

Regular Meeting

February 19, 2026

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 19, 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 opened the night by introducing Mahalia Baker and Allyson Carraher. These two students are being honored for being Red Ribbon Essay Contest Winners for the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. The Red Ribbon Essay is a contest sponsored by the Paint Valley ADAMH Board and students are asked to write an essay on ways to prevent drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. One student from each county that is eligible to participate in the contest will win a \$500 scholarship. The counties eligible in this contest consist of Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, Pike, and Ross Counties. Individual school essay winners will receive \$100 scholarships.

Next, Mr. Sexton introduced Ms. Barbara Ferriel, retired secretary from Buford Elementary and Mrs. Colleen Mount, retired secretary from the Lynchburg-Clay Elementary Building. These two individuals are being honored for their time and dedication to the school district, and for making a positive impact on students' lives. Each were given a bronze mustang as a district momentum.

Last, county auditor, Mr. Alex Butler was introduced to the board and public. Mr. Butler requested to be added to the agenda so he could update the board of education on the current solar projects within the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District, and the time frame of when the district may see the first (PILOT) payment. Mr. Butler then explained the idea of what a PILOT payment is and how it would be calculated between each government entity within the taxing district of where the solar farm is developed by each government's tax millage.

Mr. Jim Faust had requested to speak to the board concerning his retirement. Mr. Faust informed the board and the public that he officially decided to retire from substitute teaching and asked to have his name removed from the sub. teacher list. Mr. Faust stated he had spent 56 years in education as either a full-time vocational instructor, full-time science teacher, or a substitute teacher and felt like it was time to quit. Mr. Faust was also honored for his time spent at Lynchburg-Clay and was given a bronze mustang.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship reported on the actions of the Great Oaks Board at their February 2026, meeting. President Harry Snyder updated the board on sophomore enrollment for fiscal year 2027. There are 2,973 applications with 2,100 spots available. Applicants who applied for an oversubscribed program, prior to the deadline of February 9, 2026, will be given a random lottery number to determine placement in those programs. All applicants will be notified of their status in mid-March.

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Mr. Snyder updated the Great Oaks Board on the construction of a new Diamond Oaks Aviation Building and the new construction at Scarlet Oaks.

Each year, Great Oaks presents a staff member with the Erin Scott Compassion Award. For 2025-2026, this was awarded to Missy Robbins, a Great Oaks Technology Integration Specialist.

Last, the Great Oaks Board recognized a long time executive assistant, Mary Beth Smith, by naming a shelter on the Scarlet Oaks Campus after her name. The shelter will be dedicated as a place to come together in fellowship and to serve as a legacy of Mrs. Smith's kindness and generous heart.

14547-26
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the organizational and the regular meeting on January 15, 2026 and the strategic planning meeting on January 20, 2026.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approved monthly financial reports, cafeteria reports, and donations. Mr. Hawk also discussed the updated financial forecast for the fiscal 2025/2026, with the board of education. The Department of Education and Workforce is requiring an updated submission during February 2026, as compared to May in prior years.

14548-26
Financial &
Investment
Reports

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the financial and investment reports as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14549-26
Approve
Bills

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the list of bills as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14550-26
Cafeteria
Report

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the cafeteria report as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14551-26
Accept
Donations

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to accept the donations as presented by the treasurer.

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

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Approve
Forecast

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the updated forecast.

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 his recommendations on the month's consent agenda. New hires are replacing staff who have quit. Supplementals are for coaches needed in each sport for the spring season.

Discussion evolved concerning the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Sexton stated the calendar could be approved at this point and an amendment could be made later if one or two days in the school calendar needed to be adjusted.

Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to approve Amy Snyder for the middle school BLT.
3. Recommendation to add MS Girls Track Coach to the supplemental schedule.
4. Recommendation to approve Amy Snyder for the MS Girls Track Coach.
5. Recommendation to approve the Senior Trip to DC.
6. Recommendation to approve Jessica Ball for the sub. list as a cafeteria worker.
7. Recommendation to approve Caitlyn Hill as a sub. cook. (retroactive 1/22/26)
8. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Darlene Hart as an educational aide for the elementary school.(Step 0)
9. Recommendation to accept the OHSAA Resolution for the 26-27 school year.
10. Recommendation to approve the calendar for the 26-27 school year.
11. Recommendation to approve Erin Zwiesler as a sub. educational aide.
12. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Cailey Lofton, elementary school aide, effective 2/13/2026.
13. Recommendation to approve Dennis West as the JV Baseball Coach for 26-27 school year.

14553-26
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; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sexton discussed the donation of unnecessary equipment to another school district. He stated the pole building at the middle school has numerous old or used classroom tables and chairs that have been replaced and the district does not have a need for these items any longer. By law, schools can donate these items to other districts that are in need of them if the value is under \$10,000. Mr. Sexton would like to see these items go to some other district that could use them versus scrapping the items.

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- 14554-26
Donate
Old Eq.
- Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the donation of unnecessary equipment valued at less than \$2500.00 to Felicity-Franklin Schools.
- Roll call: Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- Mr. Sexton explained that a school district must approve special education policies and procedures every year. He and the principles have reviewed these policies and would like the board's approval.
- 14555-26
Special Ed.
Policies &
Procedures
- Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the special education policies and procedures.
- Voice vote. All members voted yea. President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14556-26
Go Into
Executive
Session
- Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for the discussion of the superintendent compensation for the 2026-2027 school year and personnel matters including employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation.
- Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14557-26
Come Out
Executive
Session
- Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to come out of executive session at 9:48 p.m. with no action taken.
- Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- The Board reconvened in regular session and the Board President recommended Mr. Jacob Zink to be named the new superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 14558-26
Approve
26-27
Superintendent
Mr. Zink
- Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve a three year contract for Mr. Jacob Zink.
- Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- Next
Meeting
- The next meeting will be on March 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education Building.
- 14559-26
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