

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2025

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education.

President Warner called the meeting to order.

The following members responded to roll call:

Mr. Warner, Member	Present
Mrs. Sanderson, Member	Present
Mrs. Blankenship, Member	Present
Ms. Griffith, Member	Present
Ms. Rhonemus, Member	Present

SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITIONS

Mr Sexton opened the meeting by informing the public the Lynchburg-Clay administrative staff wanted to recognize certain groups at the board meeting. These groups include educational aides, that work for Lynchburg-Clay, 7th grade girls basketball team and coaches, the high school honors band, the varsity bowling teams and the high school resource officer. Mr Sexton then turned the meeting over to each building principal to introduce these individuals from each of their buildings. Elementary Principal, Mrs. Renee Achtermann, introduced the following educational aides from her building: Doreen Arnett, Abigail Hamilton, Marla Boone, Misha Blankenship, Brittany Belcher, Sarah Moore, Ahira Hertlein, Angela Elliott, Becky Greene, Karen Pinkerton, Jennifer Perkins, Makayla Fittro, Megan Carlier, Morgan Ledford, Lisa Fittro, Michelle Carnes, and Tonda Myers. Then Middle School Principal, Mrs. Angela Godby, introduced the middle school educational aides. They are Stephanie Berger, Lee Jones, Darlene Moore, Peggy Rosselott, Virginia Gadzinski, and Emily Hall. Mrs. Godby then introduced the 7th grade girls basketball coaches, Mr. Jason McLaughlin and Mr. Garyn Waits as well as the 7th grade girls basketball team, Rebecca McLaughlin, Lillian West, Sophia Warne, Kiley Hively, Lacey Warner, and Addison Haygood. This team was honored for being the 2025 7th Grade Girls SHAC Champions. Last, High School Principal, Mr. Jacob Zink, introduced the educational aides from his building: Angela Blair, Rhonda Allen, Charlene Bauer, and Anita Wells. Next, Mr. Zink introduced the Varsity Girls Bowling Team that consisted of Kylee Chaney, Madeline Brault, Madison Baker, Morgan Baker, Kylie O'Connor, and Elizabeth Shreve, and Coach Shawn McLaughlin. The girls bowling team was the 2025 SHAC League Champions and the SHAC Tournament Champions and District Runners Up. The Lynchburg-Clay Varsity Boys Bowling Team consisted of Cameron Schultz, Frank Bullins, Noah Bitzer, Caden Faust, Damien Fry, Tristan Puckett, and Coach Sean Ison. The Lynchburg-Clay Boys Bowling Team were the 2025 SHAC Champions SHAC District Champions and second place in the district. Mr. Zink introduced the honors band students Landen Campbell, Will McConnaughey and Jack Purdy-Wylie. These three students performed at Unioto High School where Landon received a superior rating for his solo performance and the three earned a superior rating for their trio performance. These ratings were awarded by the Ohio Music Education Association. Last, Mr. Zink introduced Mr. Dan Croy. Mr. Croy is the high school resource officer and Mr. Zink explained how Mr. Croy goes beyond and above in his job to make sure everything works smoothly at the high school and that every student is taken care of, that they are safe, and helps to secure anything that any student needs to succeed. Each individual was given a certificate from the board of education as appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the school district.

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GREAT OAKS REPORT

The March Great Oaks Board Meeting was held at the Live Oaks Campus in Milford, Ohio. The Live Oaks Culinary Arts and Hospitality Service Program prepared a dinner for the board.

Great Oaks Board Members Jeff Berte, Sandy Harrod, Beverly Rhoads, Micki Spears, Ron Friend, and Jim Perdue were recognized at the OSBA Southwest Spring Conference in March for their years of service on the Great Oaks Board.

Each campus of Great Oaks will have a student and member of the Great Oaks Leadership Team attend a national policy seminar from March 17-19, 2025, in Washington D.C. to advocate for career technical education. Member, Mary Cleveland, and Great Oaks President, Harry Snyder, presented testimony on February 26, 2025, at the State House in Columbus, Ohio, as to why the state should increase the governor's budget proposal for funding to OTC's in FY26 and FY27.

Last, Mrs. Blankenship mentioned a Lynchburg-Clay Student, Richard Crista, that made the Great Oaks Student Spotlight for March, 2025. Richard is enrolled in The Laurels Animal Science and Management and is currently employed at Reptiles by Mac in Xenia, Ohio.

- 14409-25
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the minutes from the special meetings on February 15 & 17, and the regular board meeting held on February 19, 2025.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

- 14410-25
Financial &
Investment
Reports

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the financial and investment reports as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14411-25
Approve
Bills

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the list of bills as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

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14412-25
Cafeteria
Report

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the cafeteria report as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14413-25
Accept
Donations

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to accept the donations as presented by the treasurer.

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

14414-25
Resolution
For Tax &
Rate Amounts

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the resolution to accept the tax amounts and rates for FY26.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14415-25
Petty Cash

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve petty cash in the amount of \$50 for the board office for FBI/BCI reports.

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to accept the retiring of Tonda Myers, librarian at the elementary school. Effective June 1, 2025.
2. Recommendation to accept the retiring of Teresa Gillman, middle school teacher. Effective 8/1/25.
3. Recommendation to approve the district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Melissa Winkelman, elementary school teacher, effective 5/22/25.
5. Recommendation to approve Emily Hutchison for the sub teacher list.
6. Recommendation to accept the retiring of Bonnie Mount, middle school aide/secretary effective July 31, 2025.

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7. Recommendation to approve Robert Darling as a sub bus driver pending background checks.
8. Recommendation to accept the retiring of Becky Eldridge, high school head cook, effective 7/31/25.
9. Recommendation to approve the sub teacher list from the Southern Ohio ESC.

Mr. Sexton explained that STRS has temporarily lowered the years of service for teachers to be eligible for retirement in FY26 and FY27, with this temporary change we may have more retirements in April and May.

14416-25
Consent
Agenda

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

Roll call:

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A)Curriculum/Technology - Mr. Sexton would like to develop a two-year school calendar so the parents can plan vacations and other activities around school.

B)Safety/Facility/Equipment - Mr. Sexton applied for a state safety grant. If Lynchburg-Clay is awarded this grant, it will be used to purchase new safety doors and locks for each classroom in the middle school.

14417-25
Policies

C)Policy - Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the following policies: 0131.1, 0171 rescind, 1422.01 new, 2260.02, 2271, 2340, 2430.02, 2431, 2460, 2460 ODE rescind, 3411, 3433, 4124, 5113, 5120, 5131, 5223, 5330, 5350, 5460, 5610, 5751, 5780.01 new, 6151, 7421, 7440.01, 8142, 8452, 8500.

Roll call:

Ms. Griffith, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

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D)Student Activity - Athletic Committee - The athletic committee discussed the development of new club sports in the middle school. Students are paying a fee to participate in these club sports groups. The idea behind club sports is to offer activities at the middle school that are not offered in the SHAC Program and to bring more interest to students to participate in extracurricular activities. The thought is that more students may participate in high school sports if they become involved in sports during middle school.

There was discussion centered around allowing high school teams to have access to the training facility in the gyms on Sundays if needed for practice.

Last, Mr. Faust reported the new sports passes offered to citizens in the community during the 24-25 school year seems to have been accepted very well.

14418-25
Go Into
Executive
Session

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to move into executive session at 6:55 p.m., for the discussion of the employment of personnel.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14419-25
Come Out
Executive
Session

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to come out of executive session at 8:05 p.m., with no action taken.

Roll call:

Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education.

14420-25
Adjourn
Meeting

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

Voice vote. All members voted yea.

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

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer