

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
July 20, 2026

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 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.

Mr. Pohlman recognized and commended spring sports athletes.

#60-26 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mrs. Oyer to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 25, 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 ended FY26 with a positive balance of \$993,901.00. The expenditures for the year were \$18,433,318.00 and revenues were \$19,427,219. This was quite a bit higher than forecasted in February; however, this is partially due to computers and Apple TV's being ordered but not received by June 30th.

Mrs. Buenger thanked the very generous donors. She also explained the state and federal grants. The total amount anticipated for FY27 is \$450,581.81, which is an increase of \$32,918.00 from last year.

Mrs. Buenger also provided information on the transfer of \$114,977.80 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund Tax Anticipation Note. This is to pay the TAN the District took out in 2021 at 1.39%. The TAN was for the renovation of the athletic building, the 1995 building, and the bleachers at the stadium. We still owe \$575,529.50. The payments come out of our PI funds each year.

Mrs. Buenger noted that the school fees for the 2026-27 school year will remain the same as last year. She also informed the Board the District will be providing free breakfasts for all students for the 2026-27 school year as part of the spend down plan for the Lunchroom Fund.

#61-26 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Oyer 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

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Approve the following donations:

KK Collision, Inc.	State Champion Football Rings	\$500.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Softball/Baseball Batting Cages	\$3,000.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Football Travel Expenses	\$4,000.00
Anonymous Donation	State Champion Football Rings	\$96.00

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

Boys Soccer
Amazing Shake
Band

Approve the participation in the following state and federal grant programs for the 2026-27 school year:

Title I-A Improving Basic Programs
Title I-D Neglected
Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction
Title III – Language Instruction for English Learners
Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment
IDEA-B Special Education
IDEA Early Childhood Special Education
National School Lunch Program

Approve the transfer of \$114,977.80 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Bond Retirement Fund Tax Anticipation Note.

Approve the 2026-27 ticket prices for athletic events as presented.

Approve the 2026-27 Elementary Fees for grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2 at \$50.00 per student. Approve grades 3 and 4 at \$55.00 per student.

Approve the 2026-27 Middle School Fees at \$50.00 per student.

Approve the 2026-27 High School Fees as follows:

General High School Fee Per Student: \$50.00
National Honor Society (Senior Fee): \$20.00

Approve the following change funds for the 2026-27 school year:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Person Responsible</u>
Athletic Fund	\$5,000.00	Kaleb Pohlman and Wavely Rue
Lunchroom Fund	\$100.00	Jillian Kabwata
High School	\$200.00	Heather Garretson
Middle School	\$100.00	Teresa Bostelman

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Approve the following Cafeteria prices for the 2026-27 school year:

Extra Milk: All Grades	\$0.55 (no change)
Breakfast K-12	\$1.50 (no change)
Lunch K-8	\$3.10 (no change)
Lunch 9-12	\$3.25 (no change)
Breakfast Adult	\$2.50 (no change)
Lunch Adult	\$4.75 (no change)

Declare transportation to be impractical for two 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 2026-27.

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters noted the ticket prices for athletic events are the same this year, which is set by the NWOAL schools. He also explained the increase in sub rates of \$1.50 per hour for each position on the agenda for approval. This allows the District to stay competitive with other schools in the area. He also provided information on the resolution allowing the District to use META Solutions for purchasing a bus or van. While we do not anticipate making a purchase this year, this resolution allows us to utilize META and their special pricing if something changes.

#62-26 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Commend the following spring sport athletes who competed at State:

Hunter Spangler: Shot Put – State Champion; Discus – State Runner-Up
Mya Stark, Colbie Strayer, Ryley Miller, Castyn Miller: 4x800m Relay – 4th Place
Mya Stark: 800m Run – 4th Place
Max Walker: Shot Put – 6th Place
Mason Like: 3200m Run – 10th Place; 1600m Run – 18th Place
Quinn Bailey: Pole Vault – 11th Place
Garrison Kruse, Ethan Gray, Adam Foster, Isaac Orth: 4x100m Relay – 12th Place
Ryley Miller, Mya Stark, Castyn Miller, Aletha Fausnight: 4x400m Relay – 14th Place
Chloe Mohler, Aletha Fausnight, Tenley Kline, Abigail Rohrs: 4x200m Relay – 17th Place
Brady Chapa: 800m Run – 17th Place
Colbie Strayer: 3200m Run – 18th Place

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Approve the following Handbooks for the 2026-27 school year:

Elementary Student-Parent Handbook
Middle School Student-Parent Handbook
High School Student-Parent Handbook
Athletic Code of Conduct Handbook
Coaching Handbook

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

#63-26 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Recommendations

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

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented, for the 2026-27 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Through the passage of HB583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101, approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2026-27 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching License:

Christopher Garcia
Anthony Hernandez
Jena Mireles
Paige Morgan-Smith
Maryann Reimund
Ken Sanford
Dakota Sines
Mary Jo Vajen

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

Colleen Roth – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)

Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplement position per ORC 3313.53, and received no interested or qualified licensed employees, move to offer the following non-certified individual 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:

Rebecca Keller – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (50%)

Approve the athletic ticket takers pay per the schedule presented, as well as the Athletic Director to hire event help as needed.

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Approve Hayley Babcock as the District's On-Board Instructor at her current rate of pay for the 2026-27 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Approve the following volunteer van drivers for the 2026-27 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Kyle Storrer
Kaleb Pohlman
Pam Righi
Annette Niekamp
Amy Spieth
Jeff Ressler
Katherine Bell
Brandon Readshaw
Tyson Andrews
Aaron Shafer
Tyler Short
Ken Barnes
Trina Elieff
Chad Ball
Brian Dotson
Tim Davis
Raellen Shadler
Paula Maurer
Kennedy Hall

Offer Teresa Detmer a one-year probationary contract effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year as an Intervention Specialist. Her salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Accept the resignation of Ellen Bockelman, bus driver, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Approve increasing the following substitute rates of pay:

Custodian: \$14.00 per hour
Lunchroom: \$14.00 per hour
Educational/Monitoring Aide: \$12.50 per hour
Secretary: \$12.50 per hour

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

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#64-26 META Solutions Resolution to Advertise and Receive Bids

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the META Solutions Resolution authorizing META to advertise and receive bids on the Board's behalf for the purchase of bus(es) and/or van(s).

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

The next board meeting is August 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting.

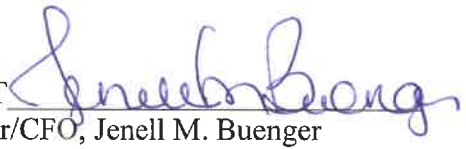
#65-26 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the July 20, 2026 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:19 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger