

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2026

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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 previously recited by all.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Sexton explained the two students that were to be recognized for being Red Ribbon Essay Winners are both playing basketball and could not attend. They will be honored at a later date.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship summarized the activities of the Great Oaks board meeting held on January 14, 2026.

The Great Oaks Board re-elected Mr. JB Stamper, Wilmington, as the chair and Mrs. Sandy Harrod, Hamilton County ESC, was re-elected as vice chair of the Great Oaks Board for 2026. Mr. Bill Ferguson, Hamilton County ESC, was appointed as parliamentarian, Mr. Ron Friend, Fairfield Local, as legislative liaison, and Mr. Terry Gibson, Lockland, as the ACTE Liaison. The board then appointed board members to the district's various committees. These committees meet to review items relating to the Great Oaks District, then make recommendations to the full board for their approval throughout the year.

The board also appointed the Title IX/Civil Rights, 504/ADA and the anti-harassment compliance officers for 2026. Mr Brian Rabe, CFO of the Great Oaks was appointed as the Contract Compliance Officer, Tax Incentive Council Representative, and the Sunshine Law Compliance Representative.

The final motion of the evening was to establish the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as the official board meeting night for Great Oaks.

14537-26
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the strategic planning meeting on December 11, 2025 and the regular board meeting on December 18, 2025.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hawk updated the board and discussed the monthly reports, including the monthly cash reconciliation, investment report, outstanding check report, and the cafeteria report.

Mr. Hawk presented the tax budget for 2026/2027 and offered a detailed explanation on anticipated revenues and expenditures included in the budget.

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- 14538-26 Financial & Investment Reports Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the financial and investment reports as presented by the treasurer.
- Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14539-26 Approve Bills Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the list of bills as presented by the treasurer.
- Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14540-26 Cafeteria Report Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the cafeteria report as presented by the treasurer.
- Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14541-26 Accept Donations Mrs. Sanderson 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.
- 14542-26 Approve Budget Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the tax budget for 2027 as presented by the treasurer.
- 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

Mr. Sexton briefly discussed each bullet point on the consent agenda and the reason for his recommendations. The board asked some detail on certain recommendations prior to approving the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to accept Janelle Rockey's resignation for Varsity Volleyball Coach.
3. Recommendation to accept Kara Partin's resignation from MTSS, BLT, and middle school E-Sports.
4. Recommendation to accept Brittaney Dye's resignation as an educational aide at the elementary school, effective 1/4/2026.
5. Recommendation to accept Madelyn Blankenship as a sub. Teacher.
6. Recommendation to approve Judy Hamilton as a volunteer school play advisor.
7. Recommendation to approve the FFA trip to Perfect North for skiing on 2/20/26.
8. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jessica Ball, high school cafeteria worker, effective 1/30/2026.
9. Recommendation to accept the retirement of Kathy Hehl, accounts payable clerk, effective 6/30/2026.
10. Recommendation to approve Vickie Johnson as a sub. aide.
11. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Cailey Lofton, elementary school aide, effective 2/13/2026.

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- 14543-26
Consent
Agenda
- Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda.
- Roll call: Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14544-26
Sub. Teacher
- Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve Madelyn Blankenship as a substitute teacher.
- Roll call: Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, abstain.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- NEW BUSINESS
- Curriculum/Technology** - Mr. Sexton explained that he and Mr. Hudson made a trip to Huntington Schools to view a new STEM Lab the district has implemented. The STEM Lab allows Huntington Middle School Students to have hands-on experience with architectural design, interior decorating, robotics, and basic principles of how drones are designed. Mr. Sexton explained how the students at Huntington Local were so excited about what they were learning in the STEM Lab and how they wanted to explain what they were doing. Mr. Sexton explained how this will become part of the future curriculum and how it may engage more students in public education.
- Safety/Equipment** - Mr. Sexton stated that Mr. Zink did reach out to Jerry's Welding Supply for a quote on the new FFA welders and equipment but the company stated they were not interested in offering a quote. This was a recommendation that was tabled at the last board meeting until someone could contact Jerry's Welding Supply to see if they would like to offer a quote of this new equipment.
- 14545-26
Vocational
Education
Welding Eq.
- Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the purchase of welders and welding equipment for the vocational education department.
- Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- Next
Meeting
- The next meeting will be on February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education Building.
- 14546-26
Adjourn
Meeting
- There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to adjourn the meeting.
- Voice vote. All members voted yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer