

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2025

Call To Order & Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 13, 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 explaining the board of education wants to recognize past staff and educators that have made an impact on the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. In the October 2025 board meeting, Mr. William T. Willis and Mr. Joe Willis were recognized for their time while employed at Lynchburg-Clay. For this meeting, the board wishes to recognize Mrs. Clo Davis for her work and impacts that she made on students and staff while employed by the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. Mrs. Davis was first employed by the district in 1971, as a teacher's aide. In 1975, Mrs. Davis received her bachelor's degree and was employed as a third grade teacher in the district. During 1978, Mrs Davis received her master's degree and became the principal of the Lynchburg K-8 building. Mrs. Davis served as the principal of this building until she retired in 1997.

Next, Mr. Sexton introduced representatives from NCB Bank, Mr. Drew Roberts and Mr. Blake Croy. NCB Bank donated \$15,000 to an organization called Powerpacks out of Clermont County. Powerpacks have partnered with Ms. Jennifer Mihalik, language arts teacher at Lynchburg- Clay Middle School and the school district for numerous years to provide weekend meals for eligible students of the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. The number of students served by this organization has grown over the past several years and Lynchburg-Clay has become one of the largest groups served by Powerpacks. Mr. Scott Conley was present on behalf of the power packs to accept this NCB donation.

Mr. Sexton asked the district's Special Education Director and Assistant Elementary Principal, Mrs. Heather Carraher, to come forward and introduce the staff, student participants, and volunteers who participated or worked at the 2025 Special Olympics. Mrs. Carraher introduced three student-athletes who participated in the Special Olympics at Greenfield Schools. Student athletes honored were Christopher Garvie, Mia Puckett, and Madden Lane. Student volunteers helping in this event work Koen Critzer, Jada Johnson, Linkin Barnett, Emma Sanderson Jameson Miracle, Nora Jenkins, Caiely Aubry, Lily Lane, Jocelyn Vance, and Adam Vance. Staff helpers for the Special Olympics were Janice Bennington, elementary multi- handicap teacher, and special education secretary, Chris Hawk. Mrs. Sanderson noted the Lynchburg-Clay Special Education Department received the highest rating of four stars on the current state report card. Mrs. Sanderson wanted this department to be congratulated on this accomplishment.

Mr. Sexton then asked Mr. Jacob Zink, Lynchburg-Clay High School Principal to introduce the cross country team and the boys golf team. These teams are being recognized for their awards and accomplishments for the 2025 season. Mr. Zink introduced the cross country team consisting of Kyler Fite, Tavion Huguely, MaCade Boyd, Elam Faust, Wyatt Osborn, Cylus Arrington, Owen Faust, Glenn Watson, Logan West, and Lillian Lane. The cross country team was SHAC Champions, District Runners Up, and Regional Qualifiers. Kyler Fite and Tavion Huguely were All District, All Regional, and State Qualifiers. Mr. Todd Faust was honored as the Cross Country SHAC Coach of the Year.

Next, Mr. Zink introduced the boys golf team. The team was SHAC Champions and District Runners Up. The team qualified for state. All SHAC winners were Kristian Beachy, Aidan Bene, Jackson West, and Nolan Wilkin. All District were Jackson West and Nolan Wilkin.

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James Walker was named SHAC Coach of the Year. Phil Loudon served as the Assistant Golf Coach. Also on the team were Carson Pfister, Koen Collins, Austin Manning, Jayden Pettit and Tanner Roberts.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship stated the Great Oaks Board examined the 5-year budget plan at the October 2025 board meeting. Also, the board reviewed the proposed property tax referendum that certain residents of Ohio are attempting to acquire enough signatures on in order to place the referendum on the next general election ballot. The referendum would propose doing away with all property taxes in Ohio. CFO, Mr. Brian Rabe, presented the 3-year forecast for Great Oaks.

Mrs. Blankenship presented brochures from Great Oaks showing the various programs offered to students and the types of careers that are available beyond high school.

The Great Oaks Board noted that the Live Oaks Raider Team consisting of the JROTC won the national championship in the male and female all services division of the 2025 All Service Raider Challenge.

The Great Oaks Board approved construction bids for the Scarlet Oaks New Health Academy. Conger Construction will serve as the project manager.

New applications for enrollment on the 2026/2027 school year opened up November 24, 2025, and all applications must be submitted by February 8, 2026. Once the deadline ends students are chosen by a lottery system because of the numbers that can be accepted by class offerings.

14501-25
Approve
Minutes

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the minutes from the strategic planning meeting on October 14, 2025, and the regular meeting held on October 16, 2025, and the strategic planning meeting on October 28, 2025.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

14502-25
Financial &
Investment
Reports

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the financial and investment reports 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.

14503-25
Approve
Bills

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the list of bills 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.

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14504-25
Cafeteria
Report

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the cafeteria report 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.

14505-25
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.

14506-25
Scholarship
Fund

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve a new scholarship fund for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Roll call:

Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, 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 Serena Smith for retroactive pay.
3. Recommendation to approve the renewal of HUDL for \$16,000.
4. Recommendation to approve Travis Shaffer as a sub. educational aide.
5. Recommendation to approve Brandi Williams as an educational aide for the elementary school.
6. Recommendation to approve Greg Patton as a Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.
7. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Kara Partin, middle school teacher, effective December 19, 2025.

Mr. Sexton added some details to certain items on the consent agenda. Mr. Sexton stated that Serena Smith started working prior to receiving her official substitute teaching permit from the state. The district cannot pay an employee until an official teacher license or an aide permit is received from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Because of being short-staffed he allowed the elementary to use Ms. Smith and stated he would ask for retroactive pay once she received her substitute teaching license which has officially taken place.

Mr. Sexton explained that HUDL is an expensive application but it is very helpful to the coaching staff, as HUDL records all students' statistics related to their athletic career, calculates all statistics that coaches can present for student athletic honors and allows family members or any community member to watch games live, online, if they cannot attend in person.

Mr. Sexton explained the district applied for a state safety grant and the amount of \$40,000 for janitorial equipment. If approved, the district will be required to cover \$8,370.64 of the total cost of the equipment. Some of the higher priced equipment are new floor scrubbers for the middle school and high school. The old scrubbers in these two buildings are over 20 years old.

Also, Mr. Sexton is requesting the bid of \$12,812.25 for a new intercom system for a concession stand/weight room facility. There is no current communication system in the building, not all cell phone services work inside the building.

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14507-25
Consent
Agenda

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

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14508-25
Hire John
Roush as sub.

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the hiring of John(JR) Roush as a substitute teacher and substitute driver, effective March 1, 2026.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

14509-25
NWEA
MAP Growth

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the renewal for the NWEA MAP Growth K-12 2026.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SAFETY/FACILITY/EQUIPMENT

14510-25
High School
Door Repair

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the repair to the exterior door behind the girls locker room at the high school for \$6,559.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14511-25
Janitorial
Equipment

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the quote for janitorial equipment, pending grant approval. If grant is approved, the district's responsibility is \$8,370.64.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

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14512-25
Intercom
System
Addition

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the bid for the addition of the intercom system for the high school athletic facility for \$12,812.25.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

POLICY

14513-25
Approve
Policies

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the following policies: 2266, 2430.02, 2431, 3130, 5130, 5136, 5200, 5223, 5410, 6109, 6152, 6830, 7540.02, 7541, 8300, 8305, 8400, 8462, 8640, 9270. Nondiscrimination policies - 1422, 1623, 2260, 2260.01, 3122, 3123, 4122, 4123.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

STUDENT ACTIVITY

The state has approved a policy allowing high school athletes to be paid or allowed to accept a sponsorship for playing athletics.

14514-25
Go Into
Executive
Session

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to move into executive session at 6:49 p.m., for the discussion of hiring personnel.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14515-25
Come Out
Executive
Session

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to move out of executive session at 8:23 p.m., with no action taken.

Roll call:

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay High School.

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14516-25
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