

**LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026
6:15 p.m.**

**Mike Miller, President
Tammy Dow, Vice President
Jason Eichler, Secretary
Lauren Skelly, Treasurer
Maurice Parks, Trustee
Travis Baker, Trustee
Kristen Chapman, Trustee**

Cristina Eyre, Superintendent/ K-12 Principal

- 1. Call to Order- Miller 6:15PM**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Mission Statement – Litchfield Community Schools is dedicated to the success of all students. We will: Partner with students, parents, staff, community, and local industry; Provide a safe facility and nurturing environment; Educate students to become empowered self-sustaining life-long learners.**
- 4. Roll Call- Present:** Miller, Dow, Skelly, Baker. Chapman arrived at 6:19PM
Absent: Eichler, Parks
- 5. Public Participation**
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| 6. Consent Agenda | Action |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizational & Regular Board meeting, January 27, 2025• General Funds• School Lunch Funds• Sinking Fund• Agency Funds• Vendor Check Report | |

Motion to accept as presented by Skelly; Seconded by Dow. Motion passes.

7. Reports

➤ **Superintendent/ Principal Report**

Information

Miss Terrier week went well. We had a couple of games that we let students in for free and it worked great. We are planning to purchase tickets for districts. 4th grade are taking the NAP testing.

Prepping for the NAP has been going well. 250 students for spring count. We had a new family enroll and were willing to start the robotics team back up.

➤ **Athletic Director's Report**

Information

➤ **Food Service Report**

Information

➤ **Transportation & Maintenance Report**

Information

**8. Approve the hire of Lonnie Barth as
Sub Bus Driver**

Action

Motion by Dow; Seconded by Skelly. Subs for many schools in the county. Motion carried.

9. Overnight Trip- Robotics

Action

We passed policies a couple years ago to not have overnight trips. Berrien Springs competition for the high school team. Middle school competition is in Detroit area. We would have parents transporting the students. High School has 5 students. The Middle School has more students but not sure exact numbers, around 10-15.

Motion to approve the overnight trip by Chapman; Seconded by Dow. Motion carried.

10. Wellness Policy Update

Information

Two parents, two teachers, and three staff. Review our policy and state recommendations. The committee will meet annually. Every three years they have to evaluate the committee.

Action next month.

11. LifeWays Curriculum

Action

Chris Firestone works for LifeWays in Hillsdale. This fits well with our wellness plan also. They have a grant for the program for middle school and high school. Social and emotional goal setting. This is a new program. It is very interactive with the students and many scenarios. The topics are the same for the different grades but the information is age appropriate. This will only be at two schools this year. Conflict resolution and anger management is something that Chris does well.

Motion to approve the LifeWays Curriculum by Chapman; Seconded by Dow. Motion carried.

12. Building Rental- Celebration of Life

Action

We were asked by a community member to rent the school for a celebration of life. We have rented the school for parties for families. We have had funerals at the school and the funeral workers are here to run the event.

13. Food Service Audit Report

Information

The Wellness policy was approved by our auditor. We have to pull documents that she needed when she was here. We had some findings. They are procedurally things that we need to improve on.

**14. Accept the Retirement of Michelle Corey
As Administrative Assistant**

Action

Motion to accept by Dow; Seconded by Chapman. Motion carried

15. Communications – Outgoing & Incoming

16. GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

17. Other Matter by the Administration

Action

Cassidie from the City is here to make a change with Sweet Corn Days. The City would cover the event with the insurance. They would like to move to the football practice field. The discussion was positive for using our area.

We have language for August and November election for our renewal millage.

Would like to talk about possibly switching to Thrun for policy. Goal to switch in July.

18. Other Matter by the Board

Action

Evaluation topics.

19. Adjourn – Miller 7:08PM

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