

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2025

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 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

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on May 21, 2025. Mr. Warner called the meeting to order by having everyone cite the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Hawk proceeded with a roll call.

14432-25
Go Into
Executive
Session

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to move into executive session at 5:01 p.m., for the discussion of the employment, discipline, possible termination and litigation of an employee.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14433-25
Come Out
Executive
Session

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to come out of executive session at 5:29 p.m., with no action taken.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Sexton wished to recognize the transportation department, board office staff, three students who received music competition honors, FFA members who received state FFA degrees, and Ms. Whitney Lewis, the high school guidance counselor.

Mr. Sexton opened the meeting by explaining to the public how our bus drivers are a dedicated group of staff with a large responsibility to see that our students are safely transported to and from school each day. Mr. Sexton then asked Mrs. Becky McConnaughey to read each bus driver's name and present them with a board certificate of recognition.

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Next, Mr. Sexton introduced the board office staff and explained how each of their positions are vital in the day to day operations of the district. Mr. Sexton recognized Mrs. Dorothy Burge, Administrative Office Secretary, Mrs. Kathy Hehl, Accounts Payable, Mrs. Kelli Rosselott, Payroll, and Mrs. Sara McLaughlin, EMIS Coordinator, and handed each a board certificate of recognition.

Mr. McCalla introduced three middle school students, Paisley Donley, Mahalia Baker, and Camaren Campbell, who received superior ratings at the OMEA for their solo musical performances at the district's music competition.

Mr. Zink introduced the FFA students who received a state degree at the FFA State Convention. Mr. Zink wanted to honor these students for their accomplishments and for the way these students represent our district whether it is related to academics, extra-curricular, or sports activities.

Last, Mr. Zink honored Ms. Lewis for her work and dedication as a guidance counselor. He explained what a challenge it is for one person to advise all high school students in a career path and to make sure their academic schedules line up with their career goals, and how Ms. Lewis helps in devising the high school class schedules.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mrs. Kara Fawley was present to discuss a reading program they presented this year in the elementary school. In order to engage more students and parents in reading activities, the elementary staff sponsored a literacy night. This was an evening at the elementary where parents and students could attend and participate in games and activities that focused attention on literacy and reading in child development and allowed for students to attain books to read at home.

Mrs. Dara Landess presented the board with a breakdown on how the vo-ag committee used some funds from the Pendleton Estate during 2024/2025. Funds were used to help defray the costs for FFA students to attend the national and state conventions and to go on the senior FFA trip. Also, the vo-ag committee decided to purchase a John Deere gator to be used to transport students back and forth between the high school and the FFA livestock barn and to be used at the FFA tractor pull. Finally, the vo-ag committee approved to use a portion of these donated funds for a college scholarship, with the intent to increase the number of agricultural college scholarships given in the next few years.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

At the Great Oaks May 14, 2025 meeting, President Harry Snyder recognized three employees for receiving awards. Mrs. Donna Eakins was recognized for receiving the Great Oaks Educator of the Year Award, Ted Kirkpatrick and Joel McElfresh for the county ESC Excellence in Educational Support Award in their instructional fields.

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The Great Oaks student recognition dinner was held on May 8, 2025. Great Oaks recognized 186 seniors who will be graduating in May 2025, and who met their individual requirements for their specific career programs. A special recognition was given to Carter Boyd from Hillsboro City Schools who was elected as the 2025/2026 Ohio State FFA President.

Great Oaks had 1,110 students graduate in May. The Laurel Oaks Senior Ceremony was held on May 15, 2025 and graduated 363 students.

The Great Oaks student spotlight for May included four students from Lynchburg-Clay attending the Laurel Oaks Campus for various programs. They include Dylan Profitt, Peyton Davidson, Zaden Hawk, and Xavier Higgins.

14434-25
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 14, 2025.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

14435-25
Financial &
Investment
Reports

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14436-25
Approve
Bills

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14437-25
Cafeteria
Report

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

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14438-25
Accept
Donations

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

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

14439-25
Five Year
Forecast

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the five year forecast as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call:

Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, 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 board to allow retire/rehires the option to choose the family insurance through the district.
2. Recommendation to approve the list of summer student workers.
3. Recommendation to approve Robert Brown as a sub custodian.
4. Recommendation to approve Karen Humphries for the long term sub position for Mackenzie Dawson while on maternity leave.
5. Recommend the approval of the purchase of awards for staff perfect attendance for the 2024-2025 school year. (\$1900/\$100 gift card, a yearly tradition for employees)
6. Recommendation to approve the 8th grade trip to Philadelphia and Gettysburg for the 2025-2026 school year (May 11-15,2026).
7. Recommendation to approve Tina White as a Student Attendant for the elementary school. Step 0
8. Recommendation to approve Ella Sandlin as the high school head cook.Step 11
9. Recommendation to accept the resignation of William Ackley, effective 4/22/25.
10. Recommendation to accept the Special Education Cooperative Service Agreement with the Southern Ohio ESC for the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Recommendation to approve Carrie Pfister for a continuing contract.
12. Recommendation to approve Jessica Ball as the high school assistant cook.Step 1
13. Recommendation to approve the resolution to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 1 or more buses.
14. Recommendation to approve Danielle Roberts for a continuing contract.

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15. Recommendation to approve Nathaniel Covert as a sub bus driver.
16. Recommendation to approve Shawna Collins for the 7th grade Intervention Specialist at the middle school. Step 6
17. Recommendation to approve James O'Connor as the JV Volleyball Coach.
18. Recommendation to approve Kylie Sims as the Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach.
19. Recommendation to approve Greg Patton as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for boys basketball.
20. Recommendation to approve Acme Lock Co. to install a door at the elementary school.
21. Recommendation to approve extended school year services with Janis Bennington.
22. Recommendation to approve Lillian McConnaughey as a high school aide. Step 0
23. Recommendation to approve Vickie Busch as a sub bus driver.
24. Recommendation to approve Olivia Fulton as the intervention specialist. Step 10
25. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Taylor Krift, elementary school social worker.
26. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Alyssa Walker as a first grade teacher.

14440-25
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.

14441-25
Personnel

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the hiring of Lillian McConnaughey as a high school aide.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Mr. Sexton updated the board on the interviews for building principals and Mr. Zink gave an update on the background of the two individuals selected for the positions. Mr. Warner asked each individual recommended for the principal positions if they would like to speak. Each gave a brief description of their past jobs and educational experiences. They both gave their reasons for wanting a job with Lynchburg-Clay.

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14442-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the hiring of Pam Hollon as
Elementary the elementary school principal.
Principal

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14443-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the hiring of Ross Hudson
Middle as the middle school principal.
Principal

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sexton informed the board that the state test scores from all districts were published today. Mr. Sexton stated the curriculum director and principals will be reviewing these scores and going over them at a later board meeting.

Mr. Sexton updated the board on the proposed testing on soil from an underground fuel tank that was taken out one year ago. Mr. Sexton had received a document from Buster, a state agency that regulates underground tanks, stating the district was still required to follow up with a second soil test based on the numbers from the original test showing an area of the soil that had numbers higher than acceptable by the state of Ohio.

14444-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to accept the proposal for the soil
Soil Test test and work from Patriot Engineering & Environmental.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Student Mr. Sexton and Mr. Zink updated the board on the girls varsity softball schedule and the
Activity possibility of winning the Southern Hills League Championship for 2025.

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Next Meeting The next regular meeting will be on June 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education.

14445-25 There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, Adjourn Mrs. Sanderson seconded by to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Voice vote. All members voted yea.

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

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer