

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
November 21, 2016

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 8:33 p.m. in the High School Media Center with board members Jeff Benson, Tim Bowers, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler, and John Weaver present.

#79-16 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Liberty Center Board of Education held on October 17, 2016 and the minutes of the November 7, 2016 special board work session 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 said she's added the Budget to Actual report for the board, since the Five-Year Forecast was approved in October. She told the Board the Spanish Club's budget needed amended due to the Puerto Rice trip that is planned for Spring 2017 and the Bowling budget is new this year, due to the Bowling Team's funds now being run through the school. Mrs. Buenger said the Title I and Title II grants decreased due to the passage of the Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Appropriations Act, 2017. This resulted in a .496% reduction to all of the federal programs, equating to decreases of \$470.86 for our district. Regarding audits, Ms. Buenger said she is finishing up our GAAP audit, which has to be completed by November 30 and on Dec. 6 or 7, Julian and Grube will conduct the OFCC Audit. Mrs. Buenger said she hadn't heard from the State Auditors since August, but normally they come around the first of the year.

#80-16 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

Monthly Bank Reconciliation

FIN SUM

Check Register

Investment Report

Budget to Actual

Accept with Thanks the following donations:

Fertilizer and Application valued at \$175.00 from Davis Farms Service, Inc. for the football field.

Heavy Duty Pavement Sealer and Application valued at \$750.00 from Hill Asphalt Paving, LLC for the Spring Sports Complex.

Received \$500.00 from an anonymous donor to purchase chairs for the Athletic Dept.

\$500.00 from The Henry County Bank for Senior Citizen Breakfasts

Approve the following Student Activity Budgets:

Bowling Team

Spanish Club (amended)

Approve the Appropriation Modifications and New Fund and Special Cost Center as presented.

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Nays: None – Motion Carried

Principals' Reports

Mr. Larry Black, High School Principal, said the high school's fall sports season has come to an end and banquets have been held for volleyball, soccer, football and cheerleading. He also said students from Four County Career Center brought in several exhibits to teach students about the opportunities available at the Career Center. He said a speaker on Anti-Bullying came to talk to high school students, compliments of North Star Steel in Delta. Mr. Black also commented on the Veteran's Day event held in the high school gym Nov. 11, which was very well attended. He commended Mr. Dustin Mays and Mr. Brett Green on the great job they did organizing the event.

Dr. Marcia Rozevink, Middle School Principal, filed a report to the board. She reported parent/teacher conferences went well, and most of the middle school conferences were held as team conferences, with the entire grade level participating. She said the staff has begun working on the middle school curriculum. She said the teachers have met in departments, grades 5-8, to delineate those skills and knowledge pieces we expect our students to have and to know when they enter our classrooms in August. We will then work backwards and forwards, making sure those skills are mastered at the appropriate grade level. Dr. Rozevink said this will be an ongoing project. She reported the sixth graders just finished taking the CogAT (cognitive abilities test), which is a standardized assessment used to quantify children for gifted and talented programs. The test measures reasoning and problem solving skills in the areas of Verbal, Quantitative (mathematics), and Spatial or non-verbal (using shapes and figures to solve problems). She showed a short video of the gratefulness challenge.

Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger, Elementary Principal, reported to the board that students in the second grade wrote essays about what Christmas means to them. Based on their essays, chosen as King and Queen are Jonathan Brink and Emma Terry. Prince and Princess are Jaxton Lawniczak, and Grace Brandeberry. These students will participate in the Liberty Center Christmas Open House on Dec. 3. She also reported that students in the Elementary have been collecting box top for prizes. Any student who submits box tops is entered into a drawing to have a pizza lunch with her. From the eligible students, two from each grade level are chosen. Mrs. Hartbarger said they have submitted about \$400 worth of box tops, for the first submission date of Nov. 1st. Mrs. Hartbarger said the elementary's goal is to submit \$3000 in box tops this school year.

Superintendent's Report-Dr. Tod Hug

Dr. Hug said the Liberty Center Education Foundation recently re-organized with some new members. He said he and board liaison, Jeff Benson, attended the October meeting. Dr. Hug said the foundation is a 501-C3 entity that was founded in the mid 1990's with the purpose of enhancing the educational experiences of Liberty Center's students. He added that funds raised by the foundation are used for scholarships and educational trips. Dr. Hug said there is a lot of new energy in the group and they are working on some exciting plans for the upcoming months.

Facilities Report

Board member, Todd Spangler, reported the core team had met last Wednesday. He said everything is moving along and concrete is beginning to be poured for the second floor. Mr. Spangler added that the back portion, which you can't see on the webcam is really moving along fast. Mr. Spangler and Superintendent, Tod Hug, reported the recent Capital Conference gave district representatives a chance to get a first-hand look at some of the furnishings, such as desks and auditorium seats, which are being considered for the new building. Dr. Hug

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said the district will soon bid its Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 3 Contract for the project. Overall, the project is said to be on budget and ahead of schedule. Dr. Hug said he was on the project site Friday and learned that 20 masons are now working on the west wing, which will eventually house middle and high school classrooms. With crews working on the second floor of the east wing, Dr. Hug said he was able to go upstairs for the first time. He also added that with the west wing coming together the courtyard is beginning to take shape. He said a committee is still working on playground plans and added that the courtyard will house playground equipment for the kindergarten, first and second grades. Dr. Hug said he had already taken groups of elementary teachers on a tour through a portion of the east wing and he plans to take other teachers out to tour the west end when it gets further along. Dr. Hug said there is still a hope the facility will be completely under roof before the weather gets bad, so more interior work can be completed sooner.

#81-16 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Commend the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams for their participation at the OHSAA Cross Country Meet in Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, and also commend Head Coach, Tim Atkinson, and his coaching staff for their leadership.

Approve the addendum, regarding operating balance adjustments, to the service agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Governing Board (NwOESC) for the 2016-17 school year.

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

#82-16 Personnel Recommendations

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

Approve the following individuals as chaperones to the 6th grade 's Camp Wilson Trip in spring 2017, pending completion of a clear background check:

Staci Cramer
Wilbur Todd
Nicole Brogan
Trisha Sattler
Leslie Fausnight
Janie Jones
Rachel Amstutz
Steven Chapa
Trina Elieff
Marissa Dulle
Laurie Imhoof
Steve Giesige
Bill Sharpe
Rachel Orr

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Tracy Arney
Lori Bostelman
Shane Hollenbaugh
Jody Hollenbaugh
Jennifer Baumbarger
Tiffany Mohler

Approve the following individuals as volunteers in the Elementary, pending completion of a background check:

Veronica Beck
Mackenzie Bishop

Approve Dawn Sharpe as a substitute Library Aide for the 2016-17 school year, retroactive to Nov. 18, 2016.

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

#83-16 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson that the board enter Executive Session at 8:51 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. Carter, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Benson, Mr. Bowers
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.


#84-16 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the November 21, 2016 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 9:22 p.m.

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



President, Timothy H. Bowers

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger