

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2020

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2020 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.

#39-20 Resolution Declaring an Emergency, Suspending Board Policy Related to Public Participation at Board Meetings, and Authorizing Remote Meetings

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver to approve the Resolution Declaring an Emergency, Suspending Board Policy Related to Public Participation at Board Meetings, and Authorizing Remote Meetings. Mrs. Zacharias seconded the motion.

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

#40-20 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2020 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She highlighted that as of this report, the budget to actual is actually better than what was projected; however it will be changing due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. She also informed the Board the bond refunding is currently on hold due to the current market conditions. The District is being advised to wait as the potential for additional savings increases the longer we delay the process. Additionally, catastrophic costs are due at the end of April. The district's report was filed a couple weeks ago. We have approximately \$64,000 in cat costs and typically receive about 30% of that amount.

Mrs. Buenger also informed the Board there were approximately 10 applicants for the Payroll Specialist position. The first round of interviews was conducted via Zoom and the second round was in person. Mrs. Buenger noted there were many great candidates. Breanna Sharp was selected for the position.

Mrs. Buenger explained the new Special Fund and Cost Center. The district received a grant towards the purchase of a new bus. She also provided information on the appropriation and amended certificate increases. These are due to the state increasing the grant funding. Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained the donations.

#41-20 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 approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report

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Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following New Fund and Special Cost Center, Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases:

New Fund and Special Cost Center
499 9921 School Bus Purchase Program

Increase Appropriations		
599 9018	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$257.95
590 9204	Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$1,179.98
572 9104	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$2,781.86

Increase Amended Certificate		
599 9018	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$257.95
590 9204	Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$1,179.98
572 9104	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$2,781.86

Approve the following donations:

LC Athletic Boosters	\$2,108.05	Supplies for the softball storage shed
LC Athletic Boosters	\$500.00	Medicine ball
LC Athletic Boosters	\$950.00	Hotel rooms for wrestling
Davis Farm Services	\$85.00	Fertilizer application
Coca Cola	\$29.25	Donation from purchases-Elementary Principal's Fund

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters explained Governor DeWine's recent decision to keep schools closed for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, which the district had been preparing for. Mr. Peters also explained the resolution for distance learning will change policy to allow the district to utilize distance learning as regular school time and not calamity. Mr. Peters commended all of the teachers, students and parents on their efforts during the distance learning process. Mr. Peters also told the board the district would be communicating with parents how the school year would be wrapping up in regards to learning, collection of personal items, grades and graduation. Students in grades K-11 will be allowed to keep their devices over the summer. Mr. Peters also noted the district will be seeking input from teachers, parents and students on the distance learning process in case it will need to continue in the future. In regards to graduation, the administrators are working on two different plans: one for an in-person event, if it is allowable, and the other is a remote/virtual graduation.

Mr. Peters informed the Board there was a two week delay on the restroom/concession project due to COVID-19. However, to date, Rupp-Rosebrock is ahead of schedule and the facility timeline is set to be complete prior to the first home football game. He also said the issues in regards to the playground are being addressed. It is a drainage issue. Because the playground is under warranty, the company will be fixing it accordingly. Mr. Peters also addressed the Board Policy updates, none of which are locally driven.

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#42-20 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve the following new or amended board policies:

- #1520
- #2464
- #3120
- #3120.04
- #3120.05
- #3120.08
- #4120
- #4120.08
- #4124
- #4162
- #5460
- #5460.02
- #6107

Approve the 2020 graduating Seniors from Liberty Center High School, contingent upon successful completion of graduation requirements established by the State Department of Education and the Liberty Center Board of Education.

Approve the Liberty Center Board of Education to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one transit style bus and to participate and authorize META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf, as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one transit style school bus.

Accept the School Bus Purchase Program allocation of \$41,888.48 to be used to pay for the partial lease cost of a new bus. Authorize the administration to complete the necessary paperwork to comply with the program.

Approve the FY21 NBEC NOVA Agreement for the administration of certain online courses.

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

#43-20 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Offer the following contracts to certified staff beginning with the 2020-21 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement:

One Year Contract
Michelle Bailey
Jessica Keller

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Two Year Contract

Katherine Bell
Emily Hill

Three Year Contract

Lauren Carl
Lori Giesige
Luke Hutchinson
Tracy Krueger
Annette Niekamp
Amber Pingle
Carey Pogan
Carrie Pratt
Elizabeth Rees
Stephanie Sager
Melissa Smith

Continuing Contract

Brandon Readshaw

Offer the following continuing contracts as a Bus Driver, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, subject to assignment by the Superintendent. Salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Kim Bergstedt
Diane Gwinn

Non-renew all 2019-20 Supplemental Contracts as of June 30, 2020.

Accept the resignation of Intervention Specialist Christopher Cochrane effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Offer Breanna Sharp a one year limited contract as the Payroll Specialist, beginning May 4, 2020 through May 3, 2021 at the Base on the Non-Union Wage Schedule. All insurances, leaves of absences, vacation and holidays will be per Board Policy.

Approve advancing Brittany Meyer, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +15 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's salary schedule, effective at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Approve advancing Jeff Ressler, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +30 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's salary schedule, effective at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

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

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#44-20 Board Resolution Regarding Distance Learning

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the Resolution Regarding Distance Learning.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is May 18, 2020

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on May 6th.

#45-20 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose(s) of:

Consideration of the employment of a public employee and

Preparing for negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

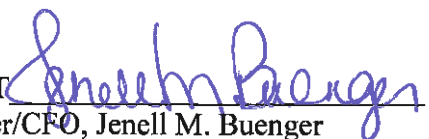
#46-20 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to adjourn the April 27, 2020 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:04 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger