

Board Meeting

November 16, 2023

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Lynchburg-Clay School Board Office.

President Warner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members responded to roll call:

Mr. Warner, President	Present
Mr. Malone, Vice President	Present
Mrs. Blankenship, Member	Present
Mr. Carraher, Member	Present
Mrs. Sanderson, Member	Present

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

GREAT OAKS

The Great Oaks Board met on November 8, 2023. The first action of the night was to take a moment of silence for the passing of Dr. Harold Carr, who served as the President/CEO of Great Oaks from 1975-2000 and Mrs. Carol Ellis, who was currently the Great Oaks representative of the Mt. Healthy Board of Education. Mrs. Ellis had served as the Great Oaks Representative since 1980.

The State of Ohio approved Great Oaks for a \$6.8 million dollar renovation program. These funds will be used to add a second welding and fabrication lab, a new EV Tech Program, and a new law enforcement program at the Laurel Oaks Campus.

The Live Oaks Campus JROTC Program won the 2023 Army Raider Challenge National Championship on November 4, 2023. Each of the 28 cadets were awarded four-year, full-ride Army ROTC Scholarships to any school in the nation with an ROTC Program.

Kaelyn Robinson from Lynchburg-Clay was honored as the Student of the Month at Great Oaks. Also, various graduates of the Great Oaks FFA Program were awarded the American FFA Degree at the FFA National Convention.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Ms. Dugger presented the board with an appreciation gift from her MH class at the high school. The students in the class have been acquiring educational and life skills. Some of Ms. Dugger's students are going to the elementary school and reading to the elementary students.

14188-23
Approve
Minutes

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 19, 2023.

Voice vote. All members voted yea. President Warner declared the motion carried.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

14189-23
Financial &
Investment
Reports

Mr. Carraher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the financial and investment reports as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Mr. Carraher, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14190-23
Approve
Bills

Mr. Carraher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the list of bills as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Mr. Carraher, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14191-23
Cafeteria
Report

Mr. Carraher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the cafeteria report as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Mr. Carraher, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14192-23
Accept
Donations

Mr. Carraher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to accept the donations as presented by the treasurer.

Voice vote. All members voted yea. President Warner declared the motion carried.

14193-23
Five Year
Forecast

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher to accept the Five Year Forecast as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Carrher, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion passed.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Fisher expressed his condolences and that prayers go out to the Tuscarawas Valley School District in the loss of three students, a teacher, and two parents in a highway accident on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The Tuscarawas Valley Band, some staff, and parent chaperones were on their way to the 2023 Capital Conference in Columbus for a performance when their vehicles were hit by a semi.

Mr. Fisher updated the board on some sessions and topics being discussed at the Ohio School Board Association Conference. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Malone, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Hawk attended the conference held in November.

Mr. Fisher explained some high priority issues that schools will be dealing with in the next couple of years. The biggest issue currently affecting public schools is Title IX. Public schools are being sued and/or being threatened with the loss of federal funding if the new Title IX regulations are not adopted by school districts. The new rules of Title IX has now been expanded to include gender identity.

The State legislature is currently working on new school bus safety with one new law proposed that would require all school buses to have safety belts within five years. Other topics include mandatory education intervention for students falling below certain test scores, bills pending concerning teacher evaluations and attendance, and classroom curriculum and school speech, specifically language that would be permissible in teaching a class.

Mr. Fisher recognized Matthew Gossett for achieving his National FFA degree in Oil Crop Proficiency, honored the band for their state competition, and recognized students in fall sports who have all league and/or all district honors.

Mr. Fisher explained the Ohio Department of Education is now under the direction of the Governor's office and its new title is the Department of Education and Workforce. The Governor has a new plan as to what this department should be covering and a big priority will be the expansion of career education and workforce development throughout Ohio.

Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Sandy Berwanger, effective 12/31/2023, as the Head Cook at Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School.
2. Recommendation to approve the updated job description for the Head Cook position.
3. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Daniel Croy as the Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective 10/19/2023.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Lindsay Barrons as the Girls Golf Coach.
5. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Greg Baker, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach.
6. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Robert Cargile as the Assistant MS Boys Basketball Coach.
7. Recommendation to accept the resignation of McKayla Binkley as Girls JV Basketball Coach.
8. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Amanda Wollard as Girls Asst Varsity Basketball Coach.
9. Recommendation to approve the transfer of Bernie Cropper from Girls Varsity Assistant to Girls JV coach. This move is based on the recent hiring of a new coach to the staff.

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10. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Brandon Howard as the Volunteer Assistant MS Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach.
11. Recommendation to approve Sharnae Williams as a sub custodian.
12. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Katie Watson, HS cook, effective 11/7/23.
13. Recommendation to approve Katie Watson as a sub cook.
14. Recommendation to approve the Southern Ohio Service Center sub. teacher list.

14194-23
Consent
Agenda

Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda.

Roll call:

Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mr. Carraher, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

14195-23
Reading/
Literacy Plan

Mr. Carraher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the District Reading/Literacy Plan. The plan is an Ohio Department of Education requirement that changes based on student performance.

Roll call:

Mr. Carraher, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SAFETY/POLICY

14196-23
Policy
Changes

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malone to approve the following policy changes: 3432, 5330.05, 5337, 6240. 8120.

Roll call:

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Carraher, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

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FACILITY/EQUIPMENT

Mr. Fisher has applied for another \$30,000 safety grant from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. If awarded, it will be used on the current communications project. Mr. Fisher has been working with a contractor, who submitted the only quote for a school wide communication system. The equipment being quoted in the project will be from Motorola. Mr. Fisher explained the quote of \$140,000 for this communication system would include a new central tower with a repeater system and antenna, a second repeater at the high school and elementary campus, all new bus radios, all new handheld devices and the labor to install the new system.

14197-23
Radio
Repeater

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher to approve the purchase of a radio repeater system for the district.

Roll call:

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Carraher, yea; Mr. Malone, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Karen Faust updated the board on the process in place to count absentee ballots from the November 2023 election and the process in place for an automatic recount if required by law.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education Building.

14198-23
Adjourn
Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Malone to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. All members voted yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer