

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

**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 September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Carolyn Kollar, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer and Mr. Matthew Fehrman, Student Representative were in attendance as well. Mrs. Kim Christian was absent.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Agenda Items)

None

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Building Goals

**High School** – Mrs. Whitney Malone

Mrs. Malone provided a review of progress for the goals from the prior year and provided an update for the High School for goals for the upcoming year. Mrs. Malone provided details about goals for the upcoming year and also described the new program that is being used at the high school to track student participation.

**Middle School** – Mr. Nate Whisner

Mr. Whisner provided a review of progress from the goals from the prior year and provided an update for the Middle School for goals for the upcoming year. Mr. Whisner explained how the Middle School plans to enhance the use of data to drive decisions at the Middle School.

Middle School – Gettysburg Trip – Mr. Mike Hageman

Mr. Hageman provided details about the Gettysburg trip from last year. Mr. Hageman asked for approval to do the Gettysburg trip again this school year.

**23-111      TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS      111**

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 August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the September 7, 2023 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.

**Appropriations**

It is recommended to approve the temporary appropriations for 2023-2024.

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**New Funds**

It is recommended to approve the creation of a new fund 499 Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant.

**Federal and State Projects FY24 2023-2024**

It is recommended to approve the 2023-2024 funds and any other funds that become available, grant permission to apply for the necessary funds, and grant the Treasurer permission to transfer/move general funds to each project as necessary to close out the projects next June.

**Title I Improving Programs:** \$273,910.74 LV and \$8,139.07 Non-public  
Funds will be used for a school wide program as it has been in prior years.

Title I funds will be used to:

Pay salaries for Title I teachers and aides for 2023-2024.

Purchase Souday supplies, Science of Reading instructional materials used K-8 for literacy instruction; whole group and intervention.

Purchase services for on-demand reading to increase student engagement and family learning.

Purchase other online tools to support students with math and reading comprehension.

**Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement:** \$43,105.59

Funds will be used for our middle school (focus) and a small portion of funds will be used for our online school (priority).

Title I Non-competitive funds will be used to:

Provide supplemental instruction and tutoring outside of core academic periods.

Purchase additional license or software materials for students and/or teachers.

Pay salaries of a reading teacher at the middle school.

Tutoring and intervention for students in our online school program.

**Title II-A Supporting Effective Instruction:** \$51,212.64

Funds will be used for staffing to improve teacher quality and support class size reduction.

**Title III Language Instruction for English Learners:** \$1,328.07

Funds will be used to participate in the consortium with the ESC.

**Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment:** \$20,707.69

Funds will be used for the district's SRO expenses.

**IDEA-B Special Education:** \$471,208.99

Funds will be used to:

Create a safe learning environment for special education students to ensure that students are able to access all school environments.

Purchase chromebooks, chromebook cases, and assistive technology for special education students.

Pay salaries for special education teachers and for stipend for special education aides.

**IDEA Early Childhood Special Education:** \$11,315.75

Funds will be used to participate in the ESC Consortium.

**Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Non-Competitive Grant:** \$18,939.41

Funds will be used to:

Purchase a service for data analytics at the middle school to help isolate strengths and weaknesses to improve our practices to be more effective educators for all of our students through personalized learning.

Purchase additional supplies, services, or programs to provide students with a variety of ways to learn.

Credit recovery and academic acceleration services for our online school.

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ESSER II: \$83,076.87

The remaining funds have been used for staffing and to pay for supplies, materials, training, and professional development for our literacy program.

ARP ESSER: \$499,637.31

The remaining funds will be used for staffing and to finish the window project at the high school. Funds will also be used to purchase supplies and materials for the literacy program if needs arise and all funds have not been expended on salaries.

ARP IDEA Part B Special Education: \$17,190.98

No changes to the previously approved plans. The remaining funds will be utilized to pay tuition, related services for behavior, technology and supplies for instruction and training.

ARP-Homeless Round II: \$4,780.96

The remaining funds will be utilized to help address immediate needs of students which may include temporary housing, transportation costs, supplies, hygiene products, or other immediate needs.

ARP-Homeless Targeted Support Grant: \$16,204.93

The remaining funds will be utilized to help address immediate needs of students which may include temporary housing, transportation costs, supplies, hygiene products, food, or other immediate needs. Additionally, the funds will be used to purchase a freezer for the panther pantry.

Student Wellness and Success: \$378,655.91

Funds to be used to:

Pay salaries for counselor positions for times where counselors are providing services that align with allowable costs.

Girls in Progress.

Pay salaries for physical education positions for time where counselors are providing services that align with allowable costs.

Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid: \$108,986.01

Funds to be used to:

Pay salaries of our school resource officer and additional expenses for supplies and materials as needed to implement district-wide cyber safety program.

Provide nursing physical health services provided through our partnership with Licking Memorial Health Systems or mental health services as applicable to support student health plans and behavior plan support.

Ruling Our Experience (ROX) and evoLVe – Offered to all students, empowering students in themselves, comfortable confidence, safety setting healthy boundaries, relationships, violence prevention, leadership, careers.

Stronger Connections Grant: \$28,938.11

Funds to be used to:

Pay salaries for the ISS position at the high school.

To support a well-rounded education for students through purchasing supplies and materials for music and arts to support student success or for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

**Transfers**

It is recommended we approve the following:

Transfer \$500,000.00 from the General Fund (001) into the Permanent Improvement Fund (003) to be used for district capital improvement needs.

To transfer \$88,529.00 for the General Fund (001) into the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund (034-2005) (#19 of 27) to fulfill the .5 Mil Certification requirement as permitted under O.R.C.3318.052.

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**Tuition Rate**

It is recommended we approve the tuition rate of \$5,597.79 (\$621.98/month) in-State tuition and \$11,115.22 (\$1,235.02/month) out-of-State tuition for FY24 as provided by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

**Account Sponsors**

It is recommended to approve the sponsors for the following accounts for the 2023-2024 school year.

200 Funds	
Class of 2026 – Sophomore Class	Emily Marconi
300 Funds	
Elementary Drama Club	John Grimm

***DISCUSSION:***

*Mr. Douglass indicated that each school year, districts and community schools are required to conduct public hearings on how they intend to spend their IDEA funds for special education. Licking Valley Local School District will simultaneously hold a public hearing on how they intend to spend their Title I funds. In addition to providing a spending plan for each area, the hearing must include an opportunity for public comments and input from program participants and parents regarding the usage of these funds.*

*IDEA funds for Special Education and Title I Hearing – no public comment*

*Mr. Williams asked if this was the last year for ESSER. Mr. Douglass said yes and indicated that the remaining ESSER II and ARP ESSER funds would be spent this year. Mr. Douglass said a large portion of the remaining ARP ESSER funds are for the high school window project that will be completed soon.*

*Mrs. Torbert thanked Mr. Douglass for the grant details provided.*

*Mrs. Kollar thanked Mr. Douglass for the monthly financial reports he provided.*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

**23-112      SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS      112**

**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.

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

**Salary Adjustments**

Name	Assignment	Contract	Salary
Jason Braddock	HS Math Teacher	September 11, 2023	M-11 to M+30-11
John Barrett	HS/MS Band	September 11, 2023	B150-7 to M-7

**Rescinded Contract 2023-2024**

Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Amberlynn Walker	Substitute Aide (Daily)	September 11, 2023
Dea Shaw	Substitute Aide (Daily)	September 11, 2023

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**Resignations**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sandi Cunningham	Substitute Bus Driver (Daily)	September 8, 2023

**Retirements**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carolyn Blizzard	HS Custodian	January 1, 2024 (change of date)

*DISCUSSION:*  
 None

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

**23-113                    SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS                    113**

**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. Kollar moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following.

**Appointments and Assignments 2023-2024**

**Supplemental**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Emily Marconi	Soph Class Advisor	2023-24	Cat 5-0
Michael Flowers	Var Boys Basketball	2023-24	Cat 1-6
Alan Stein	Var Asst Boys Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-5
Michael Hinger	JV Boys Basketball	2023-24	Cat 2-2
Mitchell Flowers	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-3
Robin Stein	Var Asst Girls Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-TOP
Krystal Kramer	JV Girls Basketball	2023-24	Cat 2-7
Katelyn McArtor	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-7
Nikki Thompson	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-7
Jeremy Tate	Var Wrestling	2023-24	Cat 2-TOP
Tyler Walker	Var Asst Wrestling	2023-24	Cat 3-2
Craig Boyd	JV Wrestling	2023-24	Cat 3-3
Tony Messina	MS Wrestling	2023-24	Cat 4-0
Tara Gordon	Var Cheer – Winter	2023-24	Cat 3-2
Larry Miller	Weight Room – Winter	2023-24	Cat 4-TOP

*DISCUSSION:*  
 None

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

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23-114            **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**            114

**PERSONNEL**

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

**Appointments and Assignments 2023-2024**

**Supplemental**

Name	Assignment	Contract	Salary
Cade Torbert	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	2023-24	Cat 3-2

*DISCUSSION:*

*None*

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

23-115            **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**            115

**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.

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

**Appointments and Assignments 2023-2024**

**Substitutes 2023-2024**

**Substitute Teacher**

Jennifer Ardrey, Susan Cromwell, Ray Fox, Mayce Freidner, Cherie Holland, Paul Gregory, John Marsh, Melany McNeal, Bruce Piper, Adrienne Tice, Melanie Stump, Michelle Waite, Lea Ann Yoakum, Kylee Koska

**Substitute Aide (Call-in)**

Amber Walker, Dea Shaw

**Substitute Bus Aide (Daily)**

Rita Ross

**Lunchroom Aide**

Pat Mong (effective 8/23/23)

**Title I Intervention Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement Tutors 2023-2024**

It is recommended to approve the following teachers to provide tutoring services to Licking Valley Middle School students identified needing such services. The rate of \$25 per hour will be paid from the Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement grant.

Parker Koch, Abby Fitz, Mike Hageman, Danette Morehouse, Morgan Bowersock, Kristi Burgess, Amanda Walters, Mary Stafford, Connie Mick, Kat Bowman, Natascha Bowman, Jacie Wolfe,

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Linda Hinton, Adam Britton, Amanda Cassidy, Brian Gant, Christy George, Erin Fee, Jeremy Almendinger, Kirsten Weirsma

*DISCUSSION:*

*None*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

**23-116      SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS      116**

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

**Title I Intervention Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement Tutors 2023-2024**

It is recommended to approve the Debbie Fehrman to provide tutoring services to Licking Valley Middle School students identified needing such services. The rate of \$25 per hour will be paid from the Title I Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement grant.

*DISCUSSION:*

*None*

Ayes: Mrs. Kollar, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Fehrman

Absent: Mrs. Christian

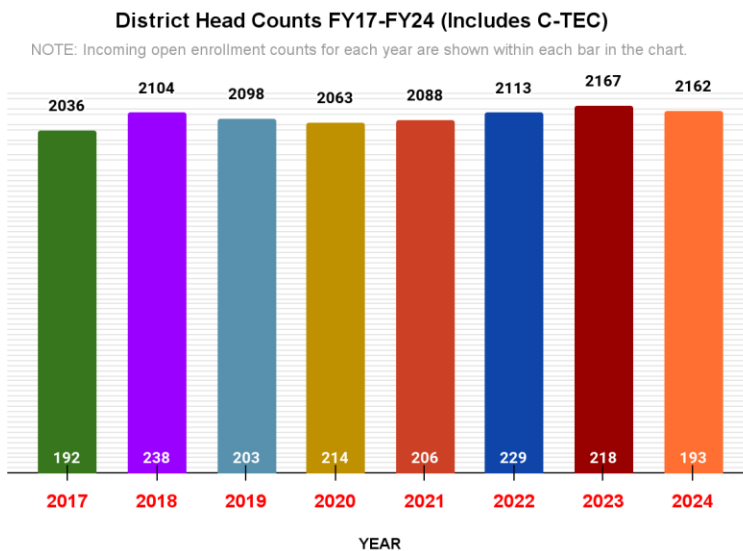
Motion Carried.

**23-117      SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS      117**

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

**STUDENTS/CURRICULUM**

**Enrollment**



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**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	0	0	0
08	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

Licking Valley Elementary

Grades K-5	Males	Females
TOTAL	0	0

**Discipline Report**

Licking Valley High School

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

Licking Valley Middle School

In School Suspension-1 day                      2 incident(s)

Licking Valley Intermediate

None

Licking Valley Primary

None

**Special Education and Related Services**

It is recommended we approve the agreement between the Licking Regional Educational Service Center and Licking Valley School District for the Title I Nonpublic School Program. For the



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2023-2024 school year, Licking Valley School District agrees to transfer funds for its Title I allocation in the amount of \$8139.07 to Licking Regional Educational Service Center for Granville Christian Academy.

**Overnight Trip Approval**

It is recommended the LVHS FFA overnight trip to the Ohio FFA Greenhand Camp in Carrollton, Ohio be approved. The trip will be September 24, 25, 26, 2023 with Mr. Colton Kreager and Mrs. Haley Skinner as their advisors.

**Out of State Trip Approval**

Licking Valley 8th Grade Trip 2024

It is recommended the LVMS 8th grade trip to Gettysburg Battlefield in Pennsylvania and Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland be approved. The trip will be May 5, 2024 - May 8, 2024 with Mr. Michael Hageman.

Licking Valley FFA

It is recommended the LVHS FFA trip to the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City Missouri and Indianapolis, Indiana be approved. The trip will be October 31, 2023 - November 4, 2023 with Mr. Colton Kreager and Mrs. Haley Skinner as their advisors.

*DISCUSSION:*

*Mr. Williams asked if we could provide a breakout of vaping incidents in the discipline report.*

*Mr. Beery said yes and that he will provide the information.*

*Mrs. Stedman said she appreciates the information provided under number 4 (Special Education and Related Services).*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

23-118

**SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**Gifts & Donations for August**

Monetary Gifts

<u>Donation Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Received From</u>
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
Anonymous Buyers	\$336.20	Kristen Rose-Amazon Wishlist Classroom Supplies
HS Band	\$1,000.00	Paul & Andrea Mazerik for LVHS Band on behalf of James Calvin and Adam Wright
Primary School Student Lunch Balances	\$983.60	Prime Outdoor Living Inc.
HS & MS Panther Pantry	\$425.00	Donations in memory of Ric Lahmers (\$212.50 each group)
HS Band	\$269.29	Transportation Donations from Music Boosters
HS & MS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Donations in memory of Ric Lahmers (\$25 each group)
	<b>\$3,114.09</b>	

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*DISCUSSION:*

*Mr. Williams said thank you and he appreciates the generosity.*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

**23-119            SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS            119**

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

**Extra Duty Agreement with Licking County Sheriff's Office**

It is recommended we approve the Extra Duty Agreement between Licking Valley Schools and the Licking County Sheriff's Office.

*DISCUSSION:*

*Mr. Williams asked about the expense for the SRO. Mr. Beery provided information about the cost of the SRO that we currently have.*

*Mr. Williams indicated the information that he would like to be included in the strategic planning questions related to SROs. Mr. Beery said he would follow up with The Impact Group to see what can be included in the questionnaire.*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

**23-120            BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS            120**

**OSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

It is recommended the following Board Members serve as delegate to the annual business meeting, or other called meeting, with power to vote.

Mrs. Carolyn Kollar, delegate

Mr. Casey Williams, alternate

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

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

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE**

Mrs. Stedman indicated that we will not have a student update until next month to allow buildings to focus on kicking off the new school year.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mrs. Kollar provided a legislative update.

Mrs. Stedman provided details about Issue 1 and how it may impact school districts and their interactions with students and parents. Mrs. Stedman indicated that she would like the Board to express their opinion.

Mrs. Stedman asked for the opinion of the Board.

Mr. Williams said he is for parental rights.

Mrs. Torbert asked Mr. Beery for his thoughts on the legislative update. Mr. Beery indicated that he would follow the advice provided by the district's legal counsel.

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Mr. Williams said he was unaware this was discussed with the attorney and that any time that the district’s attorney is involved he has a right to know.

Mrs. Kollar said that parental rights are something that she believes in.

Mrs. Torbert said Mrs. Stedman did a nice job bringing awareness to the bill.

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

Ms. Mary Kay Martin asked the Board if she is negating the client student confidentiality and that she is confused. Ms. Martin asked Mrs. Stedman if she feels it is inappropriate to have a confidential discussion between a counselor and a student. Ms. Martin said we are here to look out for all students. Mr. Beery provided clarification Ms. Martin about what he thought Mrs. Stedman was trying to convey with her message as it relates to teachers and students Mrs. Stedman said she is happy to share the information she mentioned in the legislative update if anyone wants the information.

Mr. Gordon Postle said he would like to show the Board the Licking Valley Heritage Society building. Mr. Postle asked if the audit report was available and if there are any citations. Mr. Douglass said yes. Mr. Postle asked if we are okay. Mr. Douglass said yes.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Stedman said it is important how we advertise the community survey for the strategic plan. Mrs. Stedman said she sent Mr. Beery a few more questions that she would like to have added to the questionnaire for the strategic plan.

Mrs. Malone asked the Board if they had suggestions about where we could provide additional communications to the community. Mr. Williams said he has some suggestions and would discuss them with Mrs. Malone.

The Board expressed how they were delighted to see students involved recently.

**23-121      ADJOURNMENT**

**121**

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

Mrs. Torbert closed the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Christian

Motion Carried.

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Jo Lynn Torbert, Vice President

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Andrew Douglass, Treasurer