

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

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 November 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Kim Christian, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, Mr. Evan Fee and Mr. Matthew Fehrman, Student Representatives were in attendance as well. Mrs. Carolyn Kollar was absent for roll call due to attending the OSBA conference but arrived during the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

New Student Board Member – Matthew Fehrman

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

None

SPECIAL REPORT

Youth to Youth Report - Erin Fee

- The conference will take place Mar 10, 2023-Mar 12, 2023
- This conference will take place at Camp Ohio
- This program will help kids create bonds and have a real camp experience

Fall Marching Band Review - John Barrett

- Mr. Barrett provided an update on the Marching Band
- Due to Covid-19, the Marching Band was seeing smaller numbers but has seen those numbers begin to increase
- Mr. Barrett would like to offer a new course for Music Technology
- Mr. Williams asked if the course would be offered in Middle School. Mr. Barrett said the course would not be offered in Middle School.
- Mrs. Stedman expressed her excitement for the course. Mrs. Stedman asked how our Chromebooks can handle the technology needed for the course. Mr. Barrett said the platform used for the course is cloud-based, which will enable us to use Chromebooks for the course.
- Mrs. Stedman indicated one of her concerns with students being able to access the course content and that Mr. Beery indicated we could work with our Information Technology team to allow students to access the course content.

International Travel - Beth Adkins

- Mrs. Adkins expressed the desire to bring back the international travel program.
- The program would be looking at traveling to France and England and would be planned for 2024.
- Mrs. Torbert asked how many students would potentially participate. Mrs. Adkins said it might be around 40-50 students.
- Mr. Beery said the travelers would have to agree if there are travel advisories or safety concerns, the District would make the final decision on if the trip would happen.
- President Christian asked if there was an opportunity for students to go on the trip if they are unable to afford it. Mrs. Adkins said we could fundraise for the trip but couldn't guarantee that it could be funded for every student.

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22-125 **TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 125

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

Minutes of the Regular Meetings

It is recommended to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 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.

- o Permanent appropriations and estimated resources

Fund

It is recommended to approve the creation of a 007 (007-9022) account for unclaimed funds.

Five Year Forecast Projection Presentation

It is recommended to approve the updating and re-filing the 2022-2023 five (5) year forecast projection and give permission for the treasurer to amend, and re-file when necessary.

DISCUSSION:

- *Mrs. Stedman asked if any of the positions funded with ESSER funds. Mr. Douglass explained the positions that are being funded with ESSER funds.*
- *Mrs. Stedman thanked Mr. Douglass for the work on the forecast*
- *Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Douglass for the work on the forecast. Mr. Williams said the District has lived within our means and wants us to continue to live within our means. President Christian agreed with Mr. Williams.*
- *Mrs. Stedman asked if we could see data on what percentage of the total population has special education needs? Mr. Beery said yes, we can provide that information.*

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs. Kollar

Motion Carried.

22-126 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 126

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

PERSONNEL

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

It is recommended to accept the following:

Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Christopher Chrysler	Sub Bus Driver	10/20/2022

Retirements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Patricia Ellick	ES Tech Int Sp	June 1, 2023
Leanne Holmes	5 th Grade Teacher	May 31, 2023

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Appointments and Assignments 2022-2023

Classified

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michelle Shrider	Bus Driver	Continuing	Step 3
Mike Strohacker	Bus Driver	Continuing	Step 4

Substitutes 2022-2023

Substitute Teacher

Noelle Stevens, Paul Kirk III, Aimee Twiggs, George Haines, Ryan Hetrick, Julia Keith, Lara Kephart, Amanda Stout, Jeff Ellis, Megan Brown, Theresa Senn

Substitute Aide

Corie Clark, Kristen Maxwell, Theresa Senn, Mindy Glosser

Substitute Bus Aide & Van Driver (not to exceed 35 hours per week) effective 11/14/22

Lisa Giles

Substitute Custodian (28 hours per week)

Jacob Thompson, Walter Johnson

Leave of Absence Request

It is recommended to approve the unpaid leave of absence request for Katlyn Heath. Following her maternity leave, she is requesting an additional 38 days' unpaid leave from December 2, 2022 through February 3, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

- *Mr. Beery shared the number of responses that he has received related to his communication for the District's need for substitutes. Mr. Beery expressed his desire to evaluate our substitute pay for the upcoming year.*
- *Mrs. Kollar arrived at the meeting at 7:09 p.m.*
- *Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Beery for his leadership and the work that has been done to address some of the issues the District has faced.*

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

22-127 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

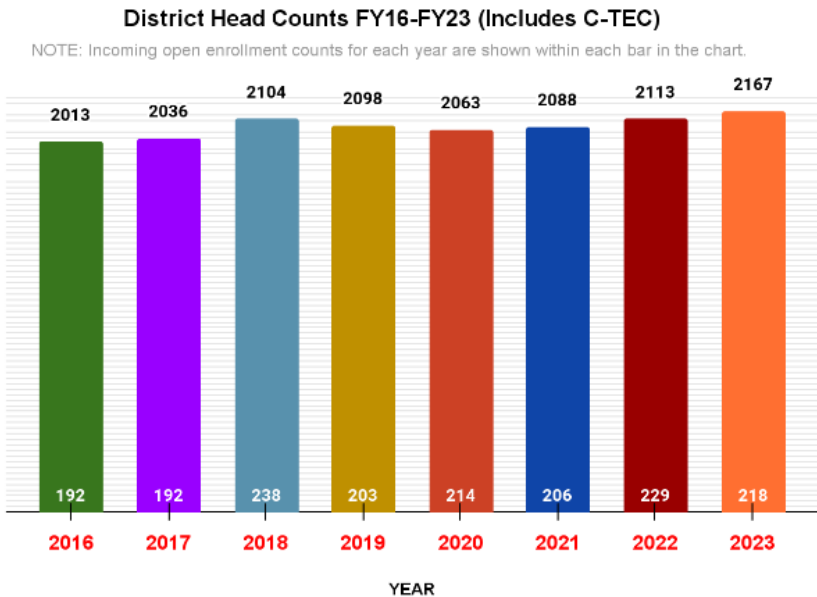
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Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following:

STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Enrollment

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Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2022-2023
Board Policy: 4417.01 - Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior
Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means:

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

"Electronic act" means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.
Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being.

Licking Valley High School

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
09	0	0	0
10	0	1	1
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	1

Licking Valley Middle School

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
06	2	0	2
07	0	0	0
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

Suspension/Expulsions Report

LVHS

Bus Suspension-3 days	1 incident(s)
After School Work Program-1 day	4 incident(s)
After School Work Program-3 days	4 incident(s)
Saturday School-1 day	15 incident(s)
Saturday School-2 days	4 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-3 days	2 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension w/rec-10 days	1 incident(s)
Expulsion-10 days	1 incident(s)
Expulsion-80 days	1 incident(s)

LVMS

In School Suspension-1 day	13 incident(s)
In School Suspension-2 days	1 incident(s)
In School Spuspension-3 days	5 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-2 days	1 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-3 days	4 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-4 days	1 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-5 days	3 incident(s)

LVIS - none

LVPS - none

Student Attendance Calendar Change for 2022

It is recommended we approve transitioning December 19, 20 and 21 from student attendance days to staff professional development days due to the substitute teacher shortage and the inability to conduct professional development during student attendance days.

Impracticality of Transportation

It is recommended we approve the impracticality of transportation of Molly Wooten to The Learning Spectrum in Johnstown, Ohio due to the time and distance required to provide transportation, cost of providing transportation, and disruption to current transportation schedules.

New High School Course Offerings

It is recommended we approve the new course offering below. It will replace Pop Music and will begin the 2nd semester this year.

- Music Technology

LifeWise Academy

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.6022 and LV Board Policy 5223 (adopted November 14, 2014 and revised March 14, 2016) it is recommended that the LifeWise Academy begin operating on January 23, 2023. The Academy and their leadership team have developed policies and procedures to fully comply with code and policy along with agreed upon policies and procedures of the LV administration.

Overnight Youth to Youth Conference at Camp Ohio

It is recommended we approve the Youth to Youth Conference to be held at Camp Ohio March 10 -12, 2023.

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International Travel Group

It is recommended we approve the International Travel Group trip to Europe with Beth Adkins as their advisor. The trip will be in March 2024.

DISCUSSION:

- *Mr. Beery provided some additional details on the Superintendent Recommendations. Mr. Beery said he will address open enrollment as the District continues to grow. Mr. Beery explained the professional development that needs to happen in December and the required dyslexia training. Mr. Beery said we are still well over the required hours for instruction. Mr. Beery said the LifeWise program would start January 23, 2023 and we are the fourth district in the county that would have this type of program.*
- *Mrs. Torbert asked about the elementary rotation for unified arts courses. Mr. Beery said we want to expose our students to all of the opportunities. Mr. Beery said that students that go to LifeWise will miss the unified arts course that is in the rotation the day the student goes to LifeWise. Mr. Beery said we would not alter our schedule for the rotation.*
- *Mrs. Torbert expressed her support for public education.*
- *Ms. Mary Kay Martin asked who is responsible for the work. Mr. Beery said the student is responsible for the work they miss.*
- *Mrs. Lindsey Wolfe said she values and appreciates all of the unified arts courses and that it is a partnership with LifeWise and the district.*
- *Mr. Fee asked if there has been a lot of interest in LifeWise from the students. Mrs. Wolfe said there are already over 60 kids that would like to be involved.*
- *President Christian expressed her understanding of the parent's choice and said she struggles with the students missing the unified arts classes.*
- *Mr. Williams said that the Ohio Revised Code ultimately says that the decision is the parent's choice. He said it is the parent's choice to decide what is best for their child.*
- *Mrs. Stedman said she feels pleased that we are offering parents with a choice to opt-in to something rather than opting out of something.*
- *Mrs. Lucinda Wills asked what grades we are looking at for the LifeWise program. Mr. Beery said grades 3, 4 and 5. Mrs. Wills expressed her concern with kids missing the unified arts classes.*
- *Mr. Fee said we shouldn't forget the students in our consideration.*
- *Mrs. Torbert said she wanted to express her concerns but knows there may be bumps in the road.*
- *Mr. Beery said he cannot vet the religious status of the organization but that we will vet the plan for the religious organization.*
- *Mr. Williams said it is ultimately the parent's choice.*
- *Mr. Gordon Postal said he isn't sure how we can get away from the liability of the LifeWise program.*
- *Mrs. Stedman asked about the calendar change and if we considered doing the professional development at the end of the year. Mr. Beery said he did not consider doing the professional development at the end of the year and that this was the right 3 days to complete the training.*
- *Mr. Williams asked about the required instructional hours. Mr. Beery explained the required instructional hours and that we will be above the minimum instructional hour threshold. Mr. Williams asked why we make up days if we are over instructional hours. Mr. Beery said these are not less important days or hours but that we are trying to address a need for the district. Mr. Beery said we technically wouldn't have to make up the additional hours.*
- *Mrs. Stedman said she appreciated being creative to address our problems.*
- *Mr. Beery said that he understands that it does put a burden on parents to have the professional development days and that he wants to communicate as soon as possible if it is approved.*
- *Mrs. Stedman asked if we are reimbursing the parent for the transportation item. Mr. Beery said yes.*

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

22-128 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 128

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

Gifts & Donations

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

Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$1,000.00	Shawn & Melissa Trout
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$1,507.00	Panther Parents
LVMS Panther Pantry	\$1,507.00	Panther Parents
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$300.00	James & Linda Lawrence
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Philip Clark
LVMS Panther Pantry	\$125.00	Becky Lawrence
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$300.00	JoLynn Torbert
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$200.00	Lucas & Jennifer Hardbarger
LVMS Robotics	\$150.00	Licking Valley Lions Club-Ron McLeish
Licking Valley School District	\$5,399.49	Energy Cooperative-Capital Credits
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$500.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
LVMS Panther Pantry	\$70.00	Smith Chapel United Methodist Church
LVHS Panther Pantry	\$200.00	Carleta L Ashcraft Lee
Licking Valley School District	\$19,086.90	LV Athletic Boosters
TOTAL	\$30,395.39	

DISCUSSION:

- *Mrs. Torbert explained how we have handled the donations from the booster groups in the past.*
- *Mr. Beery described how we have negotiated a better price, which saved the district around \$9,000, for the scoreboard and where the scoreboard will be located.*
- *Mr. Williams said thanks for the donations and his appreciation for all of the donations and the donation from the Panther Parents.*

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

22-129 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 129

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

Surplus

It is recommended to approve the items as surplus:

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#	DESCRIPTION	Reason for Disposal
N/A	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector-ES Room 107	Broke
N/A	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector-MS Room 146	Broke
N/A	Epson Powerlite 95 Projector-MS Room 156	Broke

DISCUSSION:

None

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Fee provided an update on the activities going on at school.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Stedman provided an update on the student achievement and described the Veteran’s Day event and how great the event was. Mrs. Stedman described the novella presentations. Mr. Colton Kreager was named as teacher of the year by The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation. Mrs. Deana Bennett worked with Ohio Means Jobs. The middle school had multiple awards for positive behavior. Students at the middle school participated in the fall festival.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mrs. Kollar provided a legislative update. Mrs. Kollar will provide an update on the OSBA delegate assembly next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items)

- Ms. Martin expressed that it is difficult to hear some of the discussions. Ms. Martin said she has heard that we are removing books from the school without going through the proper process to remove the books. She said the school libraries are very important to students. She said removing books could limit students' ability to learn and grow. Ms. Martin said that she feels it is the Board’s responsibility to ensure all students have opportunities to access information. She feels that parents should have conversations with their children on what is acceptable. Ms. Martin stated that removing books sets a dangerous precedent and that we need to be taking care of all of our students.
- Mrs. Wolfe discussed a book that her son was reading and that it was inappropriate and pleaded for parents to read some of the books themselves.
- Mrs. Luellen Deeds asked if books have been pulled from the library and said she has heard that books have been removed but wasn’t sure if it was true. Mrs. Deeds shared her positive experience with having access to books. Mrs. Deeds asked of the School Board to leave it up to the professional teachers and/or librarians to determine what books should be in the library. Mrs. Deeds said that the proper chain of command should be followed if parents disagree with any of the books. Mrs. Deeds said we are a family here at Licking Valley, but we are not the same people and don’t all have the same values and that we shouldn’t dictate.
- Mr. Conner Wood discussed his opinions on the books.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Beery mentioned a possible Board retreat to cover a number of things to discuss things such as growth. Mr. Beery asked the Board if they would like to hear from one of the growth consultants that we have had conversations with. President Christian asked if Mr. Beery could provide some information prior to the December Board meeting. Mr. Beery said we could

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provide information prior to the meeting. Mr. Beery said we may need to move our safety meeting so it doesn't conflict with some of the other meetings happening the same night. Mrs. Stedman said she is in favor of a Board retreat.

22-130 **ADJOURNMENT** 130

Mr. Williams moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Christian closed the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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

Kim Christian, President

Andrew Douglass, Treasurer