Sport-specific meetings have started to take place to review summer plans and expectations for the upcoming year.

Mr. Pohlman noted he will be presenting the OHSAA awards for the 2020-21 school year at the Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday night. The awards include NFHS Award of Excellence, Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award, Scholar-Athlete Award, and Courageous Student Award.

Mr. Pohlman announced the NWOAL has set pricing for next school year in an effort to maintain consistency between league schools at both the high school and junior high levels. The new prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for presale football tickets, or \$7 at the gate. For all other sports that do not have presale, it will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students at the gate. All junior high and sub-varsity stand-alone events will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Board, staff, students, and community for making it through the school year in-person throughout the pandemic. He also recognized the Henry County Health Department and Health Commissioner Joy Ermie for their work and collaboration this past year. He highlighted the Senior Citizen breakfast that was recently held at the Liberty Center-Washington Township Fire Station. Mr. Peters also reminded the Board about the Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday.

Mr. Peters provided an update on the renovation projects. The pricing on the opening bids was favorable. The hope is to have the next GMP for the June board meeting. GMP 2 will include the extension of the metal building, exterior fencing, and bleachers. GMP 3 will include renovations to the Varsity Gym and commons area.

#64-21 Superintendent's Consent Items

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

Approve the new logo and brand for Liberty Center Schools.

Approve the following new and amended board policies:

#1422	#1623	#1662	#2240	#2260
#2260.01	#2266	#3122	#3123	#3362
#4122	#4123	#4362	#5517	#6114

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#6144	#6146	#6220	#6325	#6600
#7440.01	#7450	#7455	#8450.01	#8500
#8510				

Approve the Girls Soccer Team to attend an overnight tournament in Sandusky, OH from July 16-18, 2021.

Approve the Girls Soccer Team to attend an overnight tournament in Dayton, OH from July 23-25, 2021.

Approve the Girls Basketball Team to attend an overnight camp at Adrian College from July 15-17, 2021.

Approve the Affiliation Agreement Bi-Annual Review with Northwest State Community College through June 30, 2023 for the Early Childhood/Paraprofessional Education Program.

Approve the NWOESC Mentor Program Agreement for the 2021-22 school year.

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

#65-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Offer the following certified individuals each 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:

Kathy Bailey – Senior Class Advisor
Jill Evans – Junior Class Advisor (50%)
Katherine Bell – Junior Class Advisor (50%)
Heather Underwood – Sophomore Class Advisor
Jeff Ressler – Freshman Class Advisor
Patrick O'Dwyer – High School Student Council
Jerry Oberhaus – Middle School Student Council (50%)
Holly Weber – Elementary Student Council
Patrick O'Dwyer – National Honor Society
Carrie Sines – National Junior Honor Society
Shelley Ahleman – High School Quiz Team
Cassie Hartzell – Middle School Quiz Team
Emily Hill – Elementary Art Show
Holly Weber – Jr. Great Books
Karen Rettig – District Mentor Coordinator
Nicole Carter – Archery Advisor (25%)
Tracy Krueger – Archery Advisor (25%)
Jacob Rupp – Archery Advisor (25%)
Stephen Doseck – Archery Advisor (25%)
Matt Bryan – Tiger Tales Advisor

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Jeff Ressler – Yearbook Advisor
Nick Riley – Pit Band Director
Nick Riley – Director of Bands
Seth Bowser – Assistant Band Director
Seth Bowser – Elementary Musical
Amy Spieth – Art Club
Shelley Ahleman – SADD/SFTS
Alicia Soto – Spanish Club
Kati Weaks – Future Business Leaders of America
Mary Chamberlin – Vocal Music Director
Matt Bryan – Assistant Football Coach
Ryan Miller – Assistant Football Coach
Luke Crozier – Jr. High Football Coach
Raellen Merritt – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Pam Righi – Head Girls’ Track Coach
Matt Bryan – Assistant Track Coach
Kerry Homan – Assistant Track Coach
Annette Niekamp – Assistant Track Coach (50%)
Luke Crozier – Jr. High Track Coach
Raellen Merritt – Assistant Jr. High Track Coach
Katherine Bell – Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Coach (50%)
Kaite Yungmann – Jr. High Cheerleading Coach (50%)
Doug Hinton – Freshman Boys’ Basketball Coach

Offer employment to Melissa Knapp as a part-time summer 2021 custodial employee at the hourly rate of \$8.80, with no benefits, beginning approximately June 1, 2021 through approximately August 27, 2021.

Offer Susan Lee a one-year limited contract as an Intervention Specialist for the 2021-22 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Hillary McBride a one-year contract as a Classroom Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Approve paying the following certified staff members \$250 for teaching the 2021 NwOESC Summer Honors Academy at Archbold Schools on June 9, 2021. Payment will be received from NwOESC:

Brittany Meyer
Kaite Yungmann
Carrie Sines
Andrea Panning

Approve Ashley Chapa, Intervention Specialist, to provide Extended School Year tutoring services for an elementary student for a maximum of five hours per week for eight weeks at the LCCTA tutor rate.

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

#66-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to offer the following certified individual a one-year supplemental contract for the positions indicated below for the 2021-22 school year. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Casey Mohler – Head Varsity Football Coach
Casey Mohler – Weight Room Coordinator

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

#67-21 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a License and Donation Agreement

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a License and Donation Agreement.

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

#68-21 Resolution to Authorize the Execution of GMP

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to authorize the execution of the guaranteed maximum price amendment related to the Board's renovation project.

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

#69-21 OHSAA Membership Resolution

It was moved by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the resolution for continued membership for the 2021-22 school year in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is June 28, 2021.

The Retire/Rehire Public Hearing for David Grim is June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Board Meeting.

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#70-21 Executive Session

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District and to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

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

The Board returned from executive session at 8:05 p.m.


#71-21 Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the May 24, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:06 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