

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
March 27, 2023

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Radwan, High School Principal, introduced Zane Zeiter, Owen Box, Alyssa Giesige and Elle Mohler, members of the new leadership class that started in the second semester. The students thanked the Board, their teacher, Mr. Miller, and the community for the support of the new class. Each student presented information on the class structure and book study on leadership and community engagement.

Ms. Lorie Brodie, Northwest Ohio Liaison of the Ohio Auditor of State's Office, presented the Ohio Auditor of State's Award to the District. She noted the award puts Liberty Center Schools in a very select group of recipients. The State audits nearly 5900 entities and less than 8% are eligible for the award. To meet the qualifications, local governments and school districts must file their financial reports with the Auditor of State within 150 days of fiscal year end, have a clean audit, no comments in the management letter and no other financial concerns. Ms. Brodie noted the award represents the hard work of the all of the employees of the district. She thanked the Superintendent and Board for their efforts, and specifically recognized Treasurer Jenell Buenger and her staff, Bre Niedzwiecki and Kristin Bauman, for their commitment to fiscal integrity.

#32-23 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2023 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She noted the District is still on track with the budget vs. actual. She highlighted this month's very generous donations. Mrs. Buenger also explained the agreement with Julian & Grube to audit the District's Medicaid reporting, which generates nearly \$100,000 each year.

#33-23 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following donations:

Employees at Pandrol	Donation for School Lunches	\$190.00
LC XC Backpackers	Rooms for State Cross Country	\$360.66
Anonymous Donor	Pole Vault Poles	\$560.00

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Approve the agreement with Julian & Grube, Inc. to examine the District's Medicaid Cost Report for the reporting periods of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$2,200.00 per year.

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl provided an update for the Elementary. Spring testing will begin soon. 3rd and 4th grade students will test the week of April 18th for ELA and the week of May 2nd for math. Ms. Postl also announced the Amazing Shake top five: Thomas Schwab, Declan Bailey, Kirstin Silveus, Ayla Peters and Addison Westhoven. The top three will be announced on March 28th and the winner will be announced on March 30th. Lastly, Ms. Postl highlighted 4th quarter events in the elementary, including a partnership with the Gerken Companies about jobs in our community:

April 3rd: A dump truck will be at the school

April 14th: Kindergarten Farm Program at 9:30 and 2:30

April 17th: An engineer will be visiting to talk about their occupation

April 24th – A mixer vehicle will be at the school

Middle School

Mr. Storrer provided an update for the Middle School. The Mindset of the Month has been "Live to Give." All K-12 students participated in a penny war to raise funds for Relay for Life. The totals are still being tallied to determine which building won the contest. There is also a book donation competition where each grade level in the middle school has been challenged to collect 100 books to donate. This competition concludes at the end of March. On March 24th, Gwen Gebers, Henry County Prosecutor, spoke to students in grades 6-12 about digital safety. Lastly, Mr. Storrer noted the spring choir concert was held on March 14th.

High School

Mr. Radwan highlighted events and activities in the High School, including academics, arts and athletics. 32 members were inducted into the National Honors Society on March 16th. On March 23rd, the Liberty Center FFA held their 90th banquet where they recognized and honored members for their work throughout the year. Mr. Radwan also highlighted a new program where every junior has the opportunity to job shadow, including 12 juniors who visited the Fulton County Health Center today. Mr. Radwan also informed the Board the high school will begin spring state testing next week.

Footloose will be performed on Friday, March 31st and two shows on Saturday, April 1st. Mr. Radwan informed the Board tickets can be purchased online. He also noted the art department was recently contacted by two local businesses, Tenneco and Grandma's General Store, to paint break rooms and signs for the businesses.

Mr. Radwan thanked the Athletic Boosters for their continued support of the District and the opportunity he had to volunteer at the Night at the Races event held this past weekend. He also noted he is excited to see the continued success of our athletes as the spring sports season begins.

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Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman noted that due to the leadership class presentation tonight, the winter athletes will be recognized at the April board meeting. Mr. Pohlman congratulated Xander Myers, the first LC State Champion wrestler since 2006, who won the 175-pound weight class in Division 3. He noted Alexis Shaneyfelt placed 3rd in the first ever girls state wrestling meet, Owen Box placed 4th, Braedyn Tammarine placed 4th and Jackson Bartels placed 8th.

March is National Athletic Training month. Mr. Pohlman recognized and thanked Amanda Mathias for her dedication to the student athletes at Liberty Center. She is a great asset and does so much for the athletic department and students.

Mr. Pohlman recognized Zane Zeiter, Owen Box and Matthew Orr, who were selected as National Football Foundation Scholar Athletes. Coach Casey Mohler also received a Head Coach Achievement Award and Coach Ryan Miller received the Tom Santoro Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

Lastly, Mr. Pohlman congratulated the boys bowling team for their 5th place at state and the girls basketball team for winning the district championship.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters explained the shared technology contract with Patrick Henry. He noted that since the previous technology director left, they have been evaluating the needs of the district. This contract will help the District achieve the technology goals that have been set. Mr. Peters also noted new hires in the agenda and asked the respective principals/supervisor to introduce them. Mr. Pohlman introduced Mallory Dockery, the new volleyball coach. She is excited to be joining the District and has a meet the coach night scheduled for Thursday. Mr. Radwan introduced the new high school math teacher, Zoey Berger. She will be graduating from BGSU this spring. Mr. Radwan noted they interviewed six candidates. He said what made her stand out were her new and innovative ideas. Lastly, Mr. Storrer introduced the new middle school guidance counselor, Alex Geahlen. He noted he is excited for her to begin at Liberty Center and highlighted her strength and experience in social emotional learning.

Lastly, Mr. Peters informed the Board the next Senior Citizen Breakfast is Thursday, March 30th at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditoria.

#34-23 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the Agreement for Shared Technology Director Services with Patrick Henry Local School District, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026.

Approve membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2023 and ending February 29, 2024 at a cost of \$100.00.

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

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#35-23 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2022-23 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Offer Zoey Berger a one-year probationary contract as a Classroom Teacher (High School Math), effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending confirmation of certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Alexandra Geahlen a one-year probationary contract as the Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, pending confirmation of certification. Placement on the salary schedule is pending confirmation of coursework and credit hours. All benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Rescind the contract of Gary Gladieux as a volunteer softball coach for the 2022-23 school year.

Approve Crystal Kline as a chaperone for 6th Grade Camp Willson, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Retroactively approve the following individual as a substitute to the department listed for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training:

Alisha Pieracini – Lunchroom

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 2023-24 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork with salary as stipulated per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

Mallory Dockery – Head Volleyball Coach

Offer Breanna Niedzwiecki a two-year contract as the Payroll Specialist, beginning May 4, 2023 through May 3, 2025. All insurances, leaves of absences, vacation and holidays will be per Board Policy.

Approve Aubrey Maneval as a substitute bus driver for the 2022-23 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training.

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

New Business

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The next Board meeting is April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.


#36-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the March 27, 2023 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:32 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger