

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2025

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, September 18, 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 opened the meeting by recognizing the District's Envirothon Team and their successful year in competition. Mr. Sexton asked high school principal, Mr. Zink, to introduce the team and advisor. Mr. Zink introduced Mrs. Lara Hamilton, team advisor, and members Autumn Blankenship, Gage Thompson, Cloe Williamson, Abigail Shepherd, and Kylie O'Connor. Mr. Zink stated Mrs. Hamilton and the envirothon team traveled to Canada to compete for a national title after winning the district's regional and state titles. Mrs. Hamilton discussed the various activities and tests the team performed while in Canada. Mrs. Hamilton then asked each member to discuss one skill they have learned from being on the envirothon team. Although the envirothon team did not bring home the national title they did place 20th out of 51 teams in an oral presentation and did an outstanding job representing Lynchburg-Clay Local School District in Canada.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs Blankenship reported the highlights of the Great Oaks Board Meeting held on September 10, 2025. Mr. Harry Snyder, President of Great Oaks, recognized board members Emily Chestnut and Terry Gibson as OSBA Aptitude Award Recipients. The Aptitude Award recognizes a board member for their understanding in the leadership areas of vision, accountability, policy, community engagement, relationships and advocacy.

Mr. Snyder reported that Great Oaks is beginning the 2025-2026 school year with a record enrollment of 3,494 students. This represents 170 more students than the previous year.

Mr. Snyder also reported a \$20,250 donation was made to the Great Oaks Education Foundation Fund in memory of Jyan Waespe, a Mason High School Graduate, who was killed in a car accident in 2022.

The Great Oaks Board approved adversary committees for the district campuses and CTE programs. The board also accepted the lowest bid for the Diamond Oaks RTU replacement project. The lowest bid was presented by TP Mechanical at \$1,096,000. Finally, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at Laurel Oaks to celebrate the new building housing the Alternative/Electric Vehicle Technician and Construction Technology Programs.

Last, Mrs. Blankenship reported that Great Oaks highlighted some Lynchburg-Clay Students and the programs they are in, during the month of September. Students highlighted were Judah Meister in Heavy Equipment, Xavier Higgins in Diesel Mechanics, Evan Fenner in Heavy Equipment, and Avery Blankenship in Health Technology.

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14480-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the minutes from the
Approve regular meeting held on August 21, 2025.
Minutes

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

14481-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the financial and
Financial & investment reports as presented by the treasurer.
Investment
Reports

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14482-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the list of bills as
Approve presented by the treasurer.
Bills

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14483-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the cafeteria report as
Cafeteria presented by the treasurer.
Report

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14484-25 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to accept the donations as
Accept presented by the treasurer.
Donations

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to approve Darlene Hart as a sub. educational aide.
3. Recommendation to approve Phil Loudon as a volunteer assistant golf coach.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Alicia Shope as a BLT member.
5. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Kylie Hamilton, Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective immediately.
6. Recommendation to approve Danielle Roberts as a BLT member for the elementary school for the 24-25 school year (retroactive).
7. Recommendation to approve the following staff for the high school BLT: Will Fawley, James O'Connor, Michelle Truman, Whitney Lewis, and Mark Faust.
8. Recommendation to approve Jennifer Brown for the elementary paraprofessional position for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Recommendation to approve Kayla Lucas as a sub. teacher for the district.

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10. Recommendation to accept the resignation of James Walker as the high school track coach for the 25-26 school year.
11. Recommendation to approve Jim Brown as a sub van driver pending background checks.
12. Recommendation to approve Raven Couch as the assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 25-26 school year.
13. Recommendation to approve the ID of gifted students.

14485-25
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 - The software program, Pikmykid, is still having issues in working with the district's internet service. This was a program purchased for 2025-2026 that allows outside staff to communicate with inside staff to dismiss students as requested when parents pull up to the designated areas to pick up their child. Approximately 35% of the elementary parents are bringing their child to school, making it more congested at drop off and pick up times. This program will help the time it takes to get students in and out of the building on a daily basis. Mr. Reeder is working on a plan to fix the internet service at the elementary building.

B) Safety/Facility - Patriot Environment was at the middle school performing the second soil test from the underground fuel tank removal to see if any contaminants were still in the soil. Preliminary results look good but the district will need to wait approximately three weeks for final results.

Mrs. Sanderson gave the public an update on the first 5-year strategic planning meeting held on September 16, 2025. All participants were asked to come up with two issues they feel are important to the district to be included in a strategic plan. After the decision is made on what goals will be addressed in the plan, then this group will develop the strategy and framework to implement in order to achieve these goals. The four goals that were highlighted are:

- Student enrollment/retention
- Facilities
- Curriculum
- Parent and community engagement

This group plans to meet twice a month in October, November, and in December to complete a 5-year strategic plan.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on October 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board Office.

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14486-25
Adjourn
Meeting

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

Voice vote. All members voted yea.

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

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer