

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LIBERTY CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
7:00 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. Approve Minutes

_____ made the motion to accept the minutes of the organizational and regular meeting held on January 12, 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.

5. 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.

6. 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:

St. Paul Lutheran Church	Student Lunches	\$170.00
LC Athletic Boosters	Track Timing System	\$1,640.00
Anonymous Donations	State Champion Football Rings	\$500.00
Napoleon Church of the Nazarene	Student Lunch Recovery Fund	\$440.00
Amanda Dilbone	Cross Country Camp Fund	\$250.00

- c. Approve the following donations to the Cheerleading Fund as sponsors for the International Cheer Competition:

Holgate Metal Fab	White Pines Golf Course
Hill Construction Services	Shady Brook Acres Hitching Post
Jim Speiser & Sons Inc	Charlie’s Automotive
Fessenden Hardware	Kip’s Garage
KK Collision	4A Housing
Ron’s Metal Sales	Randy Mastin Septic Tank Inc
Swanton Welding	Lammon Brothers Lawn & Landscape Inc
Red Barn Sales & Service LLC	Davis Farm Services Inc
Premier Patching Inc	Delventhal Landscaping
K Kern Painting	Swan creek Sawmill
Tom & Pennie Howe	Anthony Wayne Chiropractic
Cheryl & Carl Carter	Vicars Heating and Air Conditioning
Stacey Machining & Fabricating Inc	Ohlrich Seamless Gutters
Hill Asphalt	

- d. Declare transportation to be impractical for one student, who will be attending St. John Lutheran School, and offer this student a pro-rated payment in lieu of transportation, the rate to be determined by the Ohio Department of Education for school year 2025-26.
- e. Retroactively approve the Revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for Special Education services for fiscal year 2026. The foundation deduction shall be revised to an annual amount of \$1,022,266.17. **(Exhibit C)**
- f. Approve the Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 at a cost of \$1,156,061.86. **(Exhibit D)**
- g. Approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. **(Exhibit E)**
- h. Approve the following New Fund and Special Cost Center, Appropriation Modifications, and Amended Certificate Modifications.

New Fund and Special Cost Center

499 9026 School Bus Safety Grant

Appropriation Modifications

499 9026	School Bus Safety Grant	\$29,303.00
499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness Funds	\$3,067.75
499 9020	Ohio Attorney General Formula Based School Safety Grant	\$4,523.80
200 967B	Class of 2031	\$2,000.00

Amended Certificate Modifications

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499 9024	Career Exploration and Awareness Funds	\$3,067.75
499 9020	Ohio Attorney General Formula Based School Safety Grant	\$4,523.80
200 967B	Class of 2031	\$2,000.00

- i. Approve the following student activity budget for the 2025-26 school year: **(Exhibit F)**

Class of 2031

- j. Approve the Financial Forecast as presented. **(Exhibit G)**

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

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

7. Principals' Reports

8. Athletic Director's Report

9. Superintendent's Report/Recommendations
Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richie Peters

Consent Items – Personnel

- a. Approve the NWOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2025-26 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. **(Exhibit H)**
- b. Through the passage of HB 583 and ORC 3319.36 and 3319.101 approve the following individuals as Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 school year with the 1-Year Temporary Non-Bachelors Substitute Teaching license or Pre-Service Teaching license:

Amara Donnelly
Sophia Good
Ashley Haas
Amy Lawson
Ryan Lothamer
Brandi Myers
Kyle Rabe
Ken Sanford
Chloe Wiechers
Gene Wyse
Erin Yoder

- c. Approve advancing Raellen Shaddler, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters+30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.
- d. Approve advancing Chase Miller, Classroom Teacher, to the 135-149 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the beginning of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.
- e. Accept the retirement resignation of Douglas Hinton, Classroom Teacher, effective May 31, 2026.
- f. Accept the retirement resignation of Teresa Detmer, Intervention Specialist, effective May 31, 2026.
- g. Approve the following individuals as chaperones for 6th Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Gerald Branson
Bryan Flory
Casey Hice
Tara Lester
Jeremy Michelson
Al Wymer

Matthew Bucher
Tina Gray
Kylie Kessler
Erin McAvoy
Chad Perry
Lauren Ankney

Kristin Campos
Anthony Griffith
Crystal Kline
Kurt McMurtie
Alec Thielman

- h. Approve the following individuals as alternate chaperones for 6th Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Katie Black
Chelsea Underwood

Chelsea Harper

Jordan Pioch

- i. Whereas the Board of Education has offered and advertised the following supplemental 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 2025-26 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Jesse Miller – Assistant Baseball Coach (75%)
Chad Henck – Assistant Baseball Coach (75%)
Mike Petz – Assistant Baseball Coach (50%)

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

Darcie Mohler – Softball
Emily Young – Softball
Aaron Biederstedt – Baseball
Elizabeth Spangler – Cheerleading

Move to approve the above consent items:

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

VOTE: Mr. Zeiter ___ Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler ___ Mr. Carter ___

10. OHSAA Membership Resolution

The motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the resolution for continued membership for the 2026-27 school year in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

VOTE: Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler ___ Mr. Zeiter ___ Mr. Carter ___

11. Depository Agreement – Huntington Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Board approve the Treasurer to enter into a Depository Agreement with Huntington Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2026 through March 16, 2031.

VOTE: Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Spangler ___ Mr. Zeiter ___ Mr. Kern ___ Mr. Carter ___

12. Depository Agreement – Farmers & Merchants Sate Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Board approve the Treasurer to enter into a Depository Agreement with Farmers and Merchants State Bank for a period of five years, beginning March 17, 2026 through March 17, 2031.

VOTE: Mr. Spangler ___ Mr. Zeiter ___ Mr. Kern ___ Mrs. Oyer ___ Mr. Carter ___

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- a. The next Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria.
- b. The next board meeting is March 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

15. Board Members' Committee Reports

16. Executive Session

_____ made the motion and _____ seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at _____ for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee of the School District and for the purpose of considering the sale of property at competitive bidding, since disclosure at this time would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to person(s) whose personal, private interests are adverse to the general public interest.

The Board returned from Executive Session at _____.

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

17. Adjournment

_____ made the motion and _____ seconded the motion to adjourn the February 23, 2026 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at _____ p.m.

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