

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
November 23, 2020

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 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.

#109-20 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2020 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 change in the appearance of the monthly reports. With the recent migration to State Software Redesign for the accounting software for the district, the office has been focused on learning the new system while still processing checks and payroll. Mrs. Buenger also informed the Board the GAAP audit was completed on November 10th and the annual state audit began this week. Most of this will be conducted off-site due to COVID-19.

Mrs. Buenger presented the Five-Year Forecast. She noted meeting with the Finance Committee on November 10th to review the forecast, with a few changes made since that meeting. Mrs. Buenger is projecting revenues to be lower this year due to COVID-19, with income taxes expected to be reduced by 10%. Nexus pipeline is appealing their valuations, which may result in an additional revenue decrease. Henry County just completed their triennial valuation process, resulting in increased residential values and a decrease in CAUV's.

Mrs. Buenger explained expenditures in the Five-Year Forecast are expected to increase as a result of regular salary increases per the negotiated agreements, additional hours for cleaning and disinfecting, health insurance increases of 9% and dental insurance increases of 4%. The district has also incurred additional supply expenses due to COVID-19. Clarence Weirauch, Maintenance Supervisor, and his staff were able to save the district approximately \$15,000.00 by making many of the PPE dividers seen across the district. Purchased services have also increased due to COVID-19 with the additional NOVA expenses and adding a nurse; however, some of these costs have been offset with grants.

Enrollment numbers are similar to last year, with 152 students open enrolled in and 36 open enrolled out, which nets approximately \$700,000 in revenue. Mrs. Buenger concluded her report on the current Five-Year Forecast by highlighting the expectation to go on the ballot has been pushed out to at least 2024. The last time the District sought additional operating funding was 2006.

Mrs. Buenger explained the appropriation modifications and amended certificate increases. The grant increases are primarily due to carryover funds from last fiscal year as the funds were not able to be spent due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of schools in March. The Title 1-A funds were allocated for the non-public school, Lial. The additional Title 1 Neglected funds are being utilized for additional tutoring and supplies at the LEC. The Title II-A funds are for gifted services and ARC professional development and supplies. The Title IV funds will be used for additional professional development and instructional software.

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#110-20 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson 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 (FIN SUM)
- Disbursement Summary Report (Check Register)
- Investment Report

Approve the following donations:

Ohio EMA	2000 Masks	
Anonymous Community Donor	Charter Buses for Football Team to Attend Play Off Game	\$2,200.00

Approve the Five-Year Forecast as presented.

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases:

Increase Appropriations		
572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$1,102.40
572 9103	Title I Neglected	\$11,042.45
590 9205	Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$15,081.49
599 9019	Title IV-A Student Support & Academic Achievement	\$5,131.71
Increase Amended Certificate		
572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$1,102.40
572 9103	Title I Neglected	\$11,042.45
590 9205	Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction	\$15,081.49
599 9019	Title IV-A Student Support & Academic Achievement	\$5,131.71

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

Principals' Reports

Elementary School

Ms. Postl reported the Elementary is having parent teacher conferences with all parents this week. Students in grades K-4 will be participating in a Lady Justice time capsule coloring page contest.

Ms. Postl informed the board no elementary students have tested positive for COVID-19 to date. She concluded by noting staff and students are looking forward to Thanksgiving.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan reported on the October Students of the Month, who were selected for being on task and were nominated by their classroom teachers. He also noted the first quarter honor roll information was published on

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November 6th. Middle School parent teacher conferences will be taking place November 24th in the evening and the morning of November 25th. All conferences will be held via Zoom or phone calls.

Mr. Radwan noted the Middle School remote learning schedule can be found on the website by going to: Schools-Middle School-Remote Learning Plan-Grade Level.

High School Principal

Mr. Black commended Mrs. Braucksieck, High School Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Kamelesky, Director of Student Services, for conducting an online college and career night for students. The information was presented in such a way to allow participants to engage with colleges and employers in chat rooms, as well as obtain valuable information in preparation for entering college or the workforce.

Mr. Black informed the Board of recent testing in the High School. On November 6th, 85 students participated in the American Legion Americanism test. He thanked LaVerne Gerken and the members of American Legion Post 492 for this opportunity for students. Sophomore students recently took the ASVAB test, an aptitude test aimed at helping students make choices about future education and vocational choices. The test is sponsored by the U.S. military. Students in grades 9-11 have been taking MAP diagnostic tests. The initial round of testing will establish baselines for each student in math, reading and English. There will be three progress monitor tests given throughout the year to determine student growth. The data derived from these tests will correspond with the new OTES system the state will be rolling out.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman was not in attendance due to the girls basketball game at Hilltop. Winter sports are now underway.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters provided the Board with an update on COVID-19 in the District. A lot of planning by the Administrative Team prior to the start of the school year has contributed to the success of this school year. Currently there is one staff member out recovering and two Four County students who are positive. There are four staff members and 11 students, five being Four County students, who are currently quarantined. Cumulative for the year, there have been 12 staff members quarantined, six of which were NwOESC preschool staff members, and 100 students quarantined. There has been no evidence of spread within the K-12 building. The plans and procedures in place have helped prevent the spread of COVID-19. Students, staff, and parents have all done an outstanding job. Mr. Peters noted how proud and impressed he has been with their efforts.

Mr. Peters also reported on Senate Bill 376, Fair School Funding. This bill has the potential to change the way schools in Ohio are funded. The three components include base cost, income and property values, and categorical aid.

#111-20 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve membership in the Community Improvement Corporation of Henry County at a cost of \$250.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter

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Nays: None – Motion Carried

#112-20 Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

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

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the sport indicated for the 2020-21 school year, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork:

- Kendall Detmer – Gymnastics
- Bethany Wolf – Gymnastics
- Erika Wolf – Gymnastics
- Meredith Zeiter – Gymnastics
- Logan Meyer – Boys Basketball
- Aaron Shafer – Boys Basketball

Offer Mike Weaver a continuing contract as a bus driver, effective January 8, 2021. His salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Ellen Bockelman a one-year probationary contract as a bus driver. Her start date will be determined upon completion of all necessary paperwork, training and certification. She will start at Step 0 on the OAPSE Wage Schedule. All benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2020-21 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Approve the Athletic Director to hire/pay tournament help as needed.

Approve Steve Chapa as a substitute bus driver for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter
Nays: Mrs. Zacharias – Motion Carried

#113-20 Approve Unpaid Medical Leave

Upon the recommendation of the administration, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve Diane Gwinn, Bus Driver, for unpaid medical leave once her paid leave is exhausted.

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

New Business

The next Board Meeting is December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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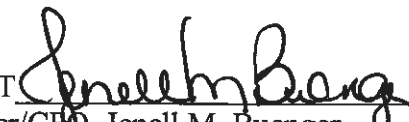
#114-20 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver to adjourn the November 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 7:26 p.m.

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



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 

Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger