

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, AT 6:00 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.

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**ROLL CALL**

The Licking Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School Media Center. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mr. Craig Nethers, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert (President Pro-tem), and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, and Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer were also in attendance. Mr. Anthony Blizzard and Mr. Lincoln Clements, Student Representatives were in attendance as well.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**25-01      NOMINATION BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2025      01**

Drake McArtor was nominated by Julie Stedman.

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to close the nominations.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Mr. McArtor  
Motion Carried.

**25-02      ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT FOR 2025      02**

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to elect Drake McArtor as the Board President for 2025.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Mr. McArtor  
Motion Carried.

Newly elected President, Drake McArtor now presides over the meeting.

**25-03      NOMINATION BOARD VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2025      03**

Jo Lynn Torbert was nominated by Casey Williams.

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to close the nominations.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Motion Carried.

**25-04      ELECT BOARD VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2024      04**

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to elect Jo Lynn Torbert as the Board Vice President for 2025.

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Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Mrs. Torbert  
Motion Carried.

25-05                      **RESOLUTIONS**    05

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

**Resolution to Establish Board Meeting Times, Dates, and Locations for 2025**  
The Board of Education sets the meeting dates for regular Board meetings and scheduled special meetings as needed. Regular board meetings will be scheduled for the second Monday of each month and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library unless otherwise noted. The Board reserves the right to adjust the date of regular meetings based on Board member availability (e.g., summer vacation) and any other potential conflict due to the school district calendar. This resolution authorizes the Board to notice a change in the date of the Regular meeting with proper notice. The Board will make every effort to hold the meetings at its regular interval, but values attendance by all members and will adapt when needed.

**Proposed Meeting Schedule for Regular Meetings**

Meeting Date	Meeting Type
January 13, 2025	Organizational/Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025	Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025	Regular Meeting
April 14, 2025	Regular Meeting
May 12, 2025	Regular Meeting
June 9, 2025	Regular Meeting
July 14, 2025	Regular Meeting
August 11, 2025	Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025	Regular Meeting
October 13, 2025	Regular Meeting
November 10, 2025	Regular Meeting
December 8, 2025	Regular Meeting

**Establish the Rate of Pay for Board Members**  
Establish the rate of pay for board members at \$125.00 per meeting with a payment for 18 local meetings.

**Establish a Service Fund**  
WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3315.15 provides for setting aside from the general fund a sum not to exceed \$2.00 per child or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater, as the “service fund” and  
  
WHEREAS, this money shall be used only in paying members of the Board of Education expenses actually incurred in the performances of their duties: and

WHEREAS, the October enrollment for 2024 was 2,229.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Licking Valley Local School District hereby establishes a service fund to be set aside as an amount within the general fund. The amount established and appropriated will be \$4,458 for the said service fund.

**Establish a Records Commission**  
Resolution to establish a Records Commission composed of the President of the Board of Education, the Treasurer of the Board, and the Superintendent of Schools. The Commission

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shall meet at least once a year and establish rules for the retention and disposal of records and to review the same.

**Appoint a Purchasing Agent**

Appointment of the purchasing agent - Authorization for the Superintendent and Treasurer to serve as the purchasing agents for the school district for the 2025 year.

**Employment of Temporary Personnel**

Employment of temporary personnel - Authorization for the Superintendent to hire employees on a contingency basis pending receipt of their criminal history check and employ temporary personnel as needed for continuity of services for the District. Such employment is to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.

**Accept of Resignation of Personnel**

Accept resignation of personnel - Authorization for the Superintendent to accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board of Education. Such resignations of personnel are to be presented for approval by the Board at the next regular meeting.

**Advances and Advances on Tax Settlements**

Advances and Advances on tax settlements - Authorization and adopt the resolution for the Treasurer to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and to grant advances and repayments to all funds when needed.

**Purchase of Faithful Performance Bonds**

Authorize the purchase of faithful performance bonds at \$100,000.00 per person for the Superintendent, Accounts Payable, and Treasurer, and blanket bond coverage for all employees and other board members.

**Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills - Authorization of the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition, services have been completed to the satisfaction or based upon other contractual requirements during the current calendar year.

**Payment of Payroll**

Payment of payroll - Authorize the Treasurer to pay all payroll and the disbursement of checks during 2025.

**Applying for Federal and State Grants**

Applying for federal and state grants - Authorization for the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to apply for and administer any federal and state grants appropriate for the Licking Valley Local School District. Authorize the Treasurer to pay stipends in the amount specified when authorized by grant applications.

**Notification Official**

Authorize the Treasurer to be the Board's notification official for the contract situations that involve non-renewal or termination.

**Transfer of Funds**

Authorize the Treasurer to adjust appropriations within a fund and transfer funds if there is a deficit balance at the end of each month as needed.

**Investments of Inactive Funds**

Investments of inactive funds - Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy.

**Payroll Authorization**

Payroll Authorization - Authorization for the Assistant Treasurer, Payroll, to sign payroll checks in the event of the incapacity or absence of the Treasurer.

**Appropriation Modifications**

Appropriation Modifications - Authorization for the Treasurer to modify fiscal year appropriations as deemed necessary.

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*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mrs. Stedman verified the only meeting that isn't on the 2nd Monday is in March. Board members confirmed.*

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

**25-06                    APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025                    06**

Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.  
  
It is recommended the following Board Members serve as representatives on the School Board Policy Committee:  
Mrs. Julie Stedman  
Mr. Craig Nethers

It is recommended the following Board Members serve as OSBA Legislative Liaison and Alternate:  
Legislative Liaison: Mr. Craig Nethers  
Legislative Liaison Alternate: Mr. Casey Williams

It is recommended the following Board Member serve as Student Achievement Liaison for 2025:  
Mrs. Julie Stedman

It is recommended the following Board Members serve as representatives on the Licking Valley Finance Task Force:  
Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert  
Mr. Casey Williams

*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mrs. Stedman said she feels that we need to further discuss committees. She said it makes sense to her to at least discuss any need for additional committees.*

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

**25-07                    ADJOURNMENT                    07**

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 6:12 p.m.  
  
Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

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**RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**School Board Recognition Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, our community values a quality education as a vital step along the pathway to success for our children; and

WHEREAS, school board members contribute greatly to this community through their service on the Licking Valley Schools Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, these local decision-makers set the policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, these school board members are serving our community with integrity, honor, and a commitment to our children's futures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Beery, Superintendent, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Licking Valley Schools Board and proclaim the month of January 2025, as

School Board Recognition Month in Licking Valley 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Signed:



**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Agenda Items)

None

**SPECIAL REPORT**

**Student Spotlight** - LVHS National Honor Society - Hannah Berisford & Evan Roberts. Ms. Berisford and Mr. Roberts explained a recent community service project completed by the LVHS National Honor Society.

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**High School - Mr. Adam Arcuri - Out-of-State baseball trip**  
Mr. Acuri presented a request to travel out of state for a baseball trip. Mr. Arcuri explained the benefits of team unity and competition for the team.  
Mr. Williams asked how much of the amount needed would need to be paid by the families. Mr. Arcuri said they are not planning to charge the families and will use fundraising money.

**High School - Mr. Jeremy Tate - Out-of-State wrestling trip**  
Mr. Tate presented a request to travel out of state for a wrestling trip that would not be an additional cost to the students. Mrs. Stedman asked if he knew how many kids would attend. Mr. Tate said 14 were planning to attend.

**High School - Mr. Chad Dennis - Out-of-State softball trip**  
Mr. Dennis presented a request to travel out of state for a softball trip. Mr. Dennis explained the benefits for team unity and competition for the team. Mr. Dennis explained that the fundraising accounts would pay for this trip.

**High School - Renaissance Students - School Board Appreciation and Renaissance Update**  
Bianna and Maddie expressed their appreciation for the board.

**High School - Mr. Colton Kreager - Out-of-State FFA trip to the National Farm Machinery Show**  
Mr. Kreager presented a request to travel out of state for an FFA trip. Mr. Kreager explained some of the activities that would occur on the trip. Mr. Kreager explained students would pay half of the \$250 cost.  
Mr. Williams asked why only half of the cost is being covered and Mr. Kreager explained what can be covered based on the available budget.

25-08                      **TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS**                      08

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meetings**  
It is recommended to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Regular 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.

**New Funds**  
It is recommended to approve the creation of new funds for fundraising and athletics tournaments.  
Athletic fundraising 300-9201  
This will make it easier to see the athletic budget and athletic fundraising budgets separately.  
Athletic tournaments 300-9202  
This account will be used for tournament funds.

**Transfer Funds**  
It is recommended to approve the transfer of funds listed below for  
Athletics from 300-9200 to 300-9201: \$94,265.63

*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mr. Williams asked if the \$94,265.63 is what exists outside of athletics boosters. Mr. Douglass said yes.*

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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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.

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

**Resignations**

Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Larry Miller	Weight Room Supervisor – Boys	December 2, 2024

**Substitutes 2024-2025**

**Substitute Teacher**  
Misha Metcalf, Cynthia Romesberg, McKenzie Simmons

**Substitute Aide (Daily – Unit or 1:1)**  
Tracey Bishop

**Substitute Aide (Daily – Instructional)**  
Kelly Sensabaugh, Karen Rubrecht

**Substitute Custodian (Daily – 28 hours per week or less)**  
Lori Heminger (retroactive to January 8, 2025)

**Substitute Custodian (Call-in – 28 hours per week or less)**  
Michael Cost, Kirby Phillips

**Supplemental**

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Salary
Denali	Harris	Weight Room Supervisor Girls (Jan-Apr)	2024-25	4	Step - 1

*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mr. Nethers asked if we would have a weight room supervisor for girls and boys. Mr. Beery confirmed we would have both and the coaches can support both boys and girls.*

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

25-10

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

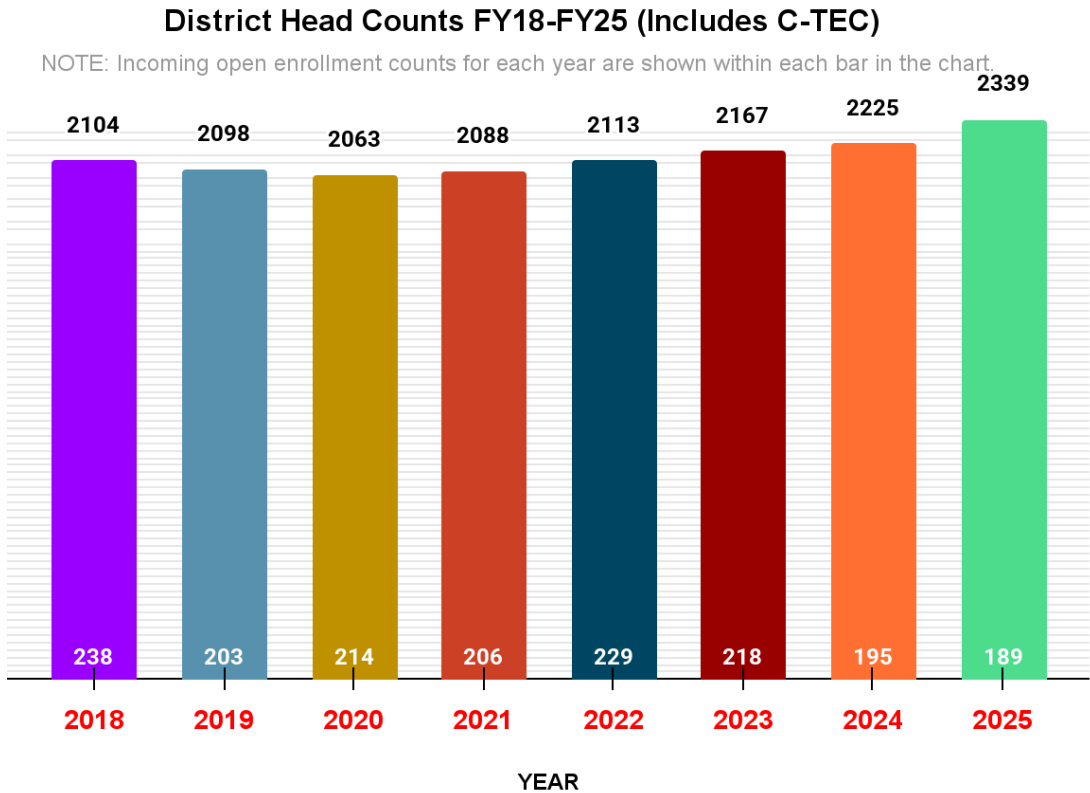
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Mr. Nethers moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following:

**STUDENTS/CURRICULUM**

**Enrollment**

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**Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2024-2025**

**Board Policy: 5517.01 - 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**

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
09	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

**Licking Valley Middle School**

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
06	0	0	0
07	0	0	0
08	1	0	1
TOTAL	1	0	1



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Licking Valley Elementary

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

**Discipline Report**

Licking Valley High School (0 Vape-Related Incident)

In School Suspension-1 day 1 incident(s)  
In School Suspension-2 days 2 incident(s)  
In School Suspension-3 days 1 incident(s)

Licking Valley Middle School (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

In School Suspension-1 day 12 incident(s)  
In School Suspension-2 days 5 incident(s)  
In School Suspension-3 days 1 incident(s)  
Out of School Suspension-1 day 3 incident(s)  
Out of School Suspension-2 days 3 incident(s)  
Out of School Suspension-3 days 1 incident(s)  
Out of School Suspension w/Rec-10 days 1 incident(s)

Licking Valley Intermediate

None

Licking Valley Primary

None

**Out-of-State Trip**

Baseball

It is recommended to approve the high school baseball team for the out-of-state trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate in The Ripken Experience Myrtle Beach. Athletes/families are responsible for their own transportation but the athletes/families will sign a waiver like last year. They will leave on March 26, 2025, and return on March 29, 2025.

Wrestling

It is recommended to approve the high school wrestling team for the out-of-state trip to Brooke, West Virginia on January 25, 2025.

Softball

It is recommended to approve the high school softball team for the out-of-state trip to Tennessee during Spring Break.

FFA

It is recommended to approve the Licking Valley FFA out-of-state trip to Louisville Kentucky for the National Farm Machinery show February 13 & 14, 2025.

*DISCUSSION:*

*Mr. Williams noted how incidents in middle school have been higher than at the high school and wondered why this might be the case. Mr. Beery explained some things that he thought could contribute to the difference in incident numbers.*

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mr. Williams, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

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**Gifts & Donations**

**Donations for December**

Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
HS, MS, Intermediate, Primary Principals Fund	\$1,027.40	LCSD Citizens Police, ACAD Alumni Association (256.85 for each building)
HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
HS Panther Pantry	\$452.00	Cash donation for Food Pantry from Intermediate and Primary Holiday Drive-Thru
Student Lunch Balances	\$50.00	Cack Watson
MS Panther Pantry	\$150.00	Licking Valley Lions Club
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,579.40</b>	

***DISCUSSION:***

*Mr. Williams offered his continued thanks for the support and donations.*

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**25-12                      SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS                      12**

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

**Business**

**Phone System Request for Proposal**

It is recommended to authorization to Solicit Bids for a New Phone System.  
The Licking Valley Local School District Board of Education recognizes the need to replace the existing phone system to improve communication, reliability, and efficiency across all district facilities.  
The current phone system is outdated and cannot have maintenance services provided in the event of a failure.  
The Board is committed to ensuring the best value and quality for its investment in district infrastructure.

The Licking Valley Local School District Board of Education authorizes the administration to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to qualified vendors for the replacement of the district’s phone system. The administration is directed to evaluate bids based on established criteria and present a recommendation for vendor selection to the Board for final approval.

***DISCUSSION:***

*Mrs. Stedman explained the conversation she had with Mr. Kelley about the phones and how that conversation helped her understand the current state and need of the phone system.*

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**25-13                      SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS                      13**

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

**Business**

**Surplus**

Recommended Action: To approve the items listed as surplus.

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Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason
NA	Janome School Mate Sewing Machine - C. Hughes	1	Broken
09139	Frigidaire Dishwasher - C. Hughes	1	Broken

Finalsite  
It is recommended to approve the 5-year (December 2024 - June 30, 2030) contract between Licking Valley Schools and Finalsite for a new website for 5 buildings and communications.

Medicaid School Program Cost Reporting  
It is recommended to approve the agreement with Julian & Grube for Medicaid School Program Cost Reporting.

Special Education Model Policies and Procedures  
It is recommended we approve the Summary of Changes to the Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

Ohio DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program (Renewal)  
It is recommended we continue the membership with the Ohio DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program effective 3/1/2025 - 2/28/2026.

*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mrs. Stedman said she is enthusiastic about the Finalsite decision for the district website.*

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried.

25-14                    **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS 14**

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

**THREE-YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR (1st Reading)**  
Introduction of the school calendars for consideration for years 25-26, 26-27 & 27-28.

**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 the calendar year 2025 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

**OSBA MEMBERSHIP**  
It is recommended that we approve the membership with the Ohio School Boards Association. Annual Membership Dues for 2025 are as follows:  
Annual Membership Dues - \$6,277.00  
School Management News: (Electronic Copy) - \$150.00  
Virtual Transportation Supervisor - \$300.00

*DISCUSSION:*  
*Mr. Williams discussed how much OSBA charges vs. the value that they provide.*  
*Mrs. Stedman discussed how OSBA has been helpful for some legal questions that she has asked and then how some other things have been disappointing from OSBA for things such as response times. Mrs. Stedman explained how some of the OSBA positions 1might not align with Licking Valley. Mr. Williams said he would like to review workers' compensation services for 2025. Mr. Nethers explained that it might be worth looking at other avenues because we have to pay additional money for some of the other resources and trainings from OSBA.*

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 Nays: None  
 Motion Carried.

**25-15                    BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS    15**

Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Stedman 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.

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

*DISCUSSION:*  
*None*

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements  
 Nays: None  
 Motion Carried.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

Mr. Clements provided an update on extracurricular activities.  
 Mr. Blizzard provided an update on athletic activities.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE**

Mrs. Stedman provided a student achievement update.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. McArtor provided a legislative update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items)**

Mr. Postle said congratulations on the newsletter.  
 Mr. Postle asked if the funds are insured by the FDIC. Mr. Douglass said yes.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Stedman discussed the board self-assessment that is in our policies and wanted to make a plan for the board to discuss the process. Mr. Nethers agreed that we should do this because it

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is in policy. The board decided to review the policy and assessment and discuss it in one of the upcoming board meetings.

Mrs. Stedman asked Mr. Beery about building tours. Mr. Beery explained the plan and how we were going to provide a few dates for tours.

Mrs. Stedman discussed a possible committee for curriculum that includes board members.

Mr. Nethers provided his thoughts about the committees and wondered what the expectation would be for teachers to participate in something like a curriculum committee.

Mrs. Torbert explained her thoughts about how curriculum is evaluated and how the curriculum is then presented to the board.

Mr. Williams said the presentations about courses and curriculum don't always provide enough information to understand everything in the course or curriculum that is being approved.

Mrs. Stedman asked if we could have a standing item on the agenda for committee updates that can be removed if there are no updates.

Mrs. Stedman provided an update on the most recent policy committee meeting and information that Mr. Beery will be sharing with the buildings about the strategic plan and policy updates.

**25-16                      EXECUTIVE SESSION                      16**

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to consider matters to be kept confidential by Federal law or regulations or State statutes and consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official.

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Adjourned to Executive Session: 7:31 p.m.

Returned from Executive Session: 8:38 p.m.

**25-17                      ADJOURNMENT                      17**

Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to adjourn.

Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

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Drake McArtor, President

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Andrew Douglass, Treasurer