

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
LIBERTY CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026
5:30 P.M.
BOARD ROOM**

1. Call To Order

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mr. Carter___ Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter ___

4. Public Hearing for Re-Employment of Retired Employee

5. Approve Minutes

_____made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2026 of the Liberty Center Board of Education. _____ seconded the motion. **(Exhibit A)**

VOTE: Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Carter___

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

6. Recognition of Visitors/ Public Participation

0169.1 Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, the content of the speech, or the viewpoint of the speaker.

The Board is also committed to conducting its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, honors the voluntary nature of the Board's time and using that time efficiently, and allows for a fair and adequate opportunity for input to be considered. Consequently, public participation at Board meetings will be governed by this bylaw.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.

- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public participation portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- D. Individuals may not register others to speak during public participation.
- E. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and may be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- F. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration unless extended by the presiding officer.
- G. During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. Audio or video recordings are permitted. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review the possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:
 - 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 - 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 - 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session and not disrupt the meeting.
- J. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest);
 - 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
 - 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;

4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.

The Board may permit individuals to attend meetings remotely through live broadcast; however, public participation will be limited to those who are in attendance at the meeting site only. The Board is not responsible for any technology failures that prevent or disrupt any individual from attending remotely.

7. CFO/Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Jenell Buenger

Consent Items

- a. Approve the financial reports, including the following: **(Exhibit B)**

Monthly Bank Reconciliation
 Cash Summary Report
 Disbursement Summary Report
 Investment Report
 Budget vs. Actual

- b. Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	Dr. Dish Basketball Shooting Machine	\$6,181.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Champion Football Rings	\$7,500.00
LC Athletic Boosters	State Wrestling Expenses	\$1,895.88

- c. Approve the renewal of the property, fleet, and liability insurance policies with SORSA (Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority), Frost Insurance Agency, at a total annual premium of \$114,332.00. This policy will be effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

- d. Approve the 2026-27 preschool transportation rate for typical students at \$100.00 per month.

- e. Approve the following student activity budgets for the 2026-27 school year: **(Exhibit C)**

Students in Need Fund
 Elementary Principal's Fund
 High School Principal's Fund
 Middle School Principal's Fund
 After Prom
 Art Club
 High School Quiz Team
 Future Business Leaders of America
 Spanish Club
 Liberty Center FFA
 High School Student Council

Elementary Student Council
 Middle School Student Council
 SADD/Stand for the Silent
 Drug Free Club
 Chess Club
 Class of 2031
 Class of 2032
 Class of 2033
 Class of 2027
 Class of 2028
 Class of 2029
 Class of 2030
 National Honor Society
 Athletic Team Supporters
 Boys Basketball Camp Fund
 Football Camp Fund
 Football Mom's Group
 Cross Country Camp Fund
 Girls Soccer Camp Fund
 Girls Basketball Camp Fund
 Volleyball Camp Fund
 Golf Camp Fund
 Archery Club
 Bowling Camp Fund
 High School Cheerleaders
 Junior High Cheerleaders
 Tigeron Yearbook

f. Approve the FY27 temporary appropriations in the amount of \$23,139,083.27. **(Exhibit D)**

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE: Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mr. Carter___

8. Superintendent's Report/Recommendations

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richie Peters

Consent Items

- a. Approve the 2026-27 Educational Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention, Training and Rehabilitation Center beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$91.00 per student per weekday for students assigned to JWOJDT&RC.
- b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Hosting of Defiance College Teacher Education Candidates, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **(Exhibit E)**
- c. Retroactively approve the 2026-27 Interagency Agreement with Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission: NOCAC Head Start Henry County, Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Family & Children First Council, Holgate, Local Schools, Napoleon City Schools, and Patrick Henry Local Schools to ensure all children ages birth through age five have successful and seamless transitions between agencies.

- d. Approve the 2026-27 Agreement with the Wood County Educational Service Center for the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio at the following rates:

Per student per day for our students assigned to JDC	\$88.00 per diem
Per student per day for our students assigned to JRC	\$96.00 per diem

- e. Approve the one-year Nursing Services Agreement with the Henry County Hospital, commencing August 24, 2026, at a cost of \$67,551.93. The Henry County Hospital will also provide nursing services for 6th Grade Camp Willson for an additional fee. **(Exhibit F)**
- f. Approve 6th grade students (Class of 2033) and teachers to attend Camp Willson from May 10-12, 2027.
- g. Approve the FY27 NWOCA Membership Contract at a cost of \$42,461.69 with Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) for the 2026-27 school year.
- h. Approve the Technical Services Agreement with Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- i. Approve the NBEC NOVA Agreement for the administration of certain virtual courses with Northern Buckeye Education Council from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

VOTE: Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Carter___

9. Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Consent Items – Personnel

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

Jeff Ressler – SADD/Stand for the Silent

- b. Offer the following certified individuals each a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2026-27 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

Chelsey Kester – Musical Director
Kathy Bailey – Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Advisor
Shelley Ahleman -SADD/Stand for the Silent
Abby Readshaw – Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

Mya Carroll – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Jessica Shepherd – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
Tyson Andrews – Freshman Football Coach

Bryan Hefflinger – Assistant Football Coach
Sydney Arno – JV Football Cheer Coach
Trina Elieff – Assistant Cross Country Coach
Benjamin Scofield – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Braelyn Wymer – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

- d. Approve the following volunteers for the activity listed, contingent upon completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Kelley McMurtrie – Music
Jennifer Grubaugh – Music
Andrew Genson – Music
Sarah Genson – Music
Tammy Mays – Music
Dustin Mays – Music
Jennifer Huber – Music
Joshua Huber – Music
Amanda Miller – Music
Jeremy Miller – Music
Jodi Buckenmeyer – Music
Christy Myers – Music
Thomas Myers – Music
Martha Rowland – Music
Nadia Rowland – Music
Elizabeth Spangler – Cheer
Breanna Tammarine – Cheer
Scarlette Gerken – Girls Basketball

- e. Approve advancing Chase Miller, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.
- f. Approve Ashley Chapa, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 2 hours.
- g. Approve Jodi Biederstedt, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 1 hour.
- h. Approve Abbey Lamb, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for elementary students for a maximum of 1 hour.
- i. Approve Renee Elliss, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for a middle school student for a maximum of 2 hours.
- j. Approve Ashley Chapa, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 2 hours.
- k. Approve Cindy Hageman, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 1 hour.

- l. Approve Luke Hutchinson, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for middle school students for a maximum of 1 hour.
- m. Approve Annette Niekamp, Intervention Specialist, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 5 hours.
- n. Approve Sarah Feehan, Classroom Teacher, as a transition tutor for an elementary student for a maximum of 5 hours.
- o. Grant the following individuals extended contracts for the 2026-27 school year, as listed:
 - Pam Righi – 9 days
 - Alexandra Geahlen – 9 days
 - Shelley Ahleman – 19 days
 - Brandon Readshaw – 35 days
 - Katherine Bell – 35 days
 - Joel Kellar – 20 days
 - Kathy Bailey – 3 days
- p. Offer Tim Reed, a non-certified individual, a one-year contract as the Concession Manager for the 2026-27 school year, with his hourly rate set at minimum wage, for a maximum of 450 hours per school year, plus mileage, as submitted by timecard and signed by the Athletic Director.
- q. Offer Hanna Jeffers a one-year probationary contract as an Intervention Specialist, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.
- r. Offer Matthew Benecke a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Crossing Guard, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.
- s. Offer Kamryn Chaffee a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Bus Monitoring Aide, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.
- t. Offer Logan Balog-Kwapich a one-year probationary contract as an Educational Aide and Bus Monitoring Aide, effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement on the salary schedule is pending verification of education and experience. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.
- u. Approve Allison Postl, Elementary Principal, as the Grants Coordinator for the 2026-27 school year with a stipend of \$4,000.00.
- v. Accept the resignation of Elliot McMaster, part-time summer technology department employee, effective June 12, 2026.

- w. Offer employment to Garrett Ruffell as a part-time summer (2026) technology department employee at minimum wage, \$11.00 per hour, with no benefits, beginning approximately June 29, 2026 through approximately August 14, 2026.

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE: Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Carter___

10. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Statements of Qualifications for Construction Management At-Risk Services

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Statements of Qualifications for Construction Management At-Risk Services Related to the Board's Baseball and Softball Turf Project. **(Exhibit G)**

VOTE: Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Carter___

11. Resolution to Employ Legal Counsel

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the firm of Gingo & Bair Law, LLC to serve as legal counsel to the Liberty Center Local School District Board of Education and hereby authorize the Board President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and designated administrators to engage the services of said firm on an as needed basis.

VOTE: Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mr. Carter___

12. Internet Service Agreement

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to ratify the Internet Service Agreement with NBEC/NWOCA from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 at a cost of \$39,015.33 for FY27, and an estimated cost of \$40,185.79 in FY28, \$41,391.36 in FY29, \$42,633.10 in FY30, and \$43,912.10 in FY31.

VOTE: Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Carter___

13. Cancel Regular June Board Meeting

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to cancel the Regular June Board Meeting originally scheduled for June 29, 2026.

VOTE: Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Carter___

14. Old Business

15. New Business

- a. The next board meeting is July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

16. Board Members' Committee Reports

17. Adjournment

_____ made the motion and _____ seconded the motion to adjourn the June 25, 2026 special meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at _____ p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Kern___ Mrs. Oyer___ Mr. Spangler___ Mr. Zeiter___ Mr. Carter___