

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
March 19, 2018

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center with board members Jeff Benson, Neal Carter, Todd Spangler, John Weaver and Andrea Zacharias present.

#23-18 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Benson to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Liberty Center Board of Education held on February 19, 2018.

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report-Mrs. Jenell Buenger

Mrs. Buenger reported on the monthly financial reports, saying the Budget to Actual report shows we are ahead a bit in revenues. She said so far this year casino taxes are up over \$400, income tax receipts are higher than last year, and property taxes have come in higher than anticipated. In addition, Clarence and his staff have taken numerous loads in for recycling, which has generated \$3970.61, as opposed to a normal year when we take in about \$250 from recycling. She said we have also had some expenses that weren't anticipated, such as costs for additional dumpsters to dispose of items during the move to the new school.

Mrs. Buenger explained that the NwOESC agreement for FY19 at a cost of \$580,004 is higher than last years \$456,304. She said the agreement is based on this year's students and the services they are receiving.

She said the Foundation deduction agreement with the ESC was revised due to the mid-year estimate costs being higher than previously thought. She said we get the initial agreement in March so it's difficult to know how many students will be receiving services. She said the largest increases are in high school multiple disabilities services, an additional para for preschool, speech, and OT services. Mrs. Buenger said we also added our gifted coordinator and education consultant, which was not on the initial estimate. Mrs. Buenger said by revising our deduction, we will have less to pay at the end of the school year.

Regarding donations, Mrs. Buenger said we received \$2710.00 from the family of Norma Miller for the Spring Sports Complex's baseball field and \$2500.00 from Glenn and Suzanne Hunter for the Spring Sports Complex.

#24-18 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias 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

Approve the agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) to provide services beginning July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$580,004.00

Ratify the revised Foundation Deduction Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC), for special education service for fiscal year 2018.

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Accept the following donations:

\$2,710.00 from the Family of Norma Miller for the baseball field at the Spring Sports Complex

\$2,500.00 from Glenn and Suzanne Hunter for the Spring Sports Complex

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

Nays: None – Motion Carried

Athletic Director's Report-Jake Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the indoor turf in the Spring Sports Complex building has been installed and improvements to the lighting will happen in the next few weeks.

The 1953 floor committee is adjusting its timetable for the removal of the floor, given the demolition schedule. The Athletic Boosters are planning the floor sale for late summer or early fall.

The varsity coaches met with Jake and continued their discussion of summer conditioning. The coaches brought their summer schedules for discussion and compromise. Jake said the coaches had the attitude of "doing what is best for kids". He said since we are a school that shares athletes, many of whom play two or three varsity sports, it is imperative that we hold the attitude that "working together makes us all stronger".

Mr. Johnson gave an update on athletes who recently competed. He said the Competition Cheer Team competed at State and took first place in their division for the second year in a row. They will travel to Columbus on May 16 where they will be recognized at the State House. State Senator, Rob McColley, 1st Senate District, will present a Senate Resolution on the Senate Floor during session. A tour of the State House will precede the recognition. Caleb Carpenter finished 5th place in State in the 220 lb. weight class. This was Caleb's third trip to the State and first trip to the podium. Jared Sturgell cleared 12 ft. finishing 19th at the State Indoor Championships in Columbus. Owen Long, Emmett Perry, Cameron Foster, Andrew Moench, and Owen Johnson competed at the Jr. High State Wrestling Meet. Jerica Hollenbaugh will play in the District 7 All-Star game on April 8th at Notre Dame Academy. Meghan Skeens and Syndi Altman will be playing in the Bryan Times Cage Classic All-Star game on April 6th at Bryan High School.

Principals' Reports

Mrs. Kelly Hartbarger, Elementary Principal, reported that they have had a number of practice ALICE and safety drills and will continue to assess the procedures. She encouraged parents to "like" the Liberty Center Elementary Facebook page to view the video of a book called, "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared". She said the book does a nice job of explaining the ALICE drill in a child appropriate manner.

- She said for the last year and a half they have been researching and reviewing a variety of core reading program options. Teachers have been visiting school districts in the area to view programs of interest. She said they are excited about revamping the core language art program.

The last PBIS awards assembly was held in February. During that time they recognized several students for their excellence in reading, math, and "on task" behavior. This quarter they are focusing on the behavior of "Always Safe", which ties nicely into the school safety drills.

On the same day as the PBIS assembly, they hosted a visit with Kerry Kazaam who did a great magic show and focused on safety in our community.

Mrs. Hartbarger said The National Children's Theater will present a half hour performance on energy

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conservation on March 28th in conjunction with the next PBIS assembly.

Mr. Nick Mariano, Middle School Principal, reported that the Auditoria was a wonderful place to have the middle school choir concert on March 13th.

On March 6th, the entire 8th grade took a field trip to Four County to learn about the services and classes that are available. Students were provided with program information along with what they need to do if they choose Four County as their educational path.

Last week the newly formed Writing Club had their first day of reading to Mrs. Feehan's First Grade students. He said this was an exciting experience for the Middle School students.

Today, a group of 8th graders was given the opportunity to visit Mercy Medical College where students got to do a variety of hands-on science experiments. Students said the highlight of the trip was the life-size robotic patient, who they got to give CPR to.

State testing will begin in a few weeks. Teachers are working to equip the students to know how to take the test along with the content to do well on the test.

Tom Geberich helped Mr. Mariano with an assembly for the 7th and 8th grade boys. They met with the boys to challenge them to make better choices, to treat young ladies with respect, and to treat each other with respect. Mrs. Ahleman met with the girls regarding similar topics.

Congratulations to Reese Kessler for coming in third at the Henry County Spelling Bee! Kierstan Maas took the runner-up position at the bee.

The middle school donated a total of \$2,580.94 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The National Junior Honor Society recently took a field trip to the University of Toledo for a CCP presentation and lunch.

Mr. Larry Black, High School Principal, reported that February 22nd was the 8th grade transition meeting, which included a discussion of the scheduling process for high school. Also that evening was the Spring sports required OHSAA Parent meeting.

On February 27th the Junior class took the ACT test. They were able to test all but two students on that date. Make-up tests will be given on March 20th.

The Spring Musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" was held on March 1- 3. This was the first musical in the new facility. The show was well attended with about 500 people over the three nights.

The HS band and choirs performed a recital on March 6th of their pieces for OMEA contest. The choirs competed at Archbold on Saturday March 10 and the band competed at Sylvania Southview on Friday, March 9.

On March 8th, the district was recognized By The ESGR office of the Department of Defense with the "Patriot Award". The award is designed to honor individual supervisors who support their Guard and Reserve employees. This award speaks to the commitment of the Liberty Center Schools to their employees by having processes in place that allow for Guard employees to fulfill their duty commitments. The nomination was made by Brett Green, the Digital Academy teacher and a Major in the Ohio National Guard.

Congratulations to Caleb Carpenter, a three time state qualifier who finished in 6th place at the State Wrestling tournament.

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The Liberty Center FFA will hold their annual banquet on Thursday March 22 in the Auditoria.

Students from Liberty Center, Patrick Henry, and Holgate will have work on display as part of an Art Show at the Armory in Napoleon. There is a reception planned for Sunday March 25 from 2-4. Art students also participated in the Congressional Art show at Owens Community College and regional judging for the Governor's show in Columbus.

Superintendent's Report- Dr. Tod Hug

Dr. Hug placed his retirement resignation, which takes effect on Dec. 31, 2018, under the regular personnel recommendations on the board agenda. He said he will be taking a position as the Executive Director of NBEC/NWOCA. Dr. Hug said "This has been a brief three years, but it has been productive. I've thoroughly enjoyed every minute. This is a great place to work, but a different opportunity came up for me."

Dr. Hug reported that demolition of the old school building is technically a week behind schedule due to issues with getting the utilities unhooked at the building. However, now that the wrecking crew has started, the building is coming down quickly.

He said there will be another auction pertaining to the old gym/little theater area. It will be a 24-hour online auction on March 27. He said all items must be removed by March 30 because demolition on the building is slated for April 2.

#24-18 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 Recommendations as follows:

Approve renewing membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, through Feb. 28, 2019 at a cost of \$100.00.

Ratify the Master Energy Purchase Agreement with AEP Energy as presented.

Approve the contract renewal for the (free) Basic Educational Technology Membership in NWOET for 2018-19.

Approve the following revised or new board policies:

#2271
#2464
#4120.5
#5136
#5136.01
#5200
#5330
#5530
#6233
#6680
#7300
#8600.04
#4121

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#4162
#5111
#5112
#8400
#8600.04
#9141

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

#25-18 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 approves the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations as follows:

Approve the following stipends to Liberty Center classroom teachers who served as mentor teachers to students during the fall of 2017. These funds were received from Lourdes University

Andrea Panning	\$75.50
Carrie Sines	\$75.50

Regretfully accept the resignation of Dorothy Kalisik, custodian, effective Feb. 21, 2018.

Offer Katherine Bell a one-year probationary contract effective August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019, as a classroom teacher (Vo-ag). She will be placed at Bachelor's. Step 0 on the LCCTA 2018-19 Certified Salary Schedule, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Benefits will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement.

Offer Katherine Bell, classroom teacher, a 35 day extended contract for the 2018-19 school year.

Offer Cameron VanArsdalen a two-year, 220 day contract as the Director of Off-Campus Pupil Personnel, beginning August 1, 2018 and ending on July 31, 2020, at a yearly salary of \$42,500.00.

Regretfully accept the retirement resignation of Dr. Tog Hug, Superintendent, effective Dec. 31, 2018.

Approve the following individuals as chaperones for the Spanish Club's trip to Puerto Rico on April 4-10, 2018, pending completion of a background check and any other necessary paperwork:

Jesus Soto
Hillary McBride
Nicole Bachman
Tricia Jeffers
Teresa Hansen-Smith
Lisa Storer
Jennifer Jenkins
Angela Sonnenberg
Wendy Long

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Nays: None - Motion Carried

Board Members' Committee Reports

Legislative Liaison

Mr. John Weaver, Legislative Liaison, reported about the proposed House Bill 512 would take functions away from the state board of education and put it in the hands of the Department of Learning and Achievement. He said this would mean no monthly meetings for the public to give their input on matters, no representation of the school districts, and could negatively impact funding of schools.

#26-18 Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Carter that the board go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

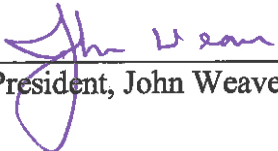
VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Benson, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter, Mr. Weaver
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

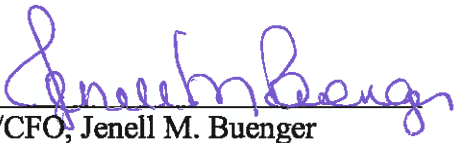
#27-18 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the March 19, 2018 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:34 p.m.

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



President, John Weaver

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger