

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2025

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 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 introduced Mr. William T. Wills and Mr. Joe Wills. The Board of Education honored Mr. Tom Wills for his years of service as an educator, principal, and superintendent of Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. Mr. Tom Wills began his career at Lynchburg in 1964 as a middle school social studies teacher. Mr. Wills then transferred to the newly built high school in 1965, and became the driver's education instructor. Mr. Wills became the high school principal in 1977, and served in this position until he accepted the role as superintendent of the district in 1979. Mr. Wills retired from the district in 1991.

Mr. Joe Wills began his education career as a physical education teacher in 1988. During his time spent as a teacher, Mr. Wills coached many sports teams including the boys varsity basketball team. Mr. Wills and the varsity boys basketball team of 1992/1993 made it to the final four in the state tournament. In 1996, Mr. Joe Wills became the elementary assistant principal, then became the middle school principal in 2001. Mr. Wills remained in this position until resigning in 2005, to become the personnel director of Ohio Valley School District. Mr. Will's retired in 2019, as the Superintendent of Greenfield Exempted Village Schools.

Next, Mr. Sexton and the Board of Education honored the elementary teaching staff for their time, dedication, and years of service to the school district. Mrs. Pam Hollon, Elementary School Principal, introduced the teacher representatives for each grade level and the other educators present at the board meeting. Teachers present were Ms. Angela Buller, Ms. Renee Parry, Ms. Carrie Pfister, Ms. Tina Smith, Ms. Krista Hawk, and Ms. Nora Dorton.

Last, Mrs. Heather Mullenix was present to discuss the district's newest report card and the achievements the district made since last year. Mrs. Mullenix opened by stating the district exceeded state expectations as a whole district including graduation and achievement. The Lynchburg-Clay School District earned four out of five possible stars. Mrs. Mullenix then explained what makes up each component in the report card and how the district is rated by component. The components are made up of the following:

Achievement - Lynchburg-Clay was rated at 81.8% in the achievement component which looks at the performance of all students.

Closing Gap - This component breaks the district's student population down into subgroups including special education, gifted, chronic absenteeism, etc. The district rated four stars in these subgroups. This means the district is meeting the state requirements within the subgroups.

Graduation Rate - The district achieved a 95% graduation rate which is a tremendous achievement based on the number of students in the district.

College Career and Military Readiness - This component measures how the district has graduates prepared or ready for college, a job, or for the military. The district received four stars in this area.

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Early Literacy - The elementary school should be congratulated for how hard they have worked on teaching the science of reading. The elementary school received four stars in this area of the report card. Lynchburg-Clay was one of the highest districts in the region in this component.

Progress Component - The elementary school achieved the best rating in this area. The middle school and the high school needs to work on this area by adding intervention or extra help to students in reading and math.

Mrs. Mullenix then addressed each school building on an individual basis, presenting their strengths and weaknesses as it relates to each of these component units. All buildings did meet state expectations in each component area. The teaching staff will focus on data analysis from student test scores, making sure the core instruction is offered to every student, identify what areas of instruction are working well to build on that aspect and to identify individual students who may need additional tutoring to help in achieving overall student growth.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship stated the Great Oaks Board met on Wednesday, October 8th, 2025. Prior to the board meeting, board members were able to tour the new EV Center, training on electric battery manufacturing for Great Oaks students. The board was able to see demonstrations of various types of equipment that will be used in the electronic battery process.

The Great Oaks Culinary Institute had different stations set up at this open house where they were selling their own food creations. The Culinary Class also made the meal for the board to enjoy prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Blankenship is on the policy committee at Great Oaks. This committee imposed a new policy, adopted by the Great Oaks Board, that will allow students to attend religious classes two times per week while attending Great Oaks.

Mrs. Blankenship explained the board reviewed their state report card and their areas of strengths and weaknesses. The Great Oaks report card is based on career education versus a curriculum based instruction. Great Oaks received five stars on this report card

Great Oaks is building a new aviation center at Diamond Oaks campus. The board accepted the lowest of nine bids for this project.

Last, Mrs. Blankenship touched on student spotlights for the month of October, 2025. Lynchburg-Clay students that were noted in the Great Oaks Spotlight where Madilynn Watkins in Health Technology, Diamond Hewitt in Dental Assisting, Peyton Davidson with the IT Academy, and Dylan Profitt in Construction Technologies.

14488-25
Approve
Minutes

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the minutes from the strategic planning meeting on September 16, 2025, and the regular meeting held on September 18, 2025.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

14489-25
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. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14490-25
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. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14491-25
Cafeteria
Report

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14492-25
Accept
Donations

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

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

14493-25
Approve
Forecast

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the fiscal year 2026 forecast.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to approve Travis Shaffer as a part time bus sub.
3. Recommendation to accept the retirement resignation of Leigh Ann Allemang, effective June 1, 2026.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Brittany Belcher, elementary school aide, effective immediately, 9/29/25.
5. Recommendation to approve Vickie Johnson as a sub. teacher.
6. Recommendation to approve Serena Smith as a sub. teacher.
7. Recommendation to approve a paraprofessional position at the elementary school.
8. Recommendation to approve Jana Chaney as a sub. educational aide.

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9. Recommendation to approve Kayla Lucas as a sub. educational aide and office aide.
10. Recommendation to approve Cailey Lofton as an educational aide for the elementary school. Step 1
11. Recommendation to approve Ian Waits as an assistant coach for middle school boys basketball.
12. Recommendation to approve Bruce Butler as volunteer assistant coach for JV Boys Soccer.
13. Recommendation to approve the senior class FFA to Ft.Worth,TX.
14. Recommendation to approve a salary adjustment for the first quarter for building aides.

14494-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the Superintendent's
Consent Consent Agenda.
Agenda

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14495-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve allowing the
Approve FFA Lynchburg-Clay FFA Chapter to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, from
National October 29th to November 1st.
Convention

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14496-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve Christmas hams for the
Approve 2025-2026 school year.
Hams

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14497-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve Chad Moore as a sub.
Approve worker.
Aide

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14498-25 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve resolution to amend and
Approve extend the electric service agreement for the board office and the middle school through 2028.
Electric Svc. Roll call:
Agreement

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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Mr. Sexton gave a brief summary of each recommendation on his report, the reason for hiring each individual listed, and/or the reason for approving a salary adjustment for aides, and the reason to approve an extension on the current electric service contract for the middle school and board office.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy - The Board tabled the motion to approve board policies until they could have discussion on some of the policy changes.

Mr. Sexton stated that the Board will be honoring Gage Thompson, the golf and volleyball teams at the next board meeting.

Mr. Sexton presented some ideas to the board concerning a memorial for Terry McGinnis, for the amount of contributions that he and his family has made to the Lynchburg-Clay School District. Mr. Sexton is in the process of acquiring quotes for a memorial stone to be placed at the athletic field in his memory.

Mr. Sexton stated that he heard from Patriot Environmental concerning the underground tank soil testing at the middle school. The final results are not back but the company did state that the preliminary results looked good. Mr. Sexton is hopeful this project can be finalized soon.

Next Meeting The next regular meeting will be on November 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay High School.

14499-25 There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, Adjourn seconded by Mrs. Sanderson 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