

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools REGULAR Board Meeting
March 21, 2016

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 7:00 p.m. with board members Jeff Benson, Tim Bowers, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler, and John Weaver present.

#25-16 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 22, 2016 and the Special meeting held on February 26, 2016 be approved.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Bowers

Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Jenell Buenger

Mrs. Buenger reported that on the Budget to Actual report for February the Employees’ Retirement/Insurance Benefits are at 58%, which is about 9% lower than normal for this time of year. This is due to NBHP changing the due date for our insurance to the 15th of each month, rather than the first of each month.

Mrs. Buenger also said that the state auditors are keeping her and her staff very busy this month. Thus far, the audit has gone well, it’s just been very busy pulling all of the items the auditors have been asking for. The auditors did find a mistake, which doesn’t affect our financial statement, it just required a transfer of \$4868.90 from the Bond Retirement fund to the Permanent Improvement fund. Also, Mrs. Buenger told the Board the audit will cost about \$3,000 more than the original estimate. This is due to new sections required (GASB 68-reporting for pensions), our new building (Contracts Payable, Capital Assets and Debt), Extracurricular Activity Funds (Spanish trip raised and paid out over \$10,000) and the federal programs requiring more testing. Additional testing for these means more hours for the auditors, which equals additional costs for the district.

#26-16 CFO/Treasurer’s Consent Agenda

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

Approve the financial reports, including:

Monthly Bank Reconciliation

FIN SUM

Check Register

Investment Report

Budget vs Actual

Approve the Treasurer to enter into Depository Agreements with The Henry County Bank and the Farmers and Merchants State Bank for a period of five years each, beginning March 17, 2016 through March 27, 2021, for the deposit of interim funds of the Board of Education.

Approve the disposal of the following item:

#4957-Typewriter

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowers

Nays: None - Motion Carried

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Principals' Reports

High School Principal, Mr. Black, reported the music department students participated at contest recently. The Chamber Choir scored a I, the Women's Chorus scored a III, and the Symphonic Band scored a II. He also said the art students have been busy. Several pieces of art work have been sent to the U. S. House for display, as well as 22 pieces that were on display at the Napoleon Armory, for an art show held there recently.

Middle School Principal, Dr. Rozevink, reported that five seventh and five eighth grade students recently participated in a Creative Writing Contest. In the seventh grade class, Josie Espinoza placed sixth overall; EricaRae Herrick took fifth place overall; and Annie Tipton, Conner McClarren, and EricaRae Herrick earned first place in the 7th grade team round. Also, participating in the seventh grade were Meredith Bowers, and Sydney Miller. Eight grader Jacob Pogan placed third overall; and Chris Miles, Jacob Pogan and Cole Zeiter won second place in the 8th grade team round. Also, participating in the eighth grade were Emily Carpenter, Jasmine Light, and Trinity Saxton.

Elementary Principal, Mrs. Hartbarger, gave the board an update on the professional development that her teachers would be receiving from presenter, Margaret Searles on the professional development day scheduled for March 23rd. Ms. Searles will focus on the "Executive Functioning" approach to learning. This approach is an effective research-based strategy that includes the following elements: Focus and Attention, Impulse Control, Memory, Problem Solving, Planning and Organization, and Self-Monitoring.

Superintendent's Report-Mr. Tod Hug, Superintendent

Mr. Hug reported that the bids on the facilities project are being finalized by Shook Touchstone, the district's Construction Manager At Risk. He told the board that at this point we are under estimate. He also explained that when the numbers are finalized, the district can add back to the project what was value engineered out.

Facilities Project Update

Mr. Spangler added that the timing for the bidding was good because contractors are finishing up other projects in the area. Also, the Ground Breaking Ceremony has been set for Friday, April 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

#27-16 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the 2016-17 school calendar as presented.

Approve renewing membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2016 and ending February 28, 2017, at the yearly fee of \$100.00.

Approve the 2016-17 College Credit Plus agreements with The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Northwest State Community College, Owens State Community College, and the University of Findlay.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Bowers

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Nays: None - Motion Carried

#28-16 Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approves the following personnel:

Amend Resolution #18-16 from the Feb. 22, 2016 board meeting to read, "Move Casey Mohler to the Master+15, Step 10, column on the LCCTA Salary Schedule effective at the beginning of the second semester, January 16, 2016, not Step 0 as was originally approved on Feb. 22, 2106.

Rescind Resolution #18-16 from the Feb. 22, 2016 board meeting regarding moving Ashley Westbury to the Masters, Step 1, column on the LCCTA Salary Schedule retroactive to the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Westbury is not eligible yet.

Approve Jack and Marilyn Krueger as volunteer reading tutors in the Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

Approve the following individual as a chaperone to the 6th grade class trip to Willson Outdoor Center in May, 2016, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Rob Long

Approve Tom Fry as a substitute custodian for the 2015-16 school year.

Offer Heather Garretson a one-year, 210 day, probationary contract as a secretary (High School), effective March 22, 2016 through March 21, 2017, beginning at Step 0 per the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All other benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Bowers

Nays: None - Motion Carried

New Business – The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

#29-16 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or to consider the investigations of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or "regulated individual", unless the person investigated of charges or complaints requests a public hearing.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Bowers

Nays: None – Motion Carried

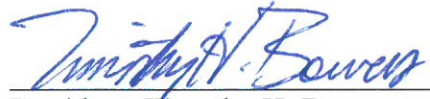
The board returned from Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

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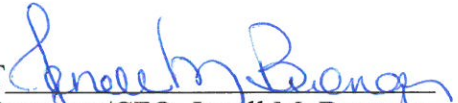
#30-16 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the March 21, 2016 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 9:09 p.m.

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



President, Timothy H. Bowers

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger