

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 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.

"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 on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School Media Center. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer were in attendance also. Mr. Matthew Fehrman and Mr. Anthony Blizzard, Student Representatives were in attendance as well. Mrs. Carolyn Kollar was absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

Mr. Chris Clark asked for clarification about item C in the Treasurer’s report and asked if clarification could be provided. Mr. Douglass provided clarification and Mrs. Torbert provided the supporting documentation.

SPECIAL REPORT

High School - Mrs. Jessica Noser and Mr. John Barrett provided a special report making a request to travel out of state to New York with band and choir students. The band and the choir would perform during the trip. Mr. Williams asked how long the trip would be and how much the trip would cost. Mrs. Noser provided the cost. Mrs. Torbert asked if there would be fundraising for the trip. Mrs. Noser said there would be fundraising for the trip. Mrs. Stedman asked about the safety during the trip. Mrs. Noser explained some of the safety measures that would be taken during the trip.

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Mr. Williams moved and Mr. McArtor seconded the motion to approve the following.

Minutes of the Regular Meetings

It is recommended to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting/Regular Board Meeting, January 9, 2024 Special Meeting/Work Session and February 2, 2024 Special Meeting/Work Session.

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.

Budget Commission/Tax Levies

It is recommended to approve the resolution and amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission, authorize the necessary tax levies, and certify them to the county auditor.

DISCUSSION:

None

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fehrman, Mr. Blizzard
Nays: None
Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Motion Carried.

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24-17 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 17

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

Salary Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ralph Stidham	Discretionary Rate	February 11, 2024	Step 4

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sherry Krieder	Bus Driver	July 1, 2024

Retirements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carma French	MS Admin Asst	June 30, 2024
Ruth Satterfield	ES Social Worker	January 1, 2025

Substitutes 2023-2024

Substitute Teacher

Vickie Mealick, Stephanie Packer, Jessica Roback, Emma Swartz, Avreelle Martin

Substitute Custodian (Call-in)

Kathy Busby, Terri Lacy, Ashley Doss

Substitute Custodian (Daily)

Crystal Walpole

Appointments and Assignments 2023-2024

Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Tim Gerber	Elementary 2 nd Shift Custodian	1-Year Ltd	Step 4

Supplemental

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Adam Arcuri	Var Baseball Coach	2023-24	Cat 2-10
Roy Whisner	Var Asst Baseball Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-10
Justin Holman	JV Baseball Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-2
Jared Whittington	Fr Baseball Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-5
Tyler Kuhnes	Var Boys Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 2-6
Matt Sorg	Var Asst Boys Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-10
Kristie Conley	MS Boys Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-6
Cody Ketter	MS Asst Boys Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 4-1
Jessica Hoover	Var Girls Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 2-10
Kennedi Bailey	Var Asst Girls Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-0
Kat Kuhnes	MS Asst Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 4-4
Chad Dennis	Var Softball Coach	2023-24	Cat 2-3
Nate Whisner	Var Asst Softball Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-1
Larry Miller	Winter Weight Room – 20% contract	2023-24	Cat 4-10
Denali Harris	Winter Weight Room – 80% contract	2023-24	Cat 4-0

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Williams asked if there was an age threshold for the qualifications of individuals that are substitutes in the district. Mr. Beery explained the criteria for substitute teachers and how we handle substitutes that have recently graduated.

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Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

24-18 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 18

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

Appointments and Assignments 2023-2024

Supplemental			
Name	Assignment	Contract	Salary
Deb Fehrman	MS Girls Track Coach	2023-24	Cat 3-8

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Blizzard
Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Abstain: Mr. Fehrman
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

24-19 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 19

PERSONNEL 2024-2025

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

It is recommended to hire an additional Intervention Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Williams said thank you for the preparation that is put together for the business cases to help the board understand the cost, value, and risk associated with the decisions.
Mrs. Torbert said the business cases provide good communication and helps with the understanding of the proposals.
Mrs. Stedman thanked Mrs. Tiffany Schmitz for her work and for answering her questions related to the proposal.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fehrman, Mr. Blizzard
Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

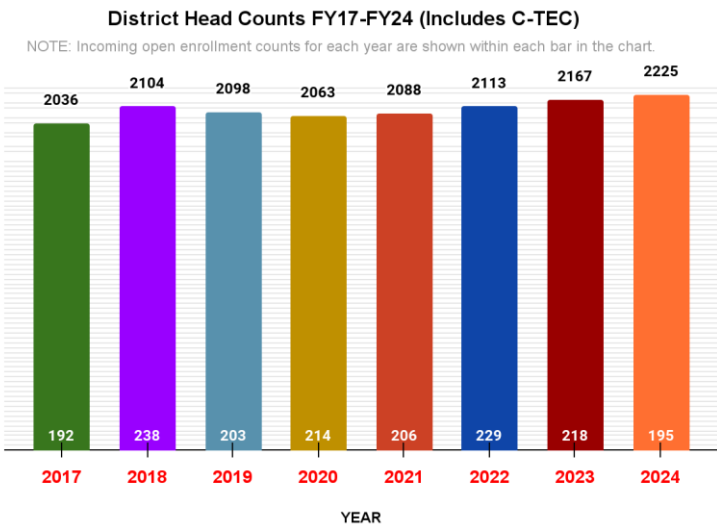
24-20 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 20

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STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Enrollment



Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2023-2024

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

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	2	0	2
08	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	0	2

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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 (2 Vape Related Incidents)

After School Work Program-1 day	4 incident(s)
After School Work Program-2 days	1 incident(s)
In School Suspension-1 day	2 incident(s)
In School Suspension-3 days	2 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-4 days	1 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-5 days	6 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-10 days	1 incident(s)
Saturday School-1 day	7 incident(s)

Licking Valley Middle School (0 Vape Related Incidents)

In School Suspension-1 day	11 incident(s)
In School Suspension-2 days	2 incident(s)
In School Suspension-3 days	3 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-3 days	5 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-4 days	1 incident(s)

Licking Valley Intermediate

Out of School Suspension-2 days	2 incident(s)
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Licking Valley Primary

Bus Suspension-2 days	1 incident(s)
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Out of State Trip Approval to New York City in 2025

It is recommended the Licking Valley Choir and Band trip to New York City be approved. The trip will be March 20 - March 23, 2025. The group will be traveling with their advisors Mrs. Jessica Noser and Mr. John Barrett.

Kenyon College Agreement 2024-25 School Year

It is recommended we approve the agreement for the College Credit Plus Partnership between Kenyon College and Licking Valley School District for the 2024-25 school year.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. McArtor asked if the incident previously discussed falls under bullying. Mr. Beery said it does not because it was the first offense.

Ayes: Mr. McArtor, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fehrman, Mr. Blizzard

Absent: Mrs. Kollar

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

24-21 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 21

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

Gifts & Donations

Monetary Gifts for January

Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
MS Panther Pantry	\$300.00	James & Linda Lawrence
HS Panther Pantry	\$1,040.00	James & Robin Hoekstra \$300 & O'Donnell Family \$740
HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark \$50

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Intermediate Principals Fund	\$500.00	Donation from Intermediate Panther Parents \$500
Licking Valley Local School District	\$2,500.00	Anonymous donation \$2,500
Licking Valley Local School District	\$2,500.00	Anonymous donation \$2,500
HS Panther Pantry	\$276.00	Licking Valley Lions Club \$276
LVHS SADD	\$150.00	Wade Wetzel \$150 – Donation for Panther Pause Day
LVHS SADD	\$100.00	Country Side Graphics and Designs LLC \$100 – Donation for Panther Pause Day
HS Panther Pantry	\$300.00	James & Robin Hoekstra \$300
Total	\$7,716.00	

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Williams said thank you for the donations and generosity from the community.
Mrs. Torbert also said thank you for the donations.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fehrman, Mr. Blizzard
Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Surplus

Description	Reason for Disposal
Epson PowerLite 108 – D Horsley ES Room 201	Broke

Purchase of a New Stage Curtain
It is recommended that we approve the purchase of a new stage curtain to replace the current one in the High School Auditorium.

Purchase of (2) Two School Buses
It is recommended to approve the purchase of (2) two school buses as specified from Rush Truck Centers of Ohio, Inc. through the META Solutions Cooperative School Bus Purchasing Program at \$114,256 per bus, with additional options, as provided in the backup material.

Ohio High School Athletic Association
It is recommended we continue our membership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

Retirement Plans and TSACG
Recommended Action:
Approval offering ROTH options for the 403(b) and 457(b) plans and approval of the agreements with TSA Consulting Group to provide compliance and administration services for 403(b) and 457(b) retirement plans.

DISCUSSION:
Mrs. Torbert said her understanding of the purchase of the 2 school buses is that 1 will be put up for bid and 1 will be scrapped for parts. Mr. Beery confirmed that we would sell 1 bus and scrap the other bus.
Mr. Williams said he wishes that OHSAA would admit their faults and make a statement to apologize to the state and community for their faults.

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Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Fehrman provided an update on student athletics.
Mr. Blizzard provided an update on other student activities happening at the district.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Stedman provided a student achievement update.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. McArtor provided a legislative update.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items)

Mr. Gordon Postle asked if we teach capitalism at Licking Valley and if so, why we would want to teach it in public school. Mr. Beery provided his thoughts on why it might be included in the curriculum. Mr. Clark provided some additional context on how the topic of capitalism may be included in the curriculum.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Stedman said that she and Mrs. Torbert continue to proceed with their work on clarifying board policy on library and materials. Mrs. Stedman mentioned some upcoming public meetings for the Village of Hanover and a survey that will also be available related to safety, bike paths, and walking paths.
Mr. McArtor said he was planning to attend the OSBA spring conference if anyone else is interested in attending.
Mrs. Torbert said the work is in process to survey the old high school property.
Mr. Williams provided comments about the CAUV value of property and that the property tax increases will be difficult to handle for some members of the community. Mr. Williams discussed the variable costs that exist between school districts in the county for various school events. Mr. Williams said we are the lowest wealth district in the county and the community has been overburdened with the tax burden on agricultural values. Mr. Williams provided an example of how much it costs his family to attend athletic events for his family and that it costs over \$2,000. Mr. Williams said that we are overburdening the community to participate and attend student activities and school events. Mr. Williams said it is too much.
Mrs. Stedman described her experiences with our school compared to other schools and explained that we have a good community and facilities.

24-23 ADJOURNMENT 23

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. McArtor seconded the motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Torbert closed the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Fehrman, Mr. Blizzard
Absent: Mrs. Kollar
Nays: None
Motion Carried.