

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2025

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver, Mrs. Andrea Zacharias, and Mr. Ryan Zeiter were in attendance.

Mr. Radwan and Mr. Pohlman recognized and commended students for their recent accomplishments.

#30-25 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 24, 2025 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger provided an update on the regular monthly reports. She thanked the very generous donors. Mrs. Buenger also explained the appropriation and amended certificate modifications. The Career Exploration and Awareness Fund is a new grant from Four County Career Center that is to be utilized for career exploration and awareness. The new grant required changes to be made for both appropriations and amended certificate. The remaining changes are due to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce budget revisions and reallocation of funds. Overall, there is a decrease of \$4,637.98. The changes in the Lunchroom Fund are due to a high carryover balance that started during COVID. Throughout the pandemic, when breakfasts and lunches were free to all students, the district received a higher reimbursement rate, inflating the account balance. As the state does not allow districts to exceed a specific threshold, we are required to spend down the balance in the lunchroom fund, which requires an increase in appropriations.

Mrs. Buenger also explained the contract with ENGIE Resources LLC. The electricity agreement allows the district to lock in pricing through 2027. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained the two service agreements with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Genacross Family & Youth Services, Inc. One is for the current school year and one is for the 2025-26 school year. The district receives grant funds to use for the afterschool program at the LEC. One of the requirements of the grant is to update and approve our contract with the NWOESC and Genacross each year. In the past, the contract renewed automatically each year unless one of the parties notified the others of their intentions to modify the terms of the agreement.

#31-25 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
- Cash Summary Report
- Disbursement Summary Report
- Investment Report
- Budget vs. Actual

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Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	Softball Gear	\$1,560.00
Anonymous	Student Lunch Account – in Memory of Phyllis Spieth	\$500.00

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Modifications:

Appropriation Modifications

499 9023	Career Exploration and Awareness Funds	\$10,141.22
516 9715	IDEA B – Title VI B Odd Year	\$1,951.82
587 9700	Preschool Grant (ESC)	\$15.89
572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	-\$7,289.72
572 9103	Title I-D Neglected	\$119.25
590 9205	Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$564.78
006 0000	Lunchroom Fund	\$50,000.00

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

Principal's Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl provided an update on the elementary. Students recently participated in a special education bowling tournament. Students throughout the building also wore their crazy socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

Students in grades 3 and 4 participated in the first two rounds of the Amazing Shake today. The first round was a meet and greet session. The second session included various stations where students had the opportunity to show the skills they have learned, including calling 911, sending an email, and counting money.

Ms. Postl provided the Board with dates of upcoming events in the elementary school:

March 27th: 4th grade students will be sharing their art portfolios at the senior citizen breakfast
April 11th-25th: K-6 Art Show at the Liberty Center Public Library
April 8th & 10th: ELA State Testing
April 24th & 25th: Kindergarten Screening
April 29th & May 1st: Math State Testing

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Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update on the middle school. Students in the National Junior Honor Society partnered with the High School National Honor Society for a service project. With the help of local businesses, students assembled 600 hygiene kits for the Path Center in Defiance and Together We Can Make a Difference in Napoleon. Mr. Storrer also highlighted students who recently participated in the special education bowling tournament in Napoleon. Lastly, Mr. Storrer shared pictures from the 3rd quarter awards assembly.

High School

Mr. Radwan provided an update on academics, the arts, and athletics in the high school. On March 14th, students participated in Tiger Vision 2.0. Seniors completed community service projects. Juniors took the ACT. Sophomores had the opportunity to either job shadow or tour local businesses. Freshmen students participated in a 'Real World, Real Money' activity. Mr. Radwan also talked about the program that was held at the school with a former NBA referee.

Mr. Radwan announced 'The Giver' mattress is now on sale through the Leadership Class, with all proceeds going to local charities. Mr. Radwan also reviewed the new grant from Four County Career Center for career awareness and exploration.

In the arts, The Adams Family Musical will be on April 11th and 12th in the Auditoria. There is a grades 7-12 art show scheduled for the end of April at the Liberty Center Public Library. Lastly, the spring band concert is scheduled for April 1st.

Mr. Radwan congratulated all of the winter sports athletes who participated in state competitions recently. He also wished the spring sports athletes the best as they begin their season.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman highlighted the boys basketball team. They won Districts by defeating Eastwood and Archbold. The team advanced to the Regionals at Mansfield Senior High School where they played Columbus Bishop Ready. The team lost by six points after an intense battle. This was the first time the boys basketball team has qualified for Regionals since 1989.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters informed the Board that the cafeteria administrative review was completed on March 4th. This audit occurs about every seven years. There were no corrective actions needed, which is a very rare and notable occurrence. The Cafeteria Manager, Sheri Stacey, and Child Nutrition Specialist, Amber Wymer, did a fantastic job with this audit. The auditor spent two days observing the cafeteria operations and was very impressed with the entire staff. Mr. Peters noted how proud he was of their hard work and the accomplishment, especially with both of them being new to their positions and this process. Mr. Peters commended the entire cafeteria staff for this accomplishment.

Mr. Peters explained the policy updates on the agenda. Each one is initiated by NEOLA and driven by Federal and State laws.

Mr. Peters also informed the Board that Rita Bare, Elementary Secretary, is retiring at the end of the school year. This is her 25th year with the District. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and service to the District.

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#32-25 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Commend Savanah Hernandez for participating in the 2025 OMEA All-State High School Choir.

Commend the High School Wrestling Team for being the Regional Dual Tournament Champions and competing at the State Duals Tournament:

Braydon Crow	Adrian Minnich	Daine Bayer
Braedyn Tammarine	Henry Fitzenreiter	Degan Schwaiger
Jack Zeiter	Brady Badenhop	Hayden Dotson
Brody Jaqua	Grant Bartels	Jon Taormina
Colton Szczepanski	Beau Doeden	Sawyer Bockelman
Landon Massie	Clayton Seel	Jackson Bartels
Carter Booth	Logan Sifuentes	Marten Moeller

Commend Braedyn Tammarine for competing at State in Wrestling and placing 2nd.

Commend Jackson Bartels for competing at State in Wrestling and placing 3rd.

Commend Logan Sifuentes for competing at State in Wrestling and placing 4th.

Commend Joy Brown for competing at State in Diving and placing 2nd.

Commend the Competition Cheer Team for competing at State and placing 2nd.

Grace Brandeberry	Lillian Case	Madison Foster
Skylar Bailey	Quinn Bailey	Abby Ordway
Alyvia Meyer	Ariannah Brown	Nacole Barner
Marleigh Myers	Leah Orr	Libby Zeiter
Taylyn Herschberger	Suzanne Walker	

Approve the contract renewal for the NWOET Basic Membership (free) in Northwest Ohio Educational Technology (NWOET) for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Retroactively approve the Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement with ENGIE Resources LLC through Power4Schools (P4S) for a 24 month term beginning July 2025 through June 2027.

Approve membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2025 and ending February 28, 2026 at a cost of \$100.00.

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Approve the following new or amended policies:

#0131.1	#1422.01	#2260.02	#2271	#2340	#2430.02
#2431	#5113	#5131	#5223	#5330	#5350
#5460	#5610	#5751	#5780.01	#6151	#7421
#8142	#8452	#8500			

Rescind the following board policy:

#0171

#33-25 Superintendent's Personnel Consent Agenda

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

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2024-25 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-25 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license or Pre-Service Teaching License:

Emily Gillson
Bryan Lucas
Jenny Perry
Molly Perry

Accept the resignation of Zoey Berger, Classroom Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Accept the retirement resignation of Rita Bare, Elementary Secretary, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Approve the following volunteer for the activity listed for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary training and paperwork:

Ken Barnes – Track
Brecken Garretson – Track
Gracie Miller – Track
Todd Spangler – Track
Andrew Richard – Baseball
Ben Richard – Baseball
Justin Rodriguez – Baseball

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Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplemental 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 2024-25 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Kristi Gyurasics – JH Track
Dustin Mays – Assistant Musical Director

Approve Abbey Lamb to serve on the Elementary BLT Committee in place of Mackenzie Mahnke, while she is on maternity leave, with a stipend and hourly rate per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement, effective March 24, 2025.

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

#34-25 Easement Agreement

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to retroactively approve the Easement Agreement.

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

#35-25 2024-25 Service Agreement

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to retroactively approve the 2024-25 Service Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Genacross Family & Youth Services, Inc.

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

#36-25 2025-26 Service Agreement

The motion was made by Mr. Zeiter and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the 2025-26 Service Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Genacross Family & Youth Services, Inc..

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

The next Senior Citizen Breakfast is March 27, 2025 in the Auditoria at 8:30 a.m.

The next Board Meeting is April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

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#37-25 Executive Session

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Zeiter seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:37 p.m. to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

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

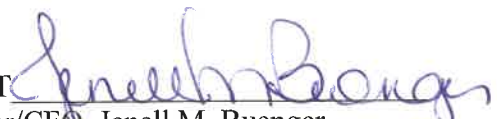
#38-25 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Zeiter to adjourn the March 24, 2025 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:25 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger