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*"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 December 9, 2024, 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, and Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, and Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer were also in attendance. Student Representatives Anthony Blizzard and Lincoln Clements were in attendance as well. Mr. Casey Williams was absent.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SPECIAL REPORT**

**CP English 10 Novella Presentation - Rylan Quincel (student in Mrs. Johnston’s CP English 10 class)**

Ms. Quincel shared information about her story and an excerpt from her Novella.

**Claw Cafe - Cindy Hughes**

The students from the Claw Cafe provided some statistics and information about the Claw Café. The students shared information about the roles and positions in the Claw Cafe.

Mr. Nethers asked how many students work at the Claw Cafe and if they serve anything besides drinks. Mrs. Hughes said there are 53 and explained the food served. Mrs. Stedman asked what they plan to do with the funds they make. Mrs. Hughes explained some of the ways they plan to use the money and the possibility for scholarships and equipment.

**Science of Reading/ELA Curriculum Update - John Grimm**

Mr. Grimm provided an overview and data about the Science of Reading. Mr. Grimm shared the steps the committee is taking and plans for implementing the Science of Reading at Licking Valley.

Mr. Nethers asked what more we could do as a public school for students. Mr. Grimm said he hopes the strategic plan and making connections with families will give us the opportunity to take simple steps to help kids with reading. Mr. Nethers asked about the need for intervention. Mr. Grimm explained his thoughts on intervention needs and how there will continue to be intervention needs. Mr. Nethers asked how we advertise the opportunities to parents. Mr. Grimm said he would like to explore how this was approached in the past and leveraging the strategic plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)**

None

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**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

It is recommended to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

**Amending and Filing Certificates**

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

**Appropriations**

It is recommended to approve the temporary appropriations and estimated resources for FY25 (2024-2025).

**Science of Reading Stipend**

It is recommended to approve the Treasurer to pay science of reading stipends of \$1,200 and \$400 according to the requirement set forth by House Bill 33, the state operating budget.

**Insurance Recommendation for 2025**  
**Healthcare Flexible Spending Account**

It is recommended to approve a Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (FSA) through TASC (125 Plan) Agreement at a cost of \$5.40 per person, per month (board cost) in order that our staff is able to receive a tax benefit if they choose to participate (1/1/25 - 12/31/25).

**Life Insurance**

It is recommended to approve continuing our Board paid life insurance with Lincoln Financial Group with the premium of basic life of \$0.05 and AD&D of \$0.01 per thousand.

*Discussion:*  
*Mrs. Stedman said the format of agenda and documentation is appreciated.*

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

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**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**Staff Assignments and Appointments 2024-2025**

**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.

**Supplemental Contracts**

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Category	Salary
Patrick	Wiseman	Band – Middle School	2024-25	5	Step - 0

*Discussion:*  
*Mr. Nethers said he was happy to see Mr. Wiseman coming back.*

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

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**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Stedman 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.

**Substitutes 2024-2025**  
**Substitute Teacher**

Chris Wiseman, Tracey Bishop, Audrey Heddleson, Dylan McCandlish

**Discretionary Rate Substitute Custodian**

Carolyn Blizzard – Step 13 (retroactive to December 1, 2024)  
Darrelyn Willard – Step 13 (retroactive to December 1, 2024)

Discussion:  
None

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

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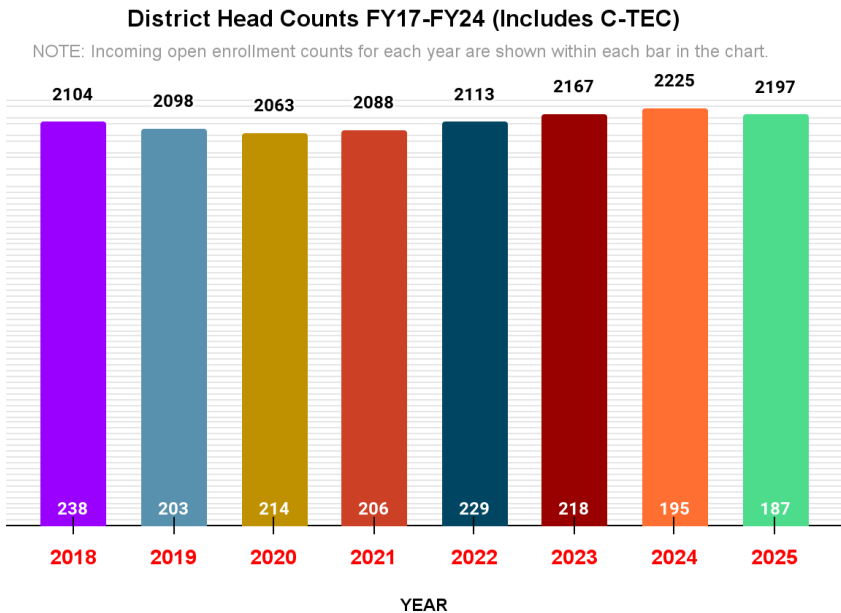
**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**STUDENTS/CURRICULUM**

**Enrollment**



**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**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Grade Count</u>
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

Licking Valley Elementary

Grades K-5	Males	Females
TOTAL	0	0

Discipline Report

Licking Valley High School (0 Vape-Related Incident)

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

Licking Valley Middle School (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

In School Suspension-1 day	17 incident(s)
In School Suspension-2 days	10 incident(s)
In School Suspension-3 days	2 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-2 days	1 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-3 days	8 incident(s)
Out of School Suspension-10 days w/rec	1 incident(s)
Expulsion-82 days	1 incident(s)

Licking Valley Intermediate

Bus Suspension-2 days	1 incident(s)
In School Suspension-1 days	2 incident(s)

Licking Valley Primary

Bus Suspension-2 days	2 incident(s)
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Discussion:  
None

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

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

GIFTS & DONATION

It is recommended to accept the gifts & donations listed.

Monetary Donations for November

Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
HS Panther Pantry	\$100.00	Justin & Jessica Nethers in memory of Jackie Nethers
HS Panther Pantry	\$500.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark

Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
HS Panther Pantry	\$150.00	LV Lions Club
HS Panther Pantry	\$100.00	Anthony & Carolyn Blizzard
Total	\$900.00	

Discussion:  
Mr. McArtor offered his continued thanks for the donations.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**Club Sports**  
It is recommended that the following sports be approved as club sports for Licking Valley High School:  
Bowling - Boys and Girls  
Lacrosse - Boys  
Swimming - Boys and Girls  
Indoor Track - Boys and Girls

**Lee’s Public Water Systems Contract**  
It is recommended we continue the contract with Lee’s Public Water Systems to meet the EPA required information for the Licking Valley High School and Licking Valley Elementary School as submitted for the period 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025.

Discussion:  
Mr. Nethers asked if Bowling has already started and if this should be approved before they start.  
Mr. Beery said this approval is so they can compete at the end of the season.  
Mr. Nethers discussed the requirement to monitor the water system and how it is a mandate.  
Mr. Beery agreed and explained what we must do for water testing.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
It is recommended to appoint the current School Board President, Jo Lynn Torbert to serve as President Pro-tem for the January Organizational School Board Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Discussion:  
None

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Clements provided an update on student activities.  
Mr. Blizzard provided an update on sports activities.

Mrs. Stedman provided an update on student achievement.

Mr. McArtor provided a legislative update.

Mr. Gordon Postle thanked the board for their service in 2024. Mr. Postle asked how much we would pay for a bus. Mr. Douglass provided the approximate price.

Mrs. Stedman asked Mr. Beery if tours could be arranged.

Mr. Beery said he plans to do this in January.

Mrs. Stedman shared some of the committees that exist in other districts and asked board members to look at the committees to consider committees that the district should have.

Mrs. Stedman also encouraged board members to join a committee or be engaged in the strategic plan objectives.

Mrs. Torbert said she has enjoyed the updates from the strategic plan and the board members could consider how they can be engaged further.

Mr. McArtor mentioned some possible changes in transportation legislation and said he would get more information.

Mr. Beery provided an update on the tracking the high school will do for students after they graduate, which was discussed in the previous board meeting.

The board discussed the information that can be obtained from the clearinghouse that we will be using to gather the data after students graduate.

Mrs. Stedman asked about the ability for districts to hire students for various jobs or things that are needed at the district.

Mr. Beery explained what we do with students and Chromebooks as workers.

Mr. Nethers discussed the opportunity for lawn care and the possibility of it being a co-op opportunity.

Mr. McArtor asked Mr. Douglass how the budget process was going. Mr. Douglass said it is going well overall, and we are still working through some kinks with communication and understanding because it is a new process.

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## ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. McArtor moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Torbert closed the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Williams

Motion Carried.

Jo Lynn Torbert, President

Andrew Douglass, Treasurer