

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.
LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 100 HAINSVIEW DR., NEWARK, OHIO

Vision Statement: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day.

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda items titled Public Comment - Agenda Items Only and Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only." Licking Valley Board Policy 0165.1 - REGULAR MEETINGS

ROLL CALL

The Licking Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 9, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School Media Center. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Kim Christian, Mrs. Carolyn Kollar, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, Mr. Evan Fee and Mr. Matthew Fehrman, Student Representatives were in attendance as well.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

**School Board Recognition Month
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Licking Valley Local School District is to meet diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

WHEREAS, school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Beery, Superintendent, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Licking Valley School Board and proclaim the month of January 2023, as

School Board Recognition Month in Licking Valley Local Schools. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 9th day of January, 2023.

Signed: _____

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

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None

SPECIAL REPORT

High School – Activity Review – Mrs. Deana Bennett

- Mrs. Bennett provided an update on SADD activities. The program was able to raise enough money to cover their expenses and also donate additional funds to the Panther Pantry.
- The Junior class will start to plan for prom.

Middle School – Pre Engineering/Robotics – Ms. Mel Felumlee

- Mrs. Felumlee discussed some of the projects for Pre Engineering/Robotics. The projects typically have parameters, budgets, and are presentations for each project. The classes recently completed a Shark Tank project.

23-05 TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS 05

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Minutes of the Regular Meetings

It is recommended to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the December 22, 2022 Special Board Meeting.

Amending and Filing Certificates

It is recommended to approve the adjusting/filing amended certificates (including the 412 certificates) and appropriation codes to reflect additional incomes, advances, transfers, and expenditures through the end of the month.

FY22 Audit Update

Cultural Connections Fund

It is recommended to establish the following accounts and sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year.
 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP – Beth Adkins

Insurance Recommendation for 2023

It is recommended to approval the Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA) through TASC (125 Plan) at a cost of \$5.40 per person, per month (board cost) in order that our staff is able to receive a tax benefit if they choose to participate. Effective 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023.

It is recommended to continue our Board paid life insurance with CM Regent Solutions with the premium of \$.12 per thousand (basic .10; AD & D .02).

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Williams asked how about the cost for the FSA. Mr. Douglass said it the estimated cost is about \$400.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Kollar, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

23-06 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 06

Mrs. Kollar moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

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PERSONNEL

Official employment for all of our new hires is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a criminal records background check as required by ORC 3319.39, and receipt of appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

It is recommended to accept the following:

Resignations

| Name | Assignment | Effective Date |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Emily Lundquist | HS Sci Teacher | 1/27/23 |
| Leslie Hughes | Var Volleyball | 1/5/23 |
| Tammy Whitehair | 7 th Volleyball | 1/6/23 |

Substitutes 2022-2023

Substitute Aide

Melissa Perigo

Substitute Custodian (28 hours per week)

Lynsey Whisner

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Stedman said she is pleased that exit interviews happen.

Mr. Williams asked if it is policy to have an exit interview. Mr. Beery said we are doing it for everyone that leaves.

Ayes: Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

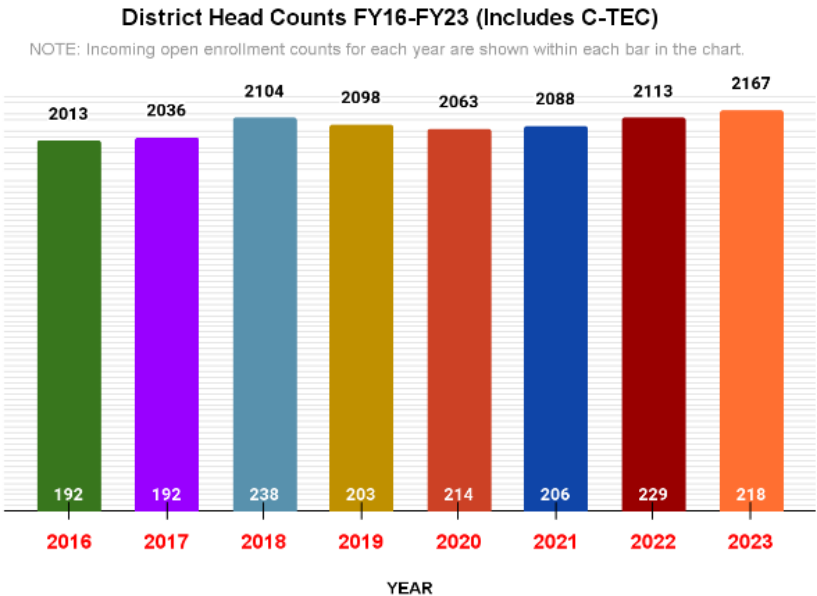
23-07 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mrs. Torbert moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following:

STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Enrollment



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Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2022-2023

Board Policy: 4417.01 - Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means:

Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student or group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other student(s) and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s); or violence within a dating relationship.

"Electronic act" means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.

Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being.

Licking Valley High School

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Grade Count</u> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 09 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Licking Valley Middle School

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Grade Count</u> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 06 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 07 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 08 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Licking Valley Elementary

| <u>Grades K-5</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 |

Suspension/Expulsions Report

LVHS

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|--|---------------|
| After School Work Program-1 day | 1 incident(s) |
| After School Work Program-2 days | 2 incident(s) |
| After School Work Program-3 days | 3 incident(s) |
| Bus Suspension | 1 incident(s) |
| Expulsion-80 days | 2 incident(s) |
| Out of School Suspension w/rec-10 days | 2 incident(s) |
| Saturday School-1 day | 1 incident(s) |
| Saturday School-3 days | 1 incident(s) |

LVMS

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| In School Suspension-1 day | 6 incident(s) |
| In School Suspension-2 days | 4 incident(s) |
| Out of School Suspension-10 days | 2 incident(s) |

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Out of School Suspension-3 day 1 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-5 days 4 incident(s)

LVIS
None

LVPS
None

DISCUSSION:
Mrs. Christian mentioned the number still seem to be high and that it saddens her.
Mrs. Stedman asked if we could see how many are related to vaping. Mr. Beery said he can provide that information.

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

23-08 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 08

Mrs. Kollar moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Gifts & Donations

It is recommended to approve the gifts & donations listed below:

| Donation Recipient | Amount | Received From |
|---|------------|---|
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$50.00 | Bill & Lissa Bennett |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$150.00 | Becky Lawrence |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$100.00 | Madison Grange |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$32.00 | Anonymous |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$50.00 | Phillip Clark-In Memory of Millie Clark |
| LVIS Student Fees | \$454.00 | Licking Valley Church of Christ |
| LVIS Student Fees | \$500.00 | Pleasant View United Methodist Church |
| LVMS Principals Fund | \$250.00 | Anonymous |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$125.00 | Judith Schonauer |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$75.00 | Judith & Albert Schonauer |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$5,000.00 | Anonymous |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$100.00 | Dana & Luann Fulk |
| LV Food Service-Negative Lunch Accounts | \$4,352.00 | Lunch Room Heroes |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$250.00 | James & Robin Hoekstra |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$50.00 | Douglas & Suzanne Sears |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$200.00 | Rusty & Kristen Luckeydoo |
| LVMS Principals Fund | \$75.00 | Anonymous |
| LVIS Student Fees | \$1,000.00 | Roberta J Sorrell |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$1,000.00 | Anonymous |
| LVHS Panther Pantry | \$1,000.00 | Utility Lighting, Inc |

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| Youth to Youth | \$10,000.00 | Anonymous |
| LVMS Panther Pantry | \$145.00 | Elementary Lights Event |
| LVHS Principals Fund | \$100.00 | LVHS Quiz Team |
| LVHS Principals Fund | \$3,500.00 | Class of 2024 |
| TOTAL | \$28,558.00 | |

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Williams thanked each person for the donations and commitment to the schools and programs that are offered. Mr. Beery described the Lunchroom Hero’s donations and how it helped our students. Mr. Williams provided his opinion and said people don’t give to things they don’t believe in and said that he believes that this is a reflection of the district’s leadership and he appreciates it.

Ayes: Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

23-09

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

It is recommended to approve the following Business items:

- Midstates Recreation**
It is recommended to approved the installation of playground equipment at the elementary school. Midstates Recreation will donate the equipment but we will need to pay for the installation.
- Ohio DAS Cooperation Purchasing Program**
It is recommended to continue the membership with Ohio DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program effective 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2024.
- Transportation Handbook**
It is recommended to approve the Licking Valley Local School District Transportation Handbook.
- Ohio High School Athletic Association**
It is recommended we continue our membership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Public Safety Bi-Directional Amplifier/Distributed Antenna System Project**
It is recommended to approve the noncompetitive emergency contract(s) with Bearcom for Public Safety Bi-Directional Amplifier/Distributed Antenna System Project for the High school and Elementary.

Bearcom
It is recommended to approve the noncompetitive emergency contract(s) with Bearcom for the purchase of equipment for use with the Public Safety Bi-Directional Amplifier/Distributed Antenna System Project.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Williams said it would be good if the audience could know the things that went wrong that required the security measures and their cost. Mr. Beery explained the dead spots that exist in our buildings that prevent officers from communicating on their radios. Mr. Beery explained the

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testing process that the District went through to test the dead spots. Mr. Beery provided the rough costs of the BDAs and radios that are needed. Mr. Beery said we cannot put a price on the safety of our students and staff.

Mrs. Torbert said she knows the District is on top of it and that it would be great if we could try to get additional funds and to make sure the expenses are allowable.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

23-10 BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS 10

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund

Whereas, the Licking Valley Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2023 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

DISCUSSION:

None

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Kollar, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

23-11 BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS 11

Mrs. Torbert moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

OSBA Membership

It is recommended that we approve the membership with the Ohio School Boards Association for the 2022-2023 school year. Annual Membership Dues for 2023 are as follows:

Annual Membership Dues - \$5848.00

OSBA Briefcase (Electronic Copy) - Free

School Management News: Option 1 (Electronic Copy) - \$150.00.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Stedman said she had planned to attend the new Board member training but that she is unable to attend.

Mrs. Kollar asked if we get about \$6000 of value from this. Mrs. Christian said yes and that the legal assistance is helpful and there are other helpful resources that are provided through the OSBA. Mrs. Torbert said we can call them for legal assistance. Mrs. Kollar asked if we have use of the legal service. Mr. Williams said he has used the legal assistance.

Mr. Williams said he received an email with the value that OSBA provides. Mr. Williams explained that the value seems to be exaggerated. Mrs. Torbert said the Workers Compensation program is invaluable and that the program is very helpful.

Mrs. Kollar said she had similar thoughts as Mr. Williams.

Mrs. Stedman said one of the reasons she is okay with paying that amount of money is that we have representation and that the money is spent towards lobbying. Mr. Williams asked if Mrs.

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Stedman thinks a majority of the value comes from the lobbying. Mrs. Stedman said she does think most of the value comes from the lobbying.

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Kollar, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

23-12 **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** 12

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following.

OSBA Legislative Liaison/Student Achievement Liaison

It is recommended the following Board Members serve as OSBA Legislative Liaison, Alternate and Student Achievement Liaison:

Legislative Liaison: Carolyn Kollar

Legislative Liaison Alternate: Casey Williams

Student Achievement Liaison: Julie Stedman

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Williams said he thought both Mrs. Stedman and Mrs. Kollar did an excellent job as the liaisons last year.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

23-13 **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** 13

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following.

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE THIRD GRADE ASSESSMENTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY PAPER AND PENCIL

Whereas the Ohio mandated Third Grade English Language Arts Assessment is a high-stakes test, in that students who do not achieve a proficient score as set by the Ohio Board of Education, and who do not achieve an equivalent score on an approved vendor assessment (for Licking Valley this is the MAP Assessment) must be retained in third grade for reading instruction; and

Whereas state test data indicates that students, in general, perform better on the state mandated assessments when students take them in paper-pencil format as compared to when students take them via computer; and

Whereas our students have experienced numerous and significant testing abnormalities when participating in the state’s online testing system; and

Whereas these testing abnormalities are not fixable during the assessment period, and are rarely if ever addressed afterwards in a way that allows the student to have a fair opportunity to truly demonstrate what they know and are able to do; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Licking Valley Local Board of Education does hereby approve the administration of Third Grade Assessments of English Language Arts and Mathematics to be Administered in paper and pencil format.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the board of education.

DISCUSSION:

None

Ayes: Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Fee and Mr. Fehrman provided an update on the activities happening at the schools.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Stedman provided an update on the student achievement. Mrs. Stedman was able to sit in with a class and described the positive experience.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mrs. Kollar provided a legislative update.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items)

Mr. Gordon Postle asked if we still put out the Valley View and said he thought it would be helpful to let people know what is going on with the school. Mr. Beery said no. Mr. Postle asked if there are any remaining folders for Lifewise and how many students are enrolled. Mr. Beery said that he has a folder and can provide it to Mr. Postle and that the enrollment for Lifewise is 93 students. Mr. Postle asked if the HB178 will be revisited. Mr. Beery said yes.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Kollar asked if we were going to have a Board working session. Mrs. Stedman said she would like to have a working session. Mrs. Stedman said she would like to discuss how we assess our progress and it aligns with our policies. Mrs. Stedman said we need to plan the working session. Mrs. Christian said the goals and evaluations have been done in the past. Mr. Williams would like to discuss participation further in the meeting when we discuss goals.

23-14 ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Kollar seconded the motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Christian closed the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fee, Mr. Fehrman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Kim Christian, President

Andrew Douglass, Treasurer