

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

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 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. A moment of silence was held in memory of student Nicholas Rowland.

Commend and Recognize Winter Sport Athletes and Teams

Mr. Jake Johnson, Athletic Director, commended and recognized the following winter sports athletes and teams: Caleb Carpenter, Dylan Matthews, Tyler Kay, Cameron Henneman, Xander Myers, Kaden Soto and Owen Box for wrestling; and Hannah Feather for bowling.

#37-19 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Weaver to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 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 shows the District is ahead in revenues and slightly lower in expenditures for the year. She will be updating the forecast in May with more details, but so far this year our interest income is \$28,000.00 more than originally forecasted. Additionally, our excess costs, which included the students at the LEC, came in \$100,000.00 more than anticipated. Mrs. Buenger also explained the amended budget for Band was due to a fundraiser not being included on the original budget.

Mrs. Buenger explained the NWOESC FY 20 Agreement will be at a cost of \$649,995.72. Last year it was \$580,004.00 but then increased to \$621,509.00 mid-year due to the increased costs in students enrolled at the IEC and the increased hours of the attendance officer. The agreement is based on this year's students and the services they are receiving, which changes year to year. The NWOESC program costs include preschool, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, adapted physical education, the IEC, as well as our Gifted Coordinator and Education Consultant Services.

Mrs. Buenger recognized the Henry County Farm Bureau and thanked them for donating the book *Right This Very Minute* to the Elementary Library.

Lastly, Mrs. Buenger explained the New Fund and Special Cost Center are for a grant the Archery Club received for \$2,500.00, and the appropriation increases are due to the Archery Grant and Amended Band Budget.

#38-19 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:

Approve the financial reports, including the following:
Monthly Bank Reconciliation

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FIN SUM
Check Register
Investment Report
Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following Amended 2018-19 Student Activity Budget:
Liberty Center Band

Approve the agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NWOESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$649,995.72.

Approve the following donations:
The Henry County Farm Bureau donated the book, *Right This Very Minute* to the Elementary Library.

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

New Fund and Special Cost Center

499 9119 ODNR – Div of Wildlife Archery in Schools Grant

Increase Appropriations

300 944A Band \$4,000.00
499 9119 ODNR – Div of Wildlife Archery in Schools Grant \$2,500.00

Increase Amended Certificate

499 9119 ODNR – Div of Wildlife Archery in Schools Grant \$2,000.00

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

Principals' Reports

High School

Mr. Black congratulated the cast and crew of “Mamma Mia” on their success. All three shows were well attended. He thanked the senior thespians who completed their careers with Liberty Center Drama. Mr. Black also informed the Board that Mr. Joel Penton, a former Ohio State Buckeye Football player and now motivational speaker, delivered his message to the students on March 13th. Mr. Penton also had a community presentation in the evening.

Mr. Black informed the Board that the Junior class took the ACT test in the Varsity Gym Lobby on March 12th. The High School Guidance Counselor has met with students to discuss scheduling for next year. Most students have submitted their course requests for next year electronically. The requests will be used to develop the schedule for next school year.

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The Prom will be held at the school on May 4, 2019 with dinner prior to the dance. Permission slips for students and guests are available in the High School Office. Everyone attending will need a permission slip.

Mr. Black also reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditoria for eighth grade parents to discuss the transition to High School. Additionally, many students in grades 9-12 will be taking the Henry County Youth Health Survey the first week in April. Letters have been mailed to the parents of the students who were chosen.

Members of the Henry County Ohio Means Jobs Center will be visiting the District the first week in May. The purpose of the visit will be to educate students about the job demands in the four county area.

Lastly, Mr. Black reported that End of Course testing will take place in the High School from April 14-18 and April 23-26. Students will be on a 2-hour delay schedule. Buses will run on a normal schedule.

Middle School

Mr. Mariano informed the Board of the following Middle School January Students of the month based on work ethic, character, and scholarship: Carly Ordway, Colton Szczepanski, Stone Roth, Callie Mock, Tristan Light, Eliza Jones, Logan Estelle, Adrianna Meyer, Alexis Shaneyfelt, Caylee Sager, Heath Atkinson, Jackson Zeiter, Taryn Kolodziejck, Alan Smith, Madelynn Shanks, and Vance Norrington.

Mr. Mariano reported that on March 19, 2019 Liberty Center hosted the Henry County Spelling Bee. He congratulated 7th grader Reese Kessler for winning 1st place and 8th grader Alfredo Villasana for finishing in 2nd place.

He updated the Board on the LC Reading challenge. Mr. Mariano said the students are doing a great job and the Middle School has read for a total of 296,728 minutes so far.

Lastly, Mr. Mariano presented the Board with the spring testing schedule. Their goal is to reduce the amount of educational interruption that is caused by spring testing.

Elementary

Mrs. Hartbarger thanked the Liberty Center community for the excellent turnout at the Family Literacy night. The event was a huge success with 390 people in attendance plus 194 students, all celebrating reading. Mrs. Hartbarger also informed the Board of the next literacy event on May 6th. Liberty Center is partnering with Napoleon Schools to host author David Adler. David Adler is author of the Cam Jensen series. This is a two-part event beginning on May 6th at 5:30 p.m. with a community event. On May 7th we will hold an in-school event where Mr. Adler will talk to the students about being an author.

Mrs. Hartbarger reported on the success of the PTO Sky Zone Event on March 19th. It raised more than \$900.00, and Sky Zone reported that it was the most successful spirit night they have held to date.

On Friday, March 29, 2019, the Elementary will kick-off the 4th quarter PBIS celebration focusing on respectful behaviors. We ask everyone in our community to help us shape our young community members into respectful citizens by being good role models and praising respectful behaviors.

The Elementary participated in World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st by wearing wacky socks.

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Mrs. Hartbarger informed the Board that the District will be having a Disabilities Awareness Week during the week of April 1st to bring awareness and acceptance regarding all people with disabilities. During the week, special education staff will provide a variety of awareness activities for staff throughout the building. Student will also present information regarding their disabilities, how their disabilities affect them, and how they best learn.

The third and fourth grade students will complete the English Language Arts Ohio State Test on April 16th and 17th and the Math Ohio State Test on April 30th and May 1st.

Lastly, Mrs. Hartbarger updated the Board on the Million Minute LC Reading Challenge. The District is currently at 720,000 minutes read.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the football field. Maumee Valley Turf has conducted the soil tests and we are awaiting their report on fertilization and seeding. The irrigation system installation began last week. The last of the trenching and digging finished today with the installation of the mechanicals slated for this week. The goal of completion by April 1st appears to be on target.

The spring sports season opened up on Saturday with track competing at the Early Bird in Napoleon, baseball hosting North Central and softball hosting Miller City. This week will be busy with baseball and softball facing Edgerton, Montpelier and Ayersville, while track heads to the Liberty Benton Relays on Friday. The number of spring sports participants has increased from last year. Track is boasting 80 kids, baseball added a few freshmen only games and softball's numbers continue to grow.

Special Presentations:

Kindergarten/Early 5's Program: Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger and Mrs. Kim Kamelesky

Mrs. Hartbarger and Mrs. Kamelesky presented on the Kindergarten/Early 5's program that will be offered beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

eSports: Mr. Trevor Hug and Mr. Dustin Mays

Mr. Hug and Mr. Mays presented on eSports.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters reported that the District is mandated by the state to have a Business Advisory Council (BAC). The District is opting to partner with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center to meet the requirements set by the state.

Mr. Peters also 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 met in March to explore this further and is recommending the District withdraw from the Northwest Safety & Special Education Financing District.

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Mr. Peters updated the Board on the status of the Veterans' Memorial Wall Project. He said that it is ongoing and scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day. The bricks from the old gym will be used to create a sitting wall. Bricks are still available for purchase from the LC Education Foundation.

Lastly, Mr. Peters reported that the Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

#39-19 Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Approve membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2019 and ending February 28, 2020.

Approve the contract renewal for the (free) Basic Educational Technology Membership in NWOET for 2019-20.

Commend the following high school wrestlers:

1. Caleb Carpenter: 2nd Place at State, 195# weight class
2. Dylan Matthews: 7th Place at State, 120# weight class
3. Tyler Kay: State Participant
4. Cameron Henneman: State Participant

Commend the following middle school wrestlers:

1. Xander Myers: State Participant
2. Kaden Soto: State Participant
3. Owen Box: State Participant

Commend Hannah Feather for participating in State Bowling and earning 55th Place

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

#40-19 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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 Personnel Agenda items as follows:

Approve the following individuals as chaperones on the 6th Grade Camp Willson trip, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Jenni Allen
Jack Bartels
Lori Bostelman
Nicole Brogan
James Case

Calvin Hill
Jeff King
Kerry Krugh
Richard Leatherman
Erin Lubinski

Trisha Sattler
Michael Scott
Kylie Shultz
Jeannie Strain
Kami Vasko

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Stacey Chamberlain	Brandy Minnich	Cheryl Weirich
Steve Collins	Brenda Oberhauser	Tim Weirich
Kathy Curlis	Rachel Orr	Julie Wheeler
Louis Gibson	Susan Patton	Rachel Young
Steve Giesige	Deanna Reckner	Sarrah Zeiter
Shane Gramling	Karrie Rentz	Peg Zientek
Seth Hammontree	Stephanie Sager	Steven Pieracini

Approve Louise Dalton as a tutor for a homebound student for a maximum of five hours per week through the end of the 2018-19 school year at the LCCTA tutor rate.

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

#41-19 Business Advisory Council (BAC)

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board approve the resolution for the Business Advisory Council in utilizing the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center.

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

#42-19 County School Financing District

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board adopt a resolution withdrawing from the Northwest Safety & Special Education Financing District.

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

New Business

The next Board meeting is April 22, 2019.

Board Members' Committee Reports

A Policy Committee meeting needs to be scheduled prior to the April board meeting to review the NEOLA updates to the Liberty Center School District Policies.

#43-19 Executive Session

The motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. for the purpose of:

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 8:32 p.m.

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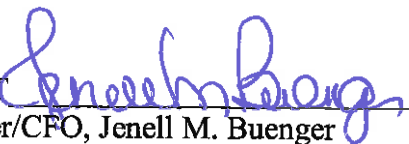
#44-19 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to adjourn the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:33 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