

Regular Meeting

August 21, 2025

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 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

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Sexton reminded the board there were no recognitions for this board meeting. Mr. Sexton stated that opening day of school came and passed with no real issues. Mr. Sexton thanked the building principals for the effort they made to see the start of the school year off to a great start.

Mr. Sexton asked each principal if they had any concerns at this point. The only issue has been in the elementary building. The district purchased a software program, Pikmykid, that is designed to help staff coordinate efforts with parents on dropping off and picking up their child each day. The program will not currently work with the district's computer program and will need adjustments made by the company and the district's tech. coordinator.

Mr. Sexton updated the board of education on this year's lunch and breakfast program. For 2025/2026, the district has been approved to operate a free breakfast and lunch program for all students within the district. There will still be a charge for adult breakfast and lunch, as well as, a charge to students and adults for ala-carte items. Food Service Director, Morgan Campbell, has added a salad bar to the high school ala-carte menu. Ms. Campbell reported that breakfast and lunch participation appears higher, during the first week of school in comparison to the prior year.

Last, Mr. Sexton stated that open enrollment numbers are very close to the 2024/2025 enrollment. Student enrollment shows 1,056 students.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mrs. Mary Alice Hartley with NCB Bank was present to present a check to the district for a \$2,000 grant. Each year, for the last three years, the high school business class has completed an application with NCB for this grant. Based on the number of participants and grades earned in this financial literacy class, Lynchburg-Clay has been awarded this grant for the 2025/2026 school year, making it the third year in a row to win this grant.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs Blankenship gave an update of the August 2025, Great Oaks Board Meeting. Mrs. Blankenship stated that Mr. Snyder, Great Oaks President, reported that board member Rod Lane, BLAC member, Eddie Thomas, Teaching and Learning Specialists, Lauren Lillenstein, and Project Lead the Way Engineering Instructor, Peter Leeper, were nominated by Great Oaks and did receive awards for their services at the Ohio ACTE Statewide Conference held in July.

Great Oaks received \$1,244,730.00 for the FY 26 Aspire Instructional Grant, and \$141,164.00 for FY26 Carl D. Perkins Adult Education Grant.

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Last, Great Oaks Board approved to enter into an agreement with MSA Design for consultation and maintenance concerning existing facilities and costs are not to exceed \$50,000 for FY26. The board hired Mr. Dan Rush as the new Director of Student Services and moved some current staff to new positions in student services.

14471-25
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 22, 2025.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

14472-25
Financial &
Investment
Reports

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14473-25
Approve
Bills

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14474-25
Accept
Donations

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sexton asked the board for approval of the 10 items on the consent agenda. Mr. Sexton explained in detail the two underground fuel tank projects.

The most current fuel tank that was removed from underground at the middle school appears to have passed all state ground tests and appear to be completed.

The original underground fuel tank removed in 2024, still has one area of concern with soil tests. This project will require a third round of soil tests at a quote of \$26,932 in order to hopefully have the EPA approve and sign off to complete this project.

Mr. Sexton briefly described the recommendations to hire new staff and gave a little background on each new candidate for the open positions.

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Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to approve Jason McLaughlin for the 8th grade girls coaching position for the 25-26 school year.
3. Recommendation to approve Garyn Waits for the 7th grade girls coaching position for the 25-26 school year.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Megan Carlier, elementary school aide, effective immediately.
5. Recommendation to approve Brittaney Dye for an elementary aide position, Step 0 (pending background checks)
6. Recommendation to approve Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. proposal for \$26,392.
7. Recommendation to approve Jeff Turner as the JV Boys Soccer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Recommendation to approve Yvonne Jones as a sub cook and a sub custodian pending background checks.
9. Recommendation to approve Ashley Watson as a sub office aide, elementary school only.
10. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Abigail Case as a full time sub bus driver retroactive 8/18/25.

14475-25
Consent
Agenda

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sexton stated he will be meeting with our board policy advisor, Neola, during September, 2025, to update, delete, or add new policies if recommended. One policy that may include new language on the use of student cell phones during instruction time. Each district will need to describe instructional time in their policy.

Mr. Sexton reminded the board there will be a new staff reception held at 5:00 prior to the board meeting on September 18, 2025. This meeting will be conducted in the elementary school building.

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14476-25
Go Into
Executive
Session

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to move into executive session at 6:33 p.m., for the discussion of the discipline of an employee.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14477-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to move out of executive session
Come Out at 7:08 p.m., with no action taken.

Executive Roll call:
Session

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Next The next regular meeting will be on September 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay
Meeting Elementary School.

14478-25 There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sanderson made a motion,
Adjourn seconded by Ms. Rhonemus 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