

Lakeview School District
Board Meeting
March 27, 2025

The Lakeview School District Board of Education met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members answering to roll call: David Pears, Steve Beggs, Gage Bartholomew, Daniel Savolskis, Martha Ryan, Adam Saeler, Mike Rotz, Jamie Galentine, and Jason Powers. Also present, Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent and Mrs. Cheryl McCauley, Business Manager/Board Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOMENT OF SILENCE
ROLL CALL

MINUTES

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Jamie Galentine to approve the Meeting Minutes for the Special Board Meeting and Work Session Meeting held on February 20, 2025 and the Board Meeting held on February 27, 2025; as well as, the Board President's Acknowledgement of the Executive Sessions held on February 20, 2025 Work Session and February 27, 2025 Board Meeting for the discussion of personnel issues.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD PRESIDENT:

Mr. Jason Powers thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and voicing their concerns.

CAFETERIA RPT

A motion was made by David Pears, seconded by Gage Bartholomew to approve the Cafeteria Financial Report, as presented:

Cafeteria Invoices: Check# 2729-2732

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers,

yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Savolskis made a motion, seconded by Mike Rotz to approve the financial reports, as listed and also shown on the Finance Google drive accessible by all Board Members:

General Fund Invoices: CH# - 33552-33629

General Fund Revenue Summary: February 2025

Payroll Account Summary: February 2025

Cafeteria Account Summary: February 2025

Treasurer's Report: February 2025

FSA Account Summary: February 2025

HRA Account Summary: February 2025

Debit Card Summary: February 2025

General Fund Cash Summary: February 2025

Student Account Summary: February 2025

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA:

- People requesting to speak and the topic:
 - Mrs. Betty Moore – Former School Board Member and Kindergarten Teacher had concerns over the pending furloughs and budget. She noted that students have always been the priority at Lakeview. We have never furloughed Teachers at this District. Oakview is a Blue Ribbon School because there are enough Teachers to keep the student ratio low which translates into better student engagement. She

suggested to look for other revenue streams and other things to cut.

- Mr. Justin McGinnis – Current Biology Teacher noted that furlough discussions sent shock waves through the building. The cuts are going to impact the students and the class offerings (CHS classes). He said smaller class size is best for students. Retirement goals was thought to be 18 months, not the end of the year. There is too much focus on money. Decisions need to be made in a student centered way.
- Mr. Judah Phillips – Junior class representative noted that lower student ratios provide students better experiences. There is less load on the Teachers which adds to their ability to help more students. Elimination of CHS classes will impact students. Furloughs will impact extracurricular activities such as envirothon.
- Mr. Terri Sanford – If you have smaller class size, you do not get pushed through. He suggested looking at Administration for cuts.
- Mr. Carl Swayze noted that his wife is on the furlough list. He was wondering about non-instructional positions being furloughed. He is hearing of a lot of bullying and there needs to be a refocus on education. He just wants his daughter to be able to get a good education.
- Ms. Megan Scott – Current Teacher at Lakeview. It was discussed at the meeting that furloughs would not happen for 18 months and two weeks later, the Teachers received furlough letters from the School Board. When the LEA received the new contract, why was increases given? This should have been address then. We need clarity and honesty. The problem lies with competency and financial planning.
- A few other people spoke in regards to the furloughs, not giving Teachers enough time to find another job, and looking for other ways to cut expenditures.
- Mr. David Pears discussed how we got to this situation – hiring during the COVID years, federal grants being limit on how funds are to be spent, etc. The Board was trying to be transparent. Lakeview has the lowest tax rate in the county and we have been raising the millage each year. The basic funding formula was changed.
- Mr. Peter Raatz – Current Lakeview Teacher – questioned Mr. Savolskis about the Capital Reserve balance. Mr. Savolskis

explained how the Capital Reserve is managed. Mr. Raatz asked when the vote will happen for furloughs. Mr. Savolskis replied in April.

- Mrs. Kim Bailey – Current Speech Therapist – noted that furloughs appear to have been based only on seniority. The special education department was impacted greatly.
- Mr. David Pears continued his explanation that the student population has declined. Looking at birth rates in Mercer County, we will probably lose 10 students every year moving forward. If we do not do something now, the problem will get bigger. And, we do look at everything that is spent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business to discuss.

COACHING STAFF

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Martha Ryan to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the coaching staff as follows:

Season	School Year	Sport	Recommended Coach	Position
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	*Bryson Reither	Volunteer
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	*Travis Rogan	Volunteer
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	Mikel Mathieson	2 nd Assistant
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	Bradley Doyle	Volunteer
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	*Jay Cook	Volunteer
Spring	2024-2025	Baseball	*Grady Harbaugh	Volunteer

*pending clearance paperwork

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

SUBSTITUTES

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Gage Bartholomew to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following student teachers to serve as substitutes:

Board approval is requested to permit student teachers to serve as substitute teachers for up to five (5) days per placement if the student teacher has two placements during the semester or ten (10) days if one placement for the semester, as per Act 91 of 2021.

Current student teacher willing to serve as substitutes if needed include:

Riley Bordell – retroactively March 19, 2025

Makenzie Lefever – retroactively March 19, 2025

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

RESIGNATION

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Martha Ryan to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve, with regret, the following resignation:

Mrs. Carol O. Lilly has submitted a letter of intent to retire effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Lilly returned in August 2023 to serve the district as Middle-High School Principal for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

HOMEBOUND

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Dan Savolskis to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve a Homebound Instructor as follows:

Administration recommends approval of Ms. Connie Shetler to provide Homebound Instructor for one high school special education student retroactive to March 17, 2025. Compensation is the hourly rate per the professional contract.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

SUMMER EE

No motion was made and the following was not recommended for approval.

Dr. Keith Wolfe recommends approval to seek and hire college age employees to assist maintenance and the technology department. The maintenance employees pay rate in the past was \$12.00 per hour, while the technology department pay rate was \$16.00 per hour.

AGREEMENT

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Gage Bartholomew to approve the Superintendent Employment Agreement between Lakeview School District and Dr. Keith Wolfe as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Lakeview School District hereby approves the Employment Agreement between Dr. Keith Wolfe and the Lakeview School District pertaining to his employment as Superintendent of the Lakeview School District to be effective July 1, 2025 and will expire June 30, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Lakeview School District authorizes the President and the Secretary of the Board to sign this Employment Agreement between Dr. Keith Wolfe and the Lakeview School District on behalf of both the Board and the School District.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, no; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Yes=8; No=1

Dr. Adam Saeler noted that he voted no because of the dollar amount of the contract. He does have confidence in Dr. Wolfe.

Mr. Jamie Galentine noted that it would be hard to find someone that has the experience to manage the District with what is in the contract.

POLICIES

David Pears made a motion, seconded by Mike Rotz to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the second reading and

review of District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as follows:

The following policies, attachments and administrative regulations under Section 900 Community are recommended for second reading and approval (Google Docs):

918 –Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

CONF/WORKSHOPS

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Martha Ryan to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following Conferences/Workshops:

Administration recommends approval of the following conferences/workshops:

Staff Name	Conference/ Workshop/Training Name	Location	Date	Cost	Notes
Curtis Ace Lorraine Rutter	Student Assistance Program Maintenance Training	Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission	3/28/25	Mileage	9 am-12 pm
Mary Jane Yard	Mercer County Speech Language Pathology Round Table	Mercer County Career Center	4/4/25	No cost	
Lisa Herrick	Ukeru Re-Certification Training	Grafton Integrated Health Network/JS Wilson MS	8/13/25	\$495 reg.; mileage	Title IIA funds

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

TRANS COST

Mike Rotz made a motion, seconded by Dan Savolskis to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following out-of-district transportation and associated costs:

- Administration recommends approval for one additional Lakeview student to be transported to Cray's Challenge on the existing Watson's van, retroactively to March 6, 2025. An increase of

\$37.39 per day will occur with the addition of this student. The new daily rate will be \$340.50 per day which is \$200.07 for the van within the 23 mile radius and \$140.43 additional cost.

- Administration recommends approval for homeless transportation for Lakeview students living out of the district still attending Lakeview School District.
 - Two students living in Mercer Area School District since February 25, 2025 are being transported one way by Mercer and one way by Watson's Inc. for Lakeview. Cost to the district for the Watson's provided van is the \$100.03 per day, half the daily van cost. Note: for one week, February 19 through the morning of February 25, 2025, the family lived in temporary housing in Greenville Area School District, Watson's Inc. provided the am transportation on the existing Keystone van and the students went on the previously assigned H & W bus to a residence near their prior residence. No additional cost was incurred for the one week of temporary housing transportation.
 - One student living in Jamestown Area School District since March 3, 2025 is being transported one way by Jamestown to Mercer County Career Center. Lakeview is transporting the student from the Career Center to Lakeview on the H & W bus and to Jamestown after school on the Watson's van. The student will ride the same van as the homeless students living in Mercer. Cost is the same for all three students on that van (\$100.03 per day, half the daily van cost). The transportation will end at the end of the third, nine-weeks on March 25 as the student will be enrolling at Jamestown.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

FIELD TRIPS

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Adam Saeler to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following field trips:

Group	Advisor/Teacher	Location	Dates	Cost	Notes
MS Students	Brian Cumpston	Penn State Shenango	4/9/25 from 5-7:30 pm	Fuel/use van	<i>What's So Cool About Manufacturing</i> awards reception – receiving award
HS Students	Peter Raatz	Mercer County Law Day	5/1/25 from 8 am-12 pm	\$157.20 teacher sub; fuel/use van	

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

FUNDRAISERS

Gage Bartholomew made a motion, second by Adam Saeler to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following fundraisers:

Group	Advisor/ Teacher	Fundraiser	Dates	Projected Profit	Reason
MHS PBIS	Jacqueline McCullough	"Spring into Kindness" Door Decorating Contest	3/20/25	\$150	Door Decorating Contest; Students and staff will be encouraged to bring in change to vote on their favorite door
NHS	Nina Kaltenbaugh	Red Out Event	5/5-5/14/25	\$650 donation goal (no profit)	Charity event to raise funds for AHA
MS Student Council/ PBIS	Samantha Moon Jacqueline McCullough	Field Day Concession	TBD- Field Day Date	\$250-\$500	Raise PBIS funds

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

HOMEBOUND

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Steve Beggs to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the following Homebound Instruction as follows:

Administration recommends approval of Homebound Instruction:

One High School Special Education Student retroactively from March 17, 2025 with an expected return of March 24, 2025

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

COMP PLAN

Dan Savolskis made a motion, second by Adam Saeler to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the Lakeview School District Comprehensive Plan for 2025-2028 as follows:

Administration recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan for 2025-2028 presented at the February 20, 2025 Work Session with any suggested changes/improvements after the 30 day review.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

WORK DAYS

Dan Savolskis made a motion, second by Mike Rotz to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the summer work days/hours as follows:

Dr. Keith Wolfe recommends that the work days/hours be approved during the summer, June 2nd through August 15th, as follows:

Work Week: Monday through Thursday
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a half hour lunch
Maintenance Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour lunch
Custodian Hours: 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with a half hour unpaid lunch

Adjustments to the schedule will be made as necessary to accommodate all of the district's needs.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

MCCC BUDGET

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Steve Beggs to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the proposed Mercer County Career Center Budget for 2025-2026 School Year as follows:

The Mercer County Career Center Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 school year is proposed at \$6,734,655, a \$309,633 increase from last year's approved budget of \$6,425,022.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, abstain; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Yes=8; No=0; Abstain=1

AFR

Dan Savolskis made a motion, second by David Pears to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the 2023-2024 District Annual Financial Report as follows:

The Annual Financial Report was prepared by Monahan & Monahan, P.C. As the Annual Financial Report indicates, there were no findings, no significant deficiencies, no material weakness and no material noncompliance. The Annual Financial Report has also been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

OV FIRE ALARM

Dan Savolskis made a motion, second by Steve Beggs to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the replacement of the Fire Alarm Panel at Oakview Elementary as follows:

Dr. Keith Wolfe recommends approval of Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP to replace the fire alarm panel at Oakview Elementary. The work will be completed in the 2025-2026 school year due to lead time for shipping of equipment. This expenditure will

be captured in the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget with a cost of \$18,755.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Adam Saeler to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the 2025 Summer Camps and Programs as follows:

Administration recommends board approval of the following summer camps and programs:

1. Kinder Camp, July 7-10, 2025, 8 am – 2 pm, funded by Title I
2. Title Summer Camp, July 28-31 and August 4-7, 2025, 9 am – 12 pm, funded by Title IV
3. Primary ESY Program, determined by IEPs, funded by Special Education
4. Secondary ESY Program, determined by IEPs, funded by Special Education

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

CAMP KIDS

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Gage Bartholomew to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the Camp K.I.D.S. Program Service Agreement as follows:

Dr. Keith Wolfe recommends approval of the Service Agreement with Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc. to offer the Camp K.I.D.S. program at Lakeview School District in summer 2025.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

LAWN CARE

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Gage Bartholomew to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the Lawn Care Provider as follows:

The Business Manager recommends approval to renew the lawn care contract with Todd Heckman Lawn Service for one year. There is no cost increase from the previous year, \$575 per cut/weed whipping.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, no; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a roll call vote. Yes=8; No=1

AGREEMENT

Mike Rotz made a motion, second by Dan Savolskis to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for 2025-2026 School Year as follows:

Dr. Keith Wolfe requests approval for an intergovernmental agreement through the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ROOF

Dan Savolskis made a motion, second by Steve Beggs to approve the recommendation of Dr. Keith Wolfe, Superintendent, to approve A.W Farrell & Son Roofing Inc. for the MHS Roof Restoration as follows:

Dr. Keith Wolfe recommends approval of A.W. Farrell & Son Roofing Inc. as the low bid contractor for the MHS roof restoration. A.W. Farrell Roofing & Son Roofing Inc. bid \$597,918 with a start date of May 1, 2025. The estimated length of the restoration will be 25 days. This project will be funded through the Department of Community and Economic Development Grant (\$470,000) and the General Fund (\$127,918) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Other bids received:
McCreary Roofing - \$686,000

Triangle Roofing - \$701,500
David M. Maines & Assoc. - \$733,341

Roll call vote as follows: Saeler, yes; Bartholomew, yes; Beggs, yes; Galentine, yes; Pears, yes; Powers, yes; Rotz, yes; Ryan, yes; Savolskis, yes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS:

- No request for comment from visitors.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

- Dan Savolskis, Budget Committee Chair. Discuss with the Board Member the 5 year Expenditure Plan. The plan covers all of the repairs and needed items for the next 5 years. Infrastructure is where repairs are needed most and the largest expenditures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board President, Mr. Jason Powers, called an Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. and ended at 8:44 p.m. Personnel items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Meeting concluded after the Executive Session.

David Pears made a motion, seconded by Adam Saeler to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Board Minutes Prepared by:

Cheryl McCauley
Business Manager/Board Secretary