

Licking Valley Board of Education
 Licking Valley High School Media Center, 100 Hainsview Dr., Newark, Ohio
 March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Mission Statement: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda items titled Public Comment - Agenda Items Only and Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only." Licking Valley Board Policy 0165.1 - REGULAR MEETINGS

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. ROLL CALL

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B. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION, OR MEDITATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRESENTATION and ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Discussion:

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E. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS - 30 MINUTES ALLOTTED)

F. SPECIAL REPORT

Primary - Mr. John Grimm & Kindergarten Team of Teachers

- Revised Kindergarten Clinic
- 2026-2027 Kindergarten School Year

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High School - Mr. John Barrett & Mrs. Jessica Noser - Out-of-State Band/Choir Trip 2027

High School - Mrs. Cindy Hughes - FCCLA State Conference

Strategic Plan Update - Objectives 1.1 & 1.3 - Mrs. Whitney Malone

- Objective 1.1 - Define, implement, and communicate pathways and academic options so that each student is prepared for college/university, trades, and career/technical opportunities, or military enlistment.
- Objective 1.3 - Evaluate the current College Credit Plus offerings and career tech and trade opportunities available to Licking Valley students and conduct a feasibility analysis for creating programs housed within the district.

Board Policy Committee Update - Mrs. Julie Stedman

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approval of minutes from the February 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

B. Amending and Filing Certificates

Recommended Action: Approval of adjusting/filing amended certificates (including the 412 certificates) and appropriation codes to reflect additional incomes, transfers, advances, and expenditures through the end of the month.

- Appropriations and estimated resources

C. Transfer Funds

Recommended Action: To approve the transfer of funds listed below for student participation and admission at district activities.

- Athletics from 001-0000 to 300-9200: \$12,698.00

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III. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

It is recommended the personnel changes listed below be accepted.

Official employment for all of our new hires is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a criminal records background check as required by ORC 3319.291, and receipt of appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

1. Rescinded Contract

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
Darl	Keller	Middle School Boys Assistant Track	March 9, 2026	Was approved at a Step 0 on 2/9/26 but had previously coached track at Heath.

2. Resignations/Retirements

a. Resignations

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Jordan	Middlemus	Volleyball - JV	February 26, 2026

b. Retirements

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Michael	Hageman	Middle School Teacher	June 30, 2026

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Kellie	Green	Middle School Teacher	June 30, 2026
Vicki	Moore	Intermediate Administrative Assistant	June 30, 2026

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3. Substitutes 2025-2026

a. Substitute Teacher

Denise Miller, Danielle Diss, Joesy Kramer, Janella Caudill, Shelby Mullins

b. Discretionary Rate Custodian

Lori Heminger - Step 2 (retroactive to March 1, 2026)

4. Supplemental

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Salary	Reason
Kyle	Godsell	Varsity Assistant Baseball	2025-26	3	Step - 6	Replacing Roy Whisner - resigned
Darl	Keller	Middle School Boys Assistant Track	2025-26	4	Step - 10	Replacing Rebekah Kalas - resigned

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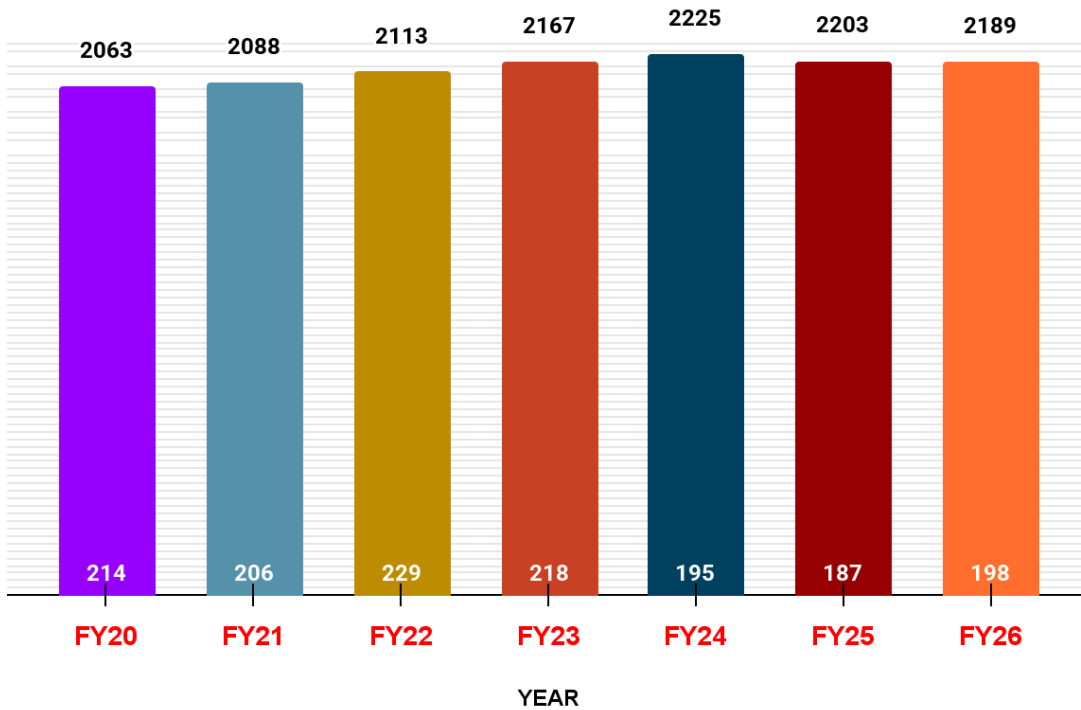
B. STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

It is recommended the Student/Curriculum items be accepted.

1. Enrollment

District Head Counts FY20-FY26 (Includes C-TEC)

NOTE: Incoming open enrollment counts for each year are shown within each bar in the chart.



2. Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report 2025-2026

Board Policy: 5517.01 - Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means:

- A. Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student or group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other student(s)

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and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s); or violence within a dating relationship.

B. "Electronic act" means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.

Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well being.

a. Licking Valley High School

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
09	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

b. Licking Valley Middle School

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
06	0	0	0
07	0	0	0
08	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

c. Licking Valley Elementary

Grades K-5	Males	Females
TOTAL	0	0

3. Suspension/Expulsions Report

a. Licking Valley High School (1 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
In-School Suspension	1	2
In-School Suspension	3	2
Out-of-School Suspension	3	1

b. Licking Valley Middle School (4 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
In-School Suspension	1	12
In-School Suspension	2	9
In-School Suspension	3	3
Out-of-School Suspension	2	1
Out-of-School Suspension	3	5
Out-of-School Suspension	5	4
Out-of-School Suspension	6	1

c. Licking Valley Intermediate (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
In-School Suspension	1	1

d. Licking Valley Primary (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
Bus Suspension	3	2

4. College Credit Plus

a. Kenyon College

Recommended Action: To approve the College Credit Plus Partnership agreement with Kenyon College for the 2026-2027 school year.

b. Kent State University

Recommended Action: To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University for the 2026-2027 school year.

c. Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Recommended Action: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Textbook Rental Program between Mount Vernon University and Licking Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

d. Zane State College

Recommended Action: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Zane State College and Licking Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. FCCLA Overnight Trip

Recommended Action: To approve the Licking Valley High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) trip to the State Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio on April 16 & 17, 2026, with their advisor, Cindy Hughes.

6. Band/Choir Out-of-State Trip 2027

Recommended Action: To approve the band/choir out-of-state trip to Chicago, Illinois, March 19-21, 2027, with their directors.

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C. GIFTS/DONATIONS

It is recommended to accept the gifts/donations listed:

Donations Received Between February 7, 2026 - March 6, 2026

Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
2/10	HS Panther Pantry	\$200.00	Meghan & Tommy Fairall donated 50lbs of pork
2/10	LV Bus Garage	\$300.00	Pyatt's Petroleum Service LLC - Fixed fuel tanks
2/10	LV Trust Fund	\$1,000.00	Pepsi Scholarship
2/10	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
2/10	LV FFA	\$50.00	Local Roots Property Service
2/10	LV FFA	\$100.00	Doug & Lynn Anders
2/10	LV FFA	\$2,500.00	Versova Community Foundation
2/20	HS Panther Pantry	\$325.00	LV Lions Club
2/25	Intermediate Principals Fund	\$500.00	Hanover Presbyterian Church Women
2/25	Primary Principals Fund	\$500.00	Hanover Presbyterian Church Women
2/26	Youth to Youth	\$250.00	Hanover Presbyterian Church Women
2/27	HS Choir	\$86.00	Anonymous Donation
3/2	MS Panther Pantry	\$500.00	Hanover Presbyterian Church Women
3/4	LV Baseball & Softball Project	\$1,000.00	Anonymous Donation
3/4	Youth to Youth	\$500.00	Brushy Fork United Methodist Church
3/4	HS Panther Pantry	\$500.00	Hanover Presbyterian Church Women
3/4	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
3/4	HS Panther Pantry	\$400.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
	TOTAL	\$8,811.00	

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D. BUSINESS

It is recommended we accept the Business items listed.

1. Approval of E-Rate Category 2 Purchases (Network Equipment & Maintenance)

Recommended Action: To approve the purchase through the E-Rate program of network edge switches, network fiber upgrades, and equipment maintenance services from Licking Area Computer Association with a one-time cost of \$173,756.08 and an estimated discount of \$121,629.26 (70%); high school network rack modifications from Forward Edge with a one-time cost of \$3,541.97 and an estimated discount of \$2,479.38; and annual monitoring, alerting, and remediation of eligible network equipment from Datapath at an annual cost of \$5,418.00 with an estimated discount of \$3,792.60 for the term of the agreement.

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2. Surplus

Recommended Action: To approve the items listed as surplus.

Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
NA	DO Varidesk Adjustable Standing Desk	2	No Longer Used	Yes
NA	High Jump Mats	3	Damaged in Wind Storm	No

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3. Sale of Surplus District Property via FFA Auction

Recommended Action:

To authorize the Treasurer (or designee) to sell designated surplus district property through the District’s annual FFA auction on March 28th (public auction), with all items sold as-is, where-is, and to deposit all proceeds from the sale into the appropriate district fund(s) in accordance with applicable requirements. Authorize payment of customary auction-related fees and costs from sale proceeds.

Rationale / Background:

The District has identified certain district-owned items as surplus, obsolete, or no longer needed for school purposes. Selling these items through the annual FFA auction provides a public, competitive sales environment and may increase visibility to potential buyers.

Details

- The Treasurer (or designee) is authorized to include the identified surplus items in the March 28th FFA auction and to complete any related sale documentation.
- Items will be offered for sale as-is, where-is, with no warranties expressed or implied.
- The Treasurer (or designee) will maintain documentation of the items sold and final sale prices, and will account for proceeds in the District’s records.

Items to be Sold:

Item	Qty	Reason	Board Meeting Approval Date
HS - 6’ Sided Tables	29	Replaced	February 9, 2026

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Item	Qty	Reason	Board Meeting Approval Date
HS - 8' Tables	13	Replaced	February 9, 2026
HS - 10' Tables	10	Replaced	February 9, 2026
DO - Varidesk Adjustable Standing Desk	6	No Longer Used	February 9, 2026
DO - Varidesk Adjustable Standing Desk	2	No Longer Used	March 9, 2026

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4. Selection of High School Auditorium Lighting Vendor and Contract Approval

Recommended Action: To approve the selection of Knight Sound & Lighting Inc. for the high school auditorium lighting project.

The Superintendent requests authority to enter into an agreement with Knight Sound & Lighting Inc. (the "Contractor") for the Auditorium Lighting System Improvements (the "Project").

Rationale:

1. The Board previously identified a need for the Project.
2. The Project includes professional services and installation work necessary to furnish, install, configure, integrate, and commission the lighting system improvements consistent with the District's specifications.

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3. The Project was solicited through the District’s Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process, and proposals were evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP.
4. The Contractor submitted a pricing proposal (“Proposal”) in response to the RFP, including the base scope and alternates as requested in the RFP. The District has selected the base scope and alternates.
5. The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Contractor for the Project, including the Selected Scope, in an amount not to exceed \$138,169.08.
6. The Superintendent also requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve and execute change orders on behalf of the Board in a total aggregate amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for approval.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board acknowledges the Project was procured through the District’s RFP process and that proposals were evaluated using the criteria set forth in the RFP.
2. The Board approves the selection of the Contractor for the Project and authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer (in consultation with legal counsel, as needed) to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Contractor and to sign any related documents for the Project, including the Selected Scope, in an amount not to exceed the Contract Sum.
3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve and execute change orders on behalf of the Board in a total aggregate amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for approval.

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5. Selection of High School and Elementary Audio Vendor and Contract Approval

Recommended Action: To approve the selection of Knight Sound & Lighting Inc. for the High School Auditorium and Elementary Sound System project.

The Superintendent requests authority to enter into an agreement with Knight Sound & Lighting Inc. (the "Contractor") for the High School Auditorium and Elementary Sound System Improvements (the "Project").

Rationale:

1. The Board previously identified a need for the Project.
2. The Project includes professional services and installation work necessary to furnish, install, configure, integrate, and commission the lighting system improvements consistent with the District's specifications.
3. The Project was solicited through the District's Request for Proposals ("RFP") process, and proposals were evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP.
4. The Contractor submitted a pricing proposal ("Proposal") in response to the RFP, including the base scope and alternates as requested in the RFP. The District has selected the base scope and alternates.
5. The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Contractor for the Project, including the Selected Scope, in an amount not to exceed \$217,752.37.
6. The Superintendent also requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve and execute change orders on behalf of the Board in a total aggregate amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for approval.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board acknowledges the Project was procured through the District's RFP process and that proposals were evaluated using the criteria set forth in the RFP.
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agreement with the Contractor and to sign any related documents for the Project, including the Selected Scope, in an amount not to exceed the Contract Sum.

3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve and execute change orders on behalf of the Board in a total aggregate amount not to exceed 10% of the Contract Sum. Change orders in excess of that aggregate amount will be brought to the Board for approval.

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IV. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

V. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 30 MINUTES ALLOTTED)

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Goals
- Inside Millage
- Use of District Premises

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

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