

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
October 26, 2020

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, and Mr. John Weaver were in attendance. Mrs. Andi Zacharias was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Joel Mazur, City Manager of Napoleon, presented on the proposed tax increment financing (TIF) ordinance.

#103-20 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 28, 2020 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. Mrs. Buenger highlighted the generous donations. Rivello Napoleon McDonald's donation 100 free meal coupons, which were mailed to the senior citizens who regularly attend the Senior Citizen Breakfasts. The cornet was donated to the band. The hand sanitizer will be stored and used as needed. The Athletic Boosters donated towards the Hudl program, which is used by multiple sports teams. Mrs. Buenger also explained the payment in lieu of transportation. This brings the total for the 2020-21 school year to eight, which is typical.

#104-20 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report

Approve the following donations:

Rivello Napoleon McDonald's	100 Free Meals for Senior Citizens	
Anonymous Donor	Cornet for Music Program	\$500.00
DSD Express	Hand Sanitizer – 45 Cases of 1 Gallon Pumps	\$6,480.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Hudl for Football, Basketball, Soccer, & Volleyball	\$8,563.85

Declare transportation to be impractical for three parochial students who will be attending Monclova Christian Academy and offer these students payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2020-21.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter
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Principals' Reports

Elementary School

Ms. Postl informed the Board the annual Halloween Parade will be taking place on Friday for students in grades K-4; however, no parents will be able to assist due to COVID-19. She encouraged parents to come and line the streets in support of the children.

Ms. Postl updated the Board on Third Grade State Testing, which was completed last Tuesday and Thursday.

Ms. Postl provided a COVID-19 update. Thus far, no elementary students have tested positive. There will be nine students returning from online learning beginning next with the start of the second quarter. All grade levels have been preparing and practicing in case schools are required to educate students remotely.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan provided a COVID-19 update for the Middle School. During the first quarter, only five students have been quarantined.

Mr. Radwan recognized LCMS Students of the Month for displaying responsibility: Raleigh Aschemeier, Bailey Crow, Alexis Drewes, Jose Requena, Colton Szczepanski, Mykenna Vasko, Mason Like and Kylie Pinson.

Mr. Radwan announced the Writer's Club members recently published a book, "Mission Contamination: It's Going Viral." Under the guidance of Mrs. Ahleman, the authors include Ryan Bryant, Suzanne Walker, Aletha Fausnight, Vivian Gebers, Audrey Branson, Jillian Stevens, Lizzie Ruby and Cheyenne Segura.

The 5th/6th Grade Spooktacular will be taking place on Friday. Mr. Radwan also provided an update on the Washington DC and Camp Willson trips. The trips are still scheduled; however, due to COVID-19, the Middle School will continue to communicate regularly with students and parents on the status of the trips as the dates draw near. Mr. Radwan noted the 7th and 8th grade football teams both finished their seasons undefeated.

High School Principal

Mr. Black informed the Board the staff is working on developing a plan for PBIS that will be used to improve the culture of the building. The BLT will review the results of a staff survey and make recommendations. A team also attended the Operation Graduation 3.0 Virtual Workshop. The meeting was designed to educate staff about upcoming changes in graduation requirements and developing a system of tracking students as they progress towards graduation.

Mr. Black recognized Mr. Riley and the marching band for their efforts this fall season. With the limited number of performance opportunities and continuous changes due to quarantine requirements, the marching band adapted and had a successful season.

Mr. Black informed the Board the FFA is selling fruit and questions regarding the fruit sale could be directed to Mr. Readshaw or any FFA member. Ashlee Brooks' artwork "And the Ships Rolled In" was selected for display for the 2020 Governor's Youth Art Exhibit. Trenton Bechstein, a junior in the Computer Design/3D Modeling Program at Four County Career Center has been chosen as a student of the month.

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Mr. Black also updated the Board on the scheduled art trip to France and Spain, explaining communication would continue from the High School in regards to the trip, risks, and the potential to cancel due to COVID-19.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on fall sports: girls soccer plays against Archbold for Districts, cross country will race at Tiffin for Regionals, and football will play Delta on Friday. He thanked all of the coaches and volunteers for their dedication during this unprecedented sports season. Mr. Pohlman noted winter sports have started practicing. A plan is being formulated for spectators for winter sports.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters thanked Mr. Mazur for presenting information on the TIF. Mr. Peters emphasized the District would maintain the current tax revenue from the properties involved. The TIF agreement is based on the increased values moving forward. He also clarified the District can opt out of the program once the debt is paid for this project or the District can continue with the program if it is determined beneficial for the District for additional growth.

Mr. Peters provided an update on COVID-19. With the number of cases increasing in the county, state and nation, concerns have been raised about the District shutting down. To date, there have been only four students who have tested positive and three Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center employees. There has been no spread between the students. While there have been students quarantined, Mr. Peters noted he remains optimistic school will remain in-person. The measures taken to protect students and staff, including the masks, hand sanitizing, and barriers, have been effective. He also shared there were 130 students registered for online learning at the start of the 2020-21 school year. Currently, there are 108 enrolled. The number is going down to 90 scheduled for remote learning for the second quarter, which begins on Monday.

Mr. Peters informed the Board parent teacher conferences would be held via Zoom on November 24th and 25th. He also noted the Seamless Summer Meal Program has been extended to the end of the 2020-21 school year, which provides free meals for all students.

Mr. Peters thanked Ken Pohlman for his seven years of service to Liberty Center Schools as a bus driver.

#105-20 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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 a one year electronic subscription to Ohio School Boards Association *Communication Plus* at a cost of \$300.00.

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

#106-20 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

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Approve the following certified individuals to serve on the Technology Committee for the 2020-21 school year, with pay stipulated per the LCCTA Agreement:

Elementary

Brittany Meyer
Karen Rettig
Kathy Bishop
Stacey Bowers

Middle School

Luke Hutchinson
Cindy Hageman
Joanne Junge

High School

Ryan Miller
Jeff Ressler
Jill Evans

Accept the retirement resignation of Kenneth Pohlman, Bus Driver, effective October 19, 2020. Ken has been with the District for seven years.

Approve the following individuals as substitutes to the department listed for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Laura Myers – Custodian and Lunchroom
Caesar Gonzales – Bus Driver

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

#107-20 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Ordinance Resolution

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the Resolution for a Tax Increment Financing Ordinance to be passed by the city council of the city of Napoleon, approving the execution of a school district compensation agreement with the city of Napoleon; waiving statutory notice periods; and providing related authorizations.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members' Committee Reports

The Finance Committee is meeting on November 10, 2020 at 5:45 to review the Five-Year Forecast.

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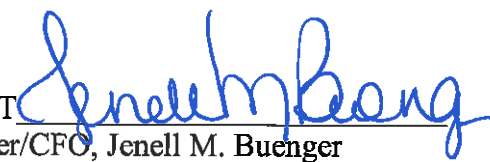
#108-20 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the October 26, 2020 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:40 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger