

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

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

ROLL CALL

The Licking Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The following members responded to roll call: Ms. Mary Kay Martin, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert, Mrs. Lucinda Wills and Mrs. Kim Christian. Mr. Rylan Felumlee, Student Representative, Dr. David Hile, Superintendent and Ms. Tonya Boyd, Treasurer were also present. Mrs. Becky Clark was absent but participated via Zoom. She was not permitted to vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR – None

SPECIAL REPORT

Mike Hageman, 8th Grade Trip to Gettysburg – Mr. Hageman provided information regarding the 8th grade trip for 2021-2022. He stated approximately 200 adults and students attended the 2020-2021 trip. He said last year the tour did not include a visit to Washington D.C. instead, the group visited the Flight 93 Memorial. Mr. Hageman stated the same itinerary will be followed for the 2021-2022 trip.

Mrs. Torbert complimented Mr. Hageman for the time and effort he has dedicated to this trip each year. The remaining board members expressed their gratitude as well.

Kate Patterson, Food Service Supervisor – Kate provided an update on food services. She mentioned she has seventeen staff members and needs one more to fill her roster. She provided details regarding food service continuing to operate in the black. She also provided information on different local charities (including Panther Pantry) that she donates unused fruits and vegetables too that are nearing the end of their shelf life. Kate provided those in attendance information about the items served at each building. She also spoke highly of being able to serve the kids who participated in the Summer Learning Loss Camp.

Mr. Casey Williams asked Kate about the possibility of growing our own fruits and vegetables. Kate replied by stating it would take a lot of effort and coordination with the FFA. Kate also confirmed she purchases fruit and vegetables locally in Newark as often as possible.

Ms. Deb Dingus, United Way, shared information that there is a possibility of a local produce truck delivering to schools.

21-75 TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Ms. Martin moved and Mrs. Wills seconded the motion to approve the following.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

It is recommended to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, August 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting and September 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

Financial and Student Activity Reports

It is recommended to approve the August 2021 Financial and Student Activity reports which include the adjustment of the revenue/appropriations for August.

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Amended Certificates

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

Five Year Projection

It is recommended to approve the updating and re-filing the 2020-2021 five (5) year projection and give permission for the treasurer to amend, and re-file when necessary.

Permanent Appropriations for FY22

It is recommended to approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY22 as submitted.

Federal and State Projects 2021-2022

It is recommended to approve the following:

Title I - \$264,138.43 – Program focus is school wide which allows better flexibility. Funds will be used to pay Title I teachers for the 21-22 budget.

Title II-AQ - \$49,067.85 – will be used for primary staffing to improve teacher quality and a portion of a special education teacher hired through the Licking County ESC.

Title VIB - \$409,601.70 – Project must serve special education students. Funds used to pay teachers for special education students, ED/MD services, Pre-School costs and Special Education Coordinator as funds allow.

Title IV-A- \$ 20,388.78 – Student Support & Academic Achievement. Funds will be used for a portion of the District's SRO expenses.

2021-22 Title VIB, Title I, Title II-AQ, 6b Restoration, Title III, Title IV-A, One Net, E Rate, Coronavirus Relief Fund, ESSER II, ARP ESSER and any other funds that become available and grant permission to apply for the necessary funds. It is also recommended that the Treasurer be granted permission to transfer/move general funds to each project as necessary to close out the projects next June.

Transfers

It is recommended to approve the following:

1. To transfer \$ 0.00 for 2020-21 for the Capital Improvement & Maintenance Set-a-Side Fund (001-9002) as per HB30 Method as calculated by the Department of Education Requirement and Permanent Improvement Transfers FY19 (No voted levy).
2. To transfer \$ 88,529.00 for the General Fund (001) into the Classroom Facilities Maintenance Fund (034-2005) (#16 of 27) to fulfill the .5 Mil Certification requirement as permitted under O.R.C.3318.052.
3. To transfer \$ 500,000.00 from the General Fund (001) into the Permanent Improvement Fund (003) to be used for Capital Improvement needs.

Tuition Rate

It is recommended to approve the tuition rate of \$578.77 per month for FY22 as provided by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Boyd advised the district is receiving an increase of \$13,858.54 in federal funds over 2020-2021 (FY21).

Ayes: Ms. Martin, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Clark

Motion Carried.

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21-76 **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

PERSONNEL

Salary Adjustments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mariah Riedel	Teacher	September 3, 2021	B-6 to M-6
Nathan Whisner	Teacher	September 3, 2021	M-13 to M+30-13
Emily Lundquist	Teacher	September 17, 2021	B150-4 to M-4

Resignations/Retirements

It is recommended to accept the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Nethers	Bus Driver	8/2/21

Rescinded Contracts 2021-2022

It is recommended to accept the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristen Maxwell	Sub Aide	1-Year Ltd	August 9, 2021
Mee OK Won	Fr Volleyball	2021-2022	July 12, 2021
Jackson Mitchell	Sub Custodian	2021-2022	June 14, 2021
Nacole Klick	IS Yearbook	2021-2022	June 14, 2021

Appointments and Assignments 2021-2022

It is recommended to appoint the assignments listed below for 2021-2022.

<u>Classified</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Wendy Watson	Educational Aide	Continuing	Step 8
Jacquelyn (Pat) Mong	Bus Driver	1-Year Ltd	Step 5
Jackson Mitchell	Custodian	1-Year Ltd	Step 4

<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caitlyn Skeese	IS Yearbook	2021-2022	Cat 6-0
Amy Kennedy	MS Student Council	2021-2022	Cat 5-0
Michael Flowers	Var B Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 1-4
Ed Weisgerber	Var B Asst BK	2021-2022	Cat 3-TOP
Michael Hinger	JV B Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 3-0
Alan Stein	Fr B Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 3-3
Mitchell Flowers	8 th B Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 3-1
Duane Wood	Var G Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 1-TOP
Charles Horsley	Var G Asst BK	2021-2022	Cat 3-TOP
Krystal Stoneking	JV G Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 2-5
Katelynn McArtor	8 th G Basketball	2021-2022	Cat 3-5
Jeremy Tate	Var Wrestling	2021-2022	Cat 2-TOP
Tyler Walker	Var Asst WR	2021-2022	Cat 3-0
Craig Boyd	MS Wrestling	2021-2022	Cat 4-1
Tara Gordon	Winter Cheer	2021-2022	Cat 3-0
Larry Miller	Winter Wt Room	2021-2022	Cat 4-TOP

Substitutes 2021-2022

It is recommended to appoint the substitute assignments listed below for 2021-2022.

Substitute Teachers (Not over 28 hours weekly)

Sara Harley, Tara Copley, Susan Cromwell, Jaylene Higgins, Steven Hitchcock, Julie Hollobaugh, Kathy Klein, Kasi Lumbatis, Steven Melroy, Lisa Myers, Robert Spencer

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Substitute Bus Aide (Not over 28 hours weekly)

Emily Stolte

Substitute Educational Aide (Not over 28 hours weekly July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Joyce Every

Substitute Educational Aide (Not over 28 hours weekly October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Vickie Mealick

Substitute Custodian (Not over 28 hours weekly July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Brittany Mitchell, Syianne Spencer, Tracy Hargis

Substitute Cook (Not over 28 hours weekly July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Karen Friesner

PROVIDED THAT the District is permitted and able to offer/hold such pupil activity in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Employee understands and agrees that, if the Board cannot offer the pupil activity at all, this contract will be VOID. Employee further understands that if the Board can offer only a part of the pupil activity, Employee will be paid a prorated portion of the stated rate/stipend based upon the portion of work/duties that are able to be performed and that are performed by Employee [calculated on a daily OR weekly OR monthly basis] with evidence of performed duties provided by Employee.

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.

One-Time Payment for Salary Correction

It is recommended to approve a one-time payment to Melissa Flanigan in the amount of \$1,685.00 to correct her 2020-2021 salary. Melissa was paid on Step 5 of the School Psychologist salary schedule instead of Step 6 in 2020-2021.

Learning Loss Tutoring

It is recommended to approve the following high school teachers \$25 per hour for learning loss for the 2021-2022 school year to be paid with ESSER funds.

Beth Adkins, Martha Schenk, Shane Hancock, Denise Mullett

Title I Intervention Non-competitive, Supplemental School Improvement Tutors 2021-2022

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 Intervention Non-competitive grant.

Kat Bowman, Adam Britton, Kristi Burgess, Erin Fee, Debbie Fehrman, Leigh Anne Fickes, Abby Fitz, Jacie Fondriest, Brian Gant, Christy George, Kellie Green, Mike Hageman, Jake Hendershot, Linda Hinton, Amy Kennedy, Amanda Klein, Parker Koch, Sarah Lang, Connie Mick, Dannette Morehouse, Becci Shields, Nikki Thompson, Amanda Walters, Wendy Watson, Nate Whisner

Tutoring Services 2021-2022

It is recommended to approve Nick Hancock (c-tec teacher) \$25 per hour as a Learning Loss Tutor for the 2021-2022 school year to be paid with Title I Intervention Non-competitive grant.

DISCUSSION: none

Ayes: Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Torbert, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Clark

Motion Carried.

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21-77 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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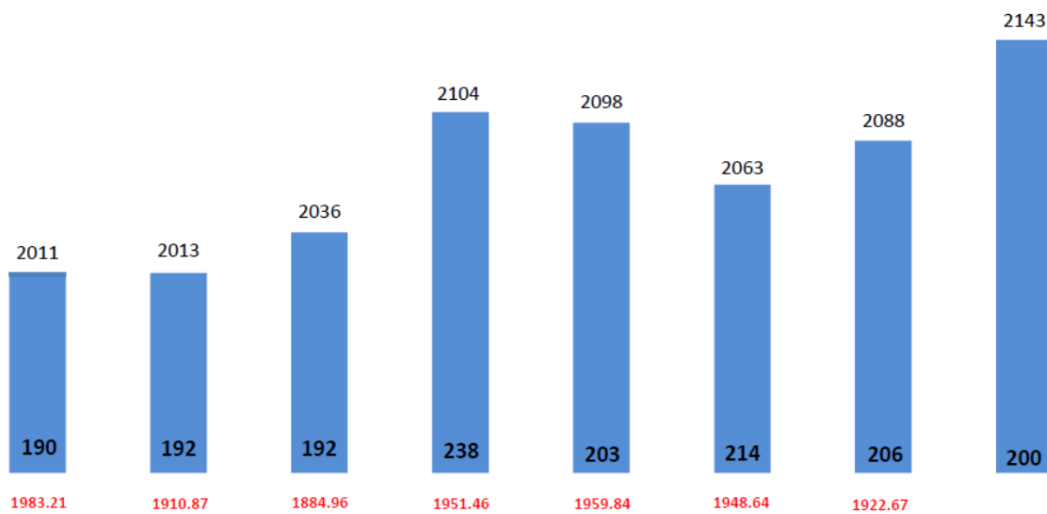
Ms. Martin moved and Mrs. Wills seconded the motion to approve the following.

STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Enrollment

**District Head Counts FY15-FY22
 (Includes C-TEC)**

NOTE: Incoming Open Enrollment Counts For Each Year Are Shown Within each bar in the chart.
 The count in red below each bar is the ODE ADM Detail Total from the Foundation Funding Report.



Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2021-22

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 School

Grades K-5	Males	Females
Total	0	0

Suspension/Expulsions Report

LVHS – none

LVMS

In-School Suspension – 1 day - 4 incidents

In-School Suspension – 2 days - 4 incidents

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LVIS

Out of School Suspension – 3 days - 1 incident

LVPS – none

New Course of Study

It is recommended to accept the new high school courses; Sketch it Out-#810, Art 101-#811 and Smartphone Photography-#818.

Out of State Trip Approval

It is recommended to approve the LVMS 8th grade trip to Gettysburg/Washington D.C. May 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2022 with Michael Hageman as advisor.

DISCUSSION: none

Ayes: Ms. Martin, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Clark

Motion Carried.

21-78 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 78

Mrs. Torbert moved and Ms. Martin seconded the motion to approve the following.

Gifts/Donations

It is recommended to accept the following gifts/donations:

Monetary Donations

Donation	For
\$10.75	High School Principal’s Fund – OhioPyle Prints
\$180.00	HS Panther Pantry – Hogg Heads BBQ
\$100.00	HS Panther Pantry – James & Robin Hoekstra
\$100.00	HS Panther Pantry – James & Robin Hoekstra
\$125.00	MS Panther Pantry – Judith Schonauer
\$100.00	MS Panther Pantry – Cash - Anonymous
\$7108.00	Emma Cunningham Scholarship – Kerri Cunningham
\$25.00	HS Choir – In Memory of Emma Cunningham – Tyde Flowers
\$500.00	HS Panther Pantry – Doug & Lynn Anders
\$8248.75	TOTAL

DISCUSSION: none

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Clark

Motion Carried.

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Mrs. Wills moved and Ms. Martin seconded the motion to approve the following.

Surplus

It is recommended to approve the surplus items listed below

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Control #	DESCRIPTION	Reason for Disposal
NA	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector - PS Room 007 Culbertson	Broke
NA	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector - PS Room 101 Krasky	Broke
NA	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector - IS Room 612 Glickstein	Broke

ITSCO MEMBERSHIP

It is recommended we accept membership for 2021-2022 with WOSU Public Media for a cost of \$100.00 per building or a total of \$300.00.

Cell Phones

It is recommended we accept a cell phone allowance of \$50.00 per month and \$250.00 for a cell phone upgrade each year for the administrative team to be paid through payroll effective September, 2021.

Student Insurance Program for 2021-2022

It is recommended we accept the 2021-2022 Student Insurance Program with Student Protective Agency.

DISCUSSION: none

Ayes: Mrs. Wills, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mrs. Clark
 Motion Carried.

21-80 BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS 80

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

Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Property Owned by The Board and Not Presently Needed for Any School Purpose (R.C. Section 3313.17) (Additional information attached).

It is recommended to approve the following resolution effective 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Licking Valley Local School District is the owner of that certain property commonly known as 71 and 75 Hilltop Road, Newark, OH, tax parcel number 048-165108-00.000 (the "Property");

WHEREAS, the Licking Valley Heritage Society desires to lease the Property from the Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Licking Valley Local School District, County of Licking, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is determined that the Property is not needed at the present time nor in the probable future by the Board for school purposes and that such need is not likely to arise in the next twelve (12) months and that it is in the best interests of the School District to lease the Property to the Licking Valley Heritage Society to occupy the same for museum, office and classroom space in connection with the mission of the Licking County Heritage Society. The lease by the School District of the Property to the Licking Valley Heritage Society is hereby authorized and approved, which lease shall be substantially similar to the Lease Agreement attached hereto;

Section 2. the President and Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the Board, and they, or either one of them separately, are hereby authorized on behalf of the Board to execute any and all documents required by said lease or deemed by either of them reasonably necessary in connection with the performance of said lease.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that

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all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Martin let those in attendance know the Historical Society has reopened. Several members and Dr. Hile stated there are really interesting artifact in the museum and encouraged folks to visit if they have not.

Ayes: Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Torbert, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Clark

Motion Carried.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Felumlee questioned homecoming plans for this school year. He indicated Mr. Weaver addressed this earlier in the day over morning announcements and stated students and parents are eager to know so they can plan accordingly. A member of the audience asked what Mr. Weaver's message to students was about homecoming. He stated he let them know that the decision will be made later this week. Mr. Felumlee also questioned the student section at the football game being returned to normal. Dr. Hile recommended Rylan and other students request a meeting with Mr. Weaver and Mr. McCullough to discuss.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Boyd confirmed the new funding formula will begin being paid no later than December 31, 2021. The formula has many new components that has delayed all schools from being paid based on the new budget bill.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Casey Williams addressed the Board and ask they reconsider the current quarantine guidelines that are followed as they are discriminative to non-vaccinated students. He shared his daughter's experience of being required to quarantine. Mr. Williams provided additional thoughts and reasoning as to why he believes the quarantine guidelines Licking Valley follows are discriminative.

Mrs. Julie Stedman addressed the Board about the quarantine policy. She agreed with Mr. Williams that unvaccinated students are being discriminated against. She asked the Board to consider adopting a Covid policy just as other schools have done. Mrs. Stedman continued her discussion stating the quarantine policy caused hostility at the beginning of the school year that could have been avoided if the Board had adopted a COVID plan that was easier to interpret.

Mrs. Wills questioned Mrs. Stedman on her comments regarding hostility at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Stedman clarified the hostility was on social media and directed to her since she is a candidate for the school board.

Dr. Hile addressed Mrs. Stedman by reiterating Licking Valley is following the quarantine guidelines recommended by Ohio Department of Health and Licking County Health Department. Following local health department and ODH guideline is in accordance with Board policy.

Mrs. Bre Dolan questioned her daughter being quarantined stating that when she picked her daughter up from the High School she was told the school is not issuing the quarantine. She was told by High School office staff that she would receive notice from Licking County Health

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Department within three days placing her daughter on quarantine. She did not receive notice, so phoned Licking County Health Department and was told her daughter was not on their list of close contacts; therefore, does not have to quarantine. Mrs. Dolan expressed her frustration with this situation, masking, and the quarantine guidance.

Mrs. Meghan Fairall addressed the Board by quoting the school board policy on quarantine.

Mrs. Wills addressed those in attendance by confirming she received several emails about the quarantine process the district is following and responded to each by providing the flow chart on the Ohio Department of Health/Licking County Health Department website. Mrs. Wills closed by sharing personal stories regarding Covid illness and death.

Mr. Seth Conley addressed the Board regarding quarantine, mask policies, and remote learning. He compared the number of students who are dying from Covid to those that die from car accidents, drug abuse, or suicide. Mr. Conley stated several times that the risk is worth allowing students to return to normal.

Ms. Martin responded to Mr. Conley and others by reminding them that school opened with masks being optional and no other protocols in place. This was short lived due to the number of cases rising, ultimately resulting in the high school having to resort to remote learning. Ms. Martin stated the decision to reinstate the current Covid practices was not to make anyone mad or angry but to protect students and staff.

Dr. Hile reiterated the goal is always to have in person learning. He stated masking works and provided data from last school year to support masking. He stated case numbers are being monitored and if they decrease to a level that permits masking and other protocols to be lifted.

Mrs. Monica Gray question the Ohio Revised Code that has been provided by Dr. Hile as the reason behind the district following ODH and Licking County Health Department guidelines as the ORC uses the word epidemic not pandemic.

BOARD DISCUSSION - None

21-81 ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Martin moved and Mrs. Wills seconded the motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Christian closed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes: Ms. Martin, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Christian, Mr. Felumlee
Nays: None
Absent: Mrs. Clark
Motion Carried.

Kim Christian, President

Tonya Boyd, Treasurer