

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
February 25, 2019

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019 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. Andrea Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#28-19 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2019, Special Meeting held on January 31, 2019, and Special Meeting held on February 6, 2019 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 explained that the Budget to Actual report is on track for the year with expenditures but the revenues were slightly higher in January. This is due to the fourth quarter installment for income tax, which was up almost \$7,000.00 over last year. The District also received the Casino Revenue of \$27,800.00, which was an increase of \$413 from last January.

Mrs. Buenger informed the Board that the Softball Camp Fund was submitted in January and needs Board approval before any money can be spent out of the account. She also explained that each year in February, there is a resolution accepting rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies.

Mrs. Buenger reported on the revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) for Special Education Services for fiscal year 2019. The agreement increased by \$41,505.00, from \$505,004.00 to \$546,509.00. She explained the increase is primarily due to the students enrolled at the Independence Education Center (IEC), as well as an increase in hours for the attendance officer. The Foundation Deduction Agreement is revised rather than paying the entire amount at the end of the fiscal year.

She told the Board that the Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases are due to the Softball Camp budget, grant allocations, and the H.B. Romaker Scholarship Fund, which was donated to the LC Education Foundation.

Mrs. Buenger also told the Board about the following donations: \$775.00 from Napoleon Physical Therapy for sports physicals, \$859.83 from LC Tradition of Pride Committee to the Building Fund to pay for the plaque in the new school, and \$500.00 from The Henry County Bank for the Senior Citizen Breakfasts.

Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained that the District needs to have a depository agreement with Hamler State Bank in order to invest our interim funds, of which the District currently has three CD's with Hamler State Bank.

#29-19 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:

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Approve the financial reports, including the following:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- FIN SUM
- Check Register
- Investment Report
- Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following 2018-19 Student Activity Budget:
Softball Camp Fund

Approve the resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Ratify the revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NWOESC), for Special Education services for fiscal year 2019. The foundation deduction amount shall be revised to an annual amount of \$546,509.00.

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases:

Increase Appropriations

300 953E	Softball Camp	\$1,900.00
572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$386.11
572 9103	Title I-D Neglected	\$2,650.82
599 9019	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$23.45
516 9715	Title VI-B Odd Year	-\$0.01
007 0000	H.B. Romaker Scholarship Loan	\$2,623.07

Increase Amended Certificate

300 953E	Softball Camp	\$2,600.00
572 9105	Title I-A Improving Basic Programs	\$386.03
572 9103	Title I-D Neglected	\$2,650.82
599 9019	Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$26.00

Approve the following donations:

- \$775.00 from Napoleon Physical Therapy for sports physicals.
- \$859.83 from Liberty Center Schools Tradition of Pride for the building fund.
- \$500.00 from Henry County Bank for the Senior Citizen Breakfast.

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

Principals' Reports

High School

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Mr. Black informed the Board that “Mamma Mia” is the spring musical and will be performed Thursday through Saturday, March 14-16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and available by calling the High School Office.

He explained that the ACT will be given on March 12, 2019, as required. Any student receiving accommodations on the ACT will test on February 28, 2019.

Mr. Black told the Board the details on the March 5, 2019 delivery of caps, gowns, and graduation announcements for seniors. The orders need to be picked up before school in the Auditoria. The balance is due at the time of pick-up. Payments can be made online or with the exact amount of cash. Personal checks are no longer accepted.

Maggie McGilvery, daughter of Washington and Karin McGilvery, a senior in Interior Design, has been chosen as Four County Career Center Student of the Month.

Mr. Black explained the OMEA District Large Group Contests will be on March 8-9, 2019, and both the band and choirs will be participating. The band will perform its contest pieces in a concert on March 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditoria.

Mr. Black informed the Board that on March 13, 2019 Joel Penton, a motivational speaker, will speak to junior and senior high students. That evening, he will give a presentation that is open to the community. Mr. Black thanked local youth pastors Tom Gerberich and Eric Kwabatta for making this opportunity happen for the students of Liberty Center.

Middle School

Mr. Mariano shared a picture of the Middle School Honors Choir students, who were selected by the fine arts faculty. He explained the impact and contributions these students have made to music. The students include: Kaden Bergstedt, Brenden Heath, Calla Oelkrug, and Maggie Peper.

He also told the Board that on Friday, February 15, 2019 the students who earned Principal List, Honor Roll, and Merit Roll were invited to a movie day in the Auditoria. The students had a great time and he received a lot of positive feedback from the students. He explained the importance of celebrating and recognizing when students do well.

Mr. Mariano gave an update for the Middle School on the LC Reading Challenge. They have read a total of 88,223 minutes so far. The goal is to have the entire District reading together to reach the goal of a million minutes.

Mr. Mariano gave an update on the testing schedule. He and his staff are looking to reduce the amount of educational interruption that is caused by spring testing. A plan has been created to reduce the amount of time spent testing so that they can continue with the normal education process. The guidance office has also started building the master schedule for next school year. Their goal is to continue to offer a select group of courses that will award high school credit. These include: Algebra 1, Spanish 1, Health, PE and Ag.

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He told the Board about upcoming trips in the Middle School. On February 28, 2019, the 8th graders have their annual visit to Four County Career Center. On March 15, 2019, the 8th graders will go to Mercy Medical College and Tony Packos.

Elementary

Mrs. Hartbarger informed the Board of the Family Literacy Night Red Carpet Event happening on March 7, 2019. The event will be from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Please feel free to come and enjoy dinner as early as 4:30 as the Outlaw food truck will be here for attendees to purchase a meal. The Auditoria will be open for people to sit down and enjoy their meal. This event is open to all students in grades K-8 and will held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. The RSVP's were sent home February 22, 2019. Please join us for a fun night of games, food, and literacy.

She also gave an update for the Elementary on the LC Reading Challenge. Students have the opportunity to log their minutes on the app Beanstack. When recording minutes, students can earn badges for a variety of minutes read. The students at Liberty Center have definitely accepted this challenge. The Elementary has read for nearly 135,000 minutes and earned 478 badges. The first set of prizes will be handed out Friday morning.

The kindergarten classes celebrated their 100th day of school today by enjoying a pancake breakfast and a variety of activities related to the 100th day.

Mrs. Hartbarger explained that the PTO has a number of fundraisers on the horizon. First, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles offers a program for organizations to create their own license plate. There is no cost to the District, but we must apply. The application process includes 150 community member signatures supporting the new license plate, a completed application form, and we must contact our local representative and ask them to take our plate and application before the general assembly to be voted on. Once approved, the PTO will receive a portion of each Liberty Center plate that is purchased. Second, the PTO is hosting a Liberty Center Spirit Night at Sky Zone on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 P.M. More details can be found on the Liberty Center Elementary Facebook page. Lastly, the PTO will have new spirit wear for sale at the Family Literacy Night on March 7, 2019. Items include headbands, arm sleeves, cleat covers, and tights.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Johnson gave the following sports updates: the 7th grade girls basketball team is the NWOAL champions and the 8th grade girls lost in the finals to Wauseon. The freshman boys basketball team took their number one seed to the finals, but lost to Bryan. NWOAL JH and freshman championships were played at Liberty Center. We had great crowds and running events concurrently in both the MS and Varsity gyms was very successful. The high school girls basketball season finished last week with a Sectional loss to Archbold. The future of girls basketball is promising with the great numbers and success of the JH and freshman teams. Their banquet will be Thursday. The boys basketball team will play Liberty Benton on Tuesday at 6:15 to open up Sectional play at Elida. The Competition Cheer team has advanced to State once again. The State competition is March 10, 2019 at St. John Arena. Wrestlers advanced 10 on to Districts this weekend after placing 2nd at Sectionals last week. Districts will be held at Lakota High School on Friday and Saturday. Senior Caleb Carpenter will be working to advance to State for the 4th straight year. In bowling, junior Hannah Feather advanced as an individual to State, which will be Friday at Columbus Bowl. She advanced by bowling a 555 at Districts. The gymnastics team will compete in both the team and individual competitions at State this Friday and Saturday at Hilliard Bradley. Team events include the floor, vault, bars, and beam. Bailey Johnson and Meredith Zeiter

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will compete as individuals on Saturday. Lastly, baseball and softball reported to practice last week and track begins next week.

Facilities Report

Mr. Peters informed the Board that the boot installation was completed on February 11, 2019. He also reported that there is a meeting scheduled for February 26, 2019 with Shook Touchstone and Final Floors to discuss the MS Gym floor repairs. There have also been issues with an ice dam and water leaking in on the north end of the building. He told the Board that Garmann Miller will be providing three options to address the harmonic and breakers tripping issue. The resolution will be an additional cost through the project money. There is a Core Meeting on March 1, 2019 to follow-up on all of these issues.

There was a Facilities Committee meeting in February where the following items were discussed: metal building replacement, football field improvements including irrigation installation, a turf management plan, and visitor bleachers, and soccer at the spring sports facility.

Special Presentation: Mark Bly, Athletic Boosters

Mr. Bly gave a presentation on a proposed upgrade to the current football field concession stand to be funded by the Athletic Boosters.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters reported on the County Finance School District Levy. It is a group of independent school districts that agree to pool their valuation and request a levy to support specified educational programs. This would be a five year 1.95 mill renewable levy which could only be used for special education and safety. Liberty Center could potentially receive approximately \$300,000.00 a year, which is based on our District's valuation. The Finance Committee will meet in March to explore this further, and the Board will have to decide whether or not to opt out at the March 25, 2019 Board Meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Peters reported that his first Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

#30-19 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 FFA Students and Teachers for an overnight trip to attend the FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio from May 2-3, 2019.

Approve Mr. Stan Criswell to begin a seven year term of the Liberty Center Public Library's Board of Trustees, beginning January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Having completed the graduation requirements established by the State Department of Education and the Liberty Center Board of Education, approve Joseph Allen Thanasiu as a graduate of Liberty Center Local Schools, effective February 28, 2019.

Approve the Varsity Baseball team for an overnight trip to Wide Water Retreat Center for a team retreat on March 8-9, 2019.

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

#31-19 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Offer Heather Garretson a continuing contract as a secretary, effective March 22, 2019. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve advancing Kaitlyn Yungmann, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's salary schedule, retroactively, effective at the start of the second semester, January 22, 2019.

Regretfully accept the retirement resignation of Barbara Maunz, lunchroom cashier, effective May 30, 2019. This is her 32nd year at Liberty Center Schools.

Rescind the Assistant Track Coach (50%) supplemental contract issued to Kara Estelle on January 10, 2019, Resolution #20-19.

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

#32-19 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson to offer the following non-certified individual a one-year supplemental contact to the sport indicated for the 2018-19 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LLCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule.

Tyler Sharpe – Assistant Junior High Track Coach

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

#33-19 DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board approve the Treasurer to enter into a Depository Agreement with The Hamler State Bank, Hamler, Ohio, for a period of five years, beginning March 16, 2019 through March 15, 2024 for the deposit of Interim funds of the Board of Education.

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

#34-19 APPROVE 2019-20 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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It was moved by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve the 2019-20 school calendar as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The next Board meeting is March 25, 2019.

A Finance Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled.

#35-19 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of:

Consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official;

Consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes, or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;

Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions 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 8:51 p.m.

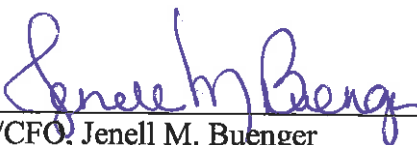
#36-19 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler to adjourn the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:52 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