

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 100 HAINSVIEW DR., NEWARK, OHIO

Vision 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

ROLL CALL

The Licking Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School Media Center. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mr. Craig Nethers, Mrs. Julie Stedman, and Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert. Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, and Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, were also in attendance. Mr. Lincoln Clements, Student Representative, was present as well. Mr. Casey Williams was absent along with Mr. Griffin Williams, Student Representative.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

26-73 PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA 73

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda
Page 4 - Item III - Superintendent's Recommendation – Personnel Item 2-a. added Madden Magers' and DeAnn Dorogi's resignation
Page 7 & 8 - Item III – Superintendent's Recommendation – Personnel Item 5-a. Changed Courtney Crabtree from Step 15 to Step 16, Rita Crego from Step 11 to Step 12, and Emma Swartz from Bachelors 150 Step 3 to Masters Step 3
Page 10 - Item III - Superintendent's Recommendation – Personnel Item 9 – added Administration Extended Contract Days (2025-2026) for Nacole Klick for Training
Page 16 – Item III – Superintendent's Recommendation - Business Item 3-g. added Rehab Associates – Newark, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Agreements

Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda for May 11, 2026, is recommended to be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

None

SPECIAL REPORT

Student Spotlight

- Senior School Board Representative
- Youth-to Youth Recap
The student youth staff members and campers provided information about their experience with youth to youth. They provided details about attendance, some of the activities and events that took place and shared a video to provide an overview of the experience.

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FCCLA National Conference Out of State Trip – Mrs. Cindy Hughes
Mrs. Hughes provided information about the FCCLA National Conference Out-of-State Trip. She also discussed an award they would be receiving during the trip.

26-74 TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS 74

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following.

Minutes of the Regular Meetings

It is recommended to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Amending and Filing Certificates

It is recommended to approve the adjusting/filing amended certificates (including the 412 certificates) and appropriation codes to reflect additional incomes, advances, transfers, and expenditures through the end of the month.

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

26-75 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 75

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

Personnel

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 an appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

Rescinded Contracts

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
Sarahee	Rivera	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	May 11, 2026	Changed her mind 1-Year Limited contract 2026-2027
Sarahee	Rivera	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	May 11, 2026	Changed her mind Extended Days contract 2025-2026

Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Brody	Camp	High School Unit Intervention Specialist	June 30, 2026
Madison	Sweeney	High School Social Studies	June 30, 2026
Cassandra	Patterson	Elementary Substitute Custodian (Daily)	April 20, 2026
John	Lane	Elementary Custodian	April 22, 2026

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Hunter	Stewart	Intermediate 5th Grade	June 30, 2026
Nakia	Hines	Substitute Bus Driver (Daily)	May 7, 2026
Madden	Magers	Student Custodial Co-op Worker	May 15, 2026
DeAnn	Dorogi	Substitute Daily Aide (1:1 or Unit)	May 19, 2026

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

26-76 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 76

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Termination
It is recommended that the Board terminate all employment and continuing contract rights of Ms. Lori Mercer in the Licking Valley Local School District.

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

26-77 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 77

Mrs. Torbert moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following.

Personnel
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 an appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

Substitutes 2025-2026
Substitute Bus Driver (Call In)
Lindsay Sandusky
Angel Holbrook – retroactive to April 24, 2026

Substitute Custodian (Call In)
Gavin Conley

Substitute Custodian (Daily)
Kyle Anderson

DISCUSSION:
None

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Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

26-78 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 78

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Personnel
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 an appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

Certified 2026-2027

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary
Adam	Arcuri	LV Digital	3-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 10
Caitlin	Bailey	HS English	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 3
John	Barrett	HS/MS Band	5-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 10
Shala	Hall	HS Science	3-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 6
Brittany	Hammonds	HS Algebra	1-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 9
Lacey	Hopkins	HS Spanish	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 16
Christy	Pease	HS Intervention Specialist	1-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 9
Haley	Skinner	AG/Science	3-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 10
Gregory	Wolfe	HS Math	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12
Ashley	Cangelosi	MS Language Arts	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 3
Amanda	Cassidy	MS Math	5-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12
Emma	Fehrman	MS Math	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 1
Michael	Flowers	MS 8th Grade Social Studies	1-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12
Aubrey	German	MS Intervention Specialist	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary
Zach	Hersey	MS/IS Intervention Specialist	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 1
Michael	Hinger	MS Future Leaders	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 11
Siarra	Hoover	MS Unit Intervention Specialist	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 2
Danielle	Jenkins	MS Math	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 4
Rebekah	Kalas	MS Math	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 2
Tracy	Kinneer	MS Intervention Specialist	1-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 16
Matthew	Sorg	MS Industrial Tech	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 18
Lillian	Stewart	MS Language Arts	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 1
Amanda	Keim-Walters	MS Science	5-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12
Jacinda	Wetzel	MS Vocal Music	3-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 8
Crystal	Blume	3rd Grade	5-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 28
Mackenzie	Coleman	ES Social Worker	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 2
Courtney	Crabtree	3rd Grade	3-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 16
Kelsey	German	IS Unit Intervention Specialist	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 4
Caylee	King	5th Grade	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 2
Allison	Walton	4th Grade	3-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 10
Kathryn	Zierk	3rd Grade	5-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 24
Sidney	Blair	Kindergarten	1-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 1
Rita	Crego	1st Grade	3-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 12

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary
Heather	Davis	Intervention Specialist	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 5
Jayme	Diener	Kindergarten	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 10
Kelli	Harlow	1st Grade	5-Year Limited	184	Bachelors 150 Step 34
Audrey	Heddleson	1st Grade	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 1
Mya	Rapol	Kindergarten	2-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 2
Emma	Swartz	Kindergarten	2-Year Limited	184	Masters Step 3
Melissa	Flanigan	Psychologist	5-Year Limited	210	Step 12

Classified 2026-2027

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary
Madison	Hays	District Office Administrative Assistant	1-Year Limited	260	Step 3

Extended Service Contracts

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Extended Days	Salary
Shona	Garver	High School Counselor	20 days/daily rate	Masters+30 Step 24
Courtney	Lichtenauer	High School Counselor	20 days/daily rate	Masters+30 Step 21
Cynthia	Hughes	High School Life Skills	5 days/daily rate	Bachelors 150 Step 25
John	Barrett	High School/Middle School Band	14 days/daily rate	Masters Step 10
Nicole	Thompson	Middle School Counselor	10 days/daily rate	Masters Step 19
Elizabeth	Adkins	High School Library	5 days/daily rate	Masters+30 Step 26
Caraline	Johnston	High School Library	5 days/daily rate	Masters Step 11
Colton	Kreager	High School Vocational Agriculture	40 days/daily rate	Bachelors Step 11
Haley	Skinner	High School Vocational Agriculture	5 days/daily rate	Masters Step 10

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Extended Days	Salary
Tiffany	Schmitz	Director of Student Services	10 days/daily rate	Step 9

Summer Tech Support

It is recommended to approve Dwayne Clouse as Summer Tech Support at \$20.00 per hour, not exceeding 160 hours (May-August 2026).

Extended School Year (ESY) Contracts for the Summer of 2026

It is recommended to approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) service(s) at \$25 per hour not to exceed SDI time as stated in the current IEP:
Aubrey German, Caitlyn Blecha, Melissa Davidson

Administration Extended Contract Days (2025-2026)

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Days	Salary	Reason
Nacole	Klick	Elementary Assistant Principal	9	Step 4	Training

Classified Extended Contract Days (2025-2026)

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Days	Salary	Reason
Madison	Hays	District Office Administrative Assistant	10	Step 3	Training

DISCUSSION:
Mr. McArtor mentioned that he asked Mr. Beery and Mr. Douglass about summer tech support and this was about 74 hours last year.
Mrs. Stedman said she asked about ESY services and that the number of hours are driven by the IEP and would have limitations.

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

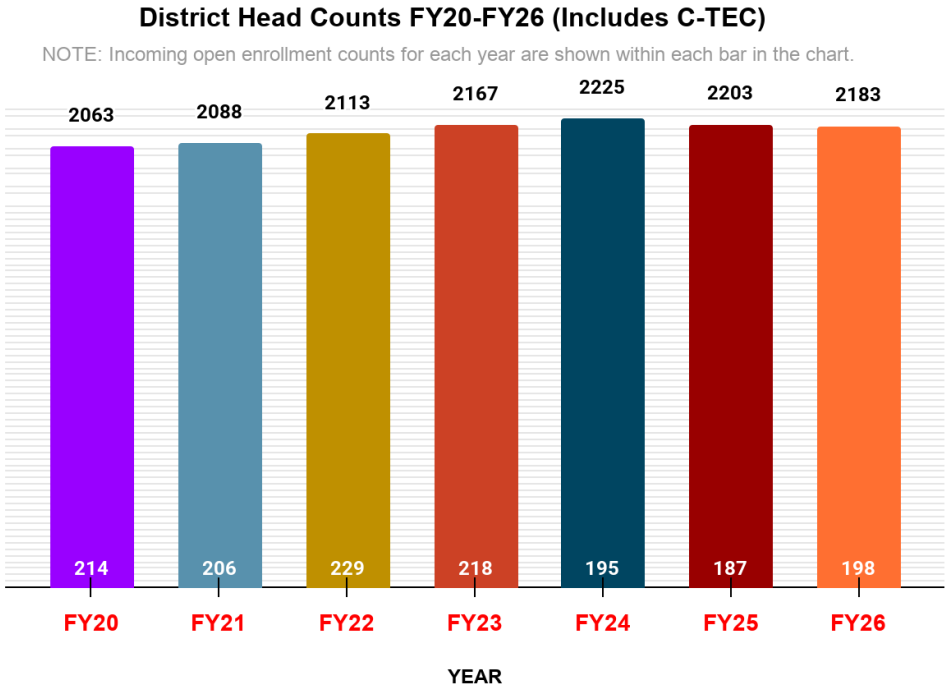
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26-79 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 79

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following:

STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

Enrollment



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:

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) 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.

"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.

Licking Valley High School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Grade Count</u>
09	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

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Licking Valley Middle School

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
06	1	0	1
07	0	0	0
08	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	1

Licking Valley Elementary

Grades K-5	Males	Females
TOTAL	0	1

Suspension/Expulsions Report

Licking Valley High School (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
After School Work Program	1	3
In-School Suspension	1	2
In-School Suspension	2	3
In-School Suspension	3	2
Out-of-School Suspension	3	2
Out-of-School Suspension	10	1

Licking Valley Middle School (3 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
In-School Suspension	1	15
In-School Suspension	2	8
In-School Suspension	3	6
Out-of-School Suspension	1	1
Out-of-School Suspension	2	4
Out-of-School Suspension	3	9
Out-of-School Suspension	5	1
Out-of-School Suspension	6	1
Out-of-School Suspension	7	1

Licking Valley Intermediate (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
In-School Suspension	1	3
Out-of-School Suspension	1	6

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Licking Valley Primary (0 Vape-Related Incidents)

Discipline Type	Day(s)	Incident(s)
None		

FCCLA Out of State Trip

It is recommended to approve the Licking Valley FCCLA trip to Washington, D. C., for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. The trip will be with their advisor, Cindy Hughes, from July 6 – July 10, 2026.

Graduation 2026

It is recommended to approve the list of 2026 Licking Valley Graduates.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nethers inquired as to when the discipline information is reported. Mr. Beery stated that the information reflected data current as of the previous Friday.

Mr. Nethers thanked Mrs. Hughes for all she has done.

Mrs. Stedman discussed feedback from a student regarding the value of the trip and the FCCLA program

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams

Motion Carried.

26-80

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mrs. Torbert moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

Gifts & Donations

Donations for April 20, 2026 – May 9, 2026

Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
4/21	LV Trust Fund	\$500.00	LC Heritage Society - Best Citizen
4/28	Student Lunch Balances	\$2,544.00	Toboso United Methodist Church
4/29	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
4/29	HS Panther Pantry	\$400.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
5/5	LV Trust Fund	\$1,000.00	Guest Family Scholarship
5/7	Student Lunch Balances	\$100.00	Mark & Linda Grigsby
	Total	\$4,594.00	

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Torbert said thank you and the district appreciates everything.

Ayes: Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams

Motion Carried.

26-81

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

Consulting Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Consulting Agreement between Licking Valley Schools and META Solutions for evaluation and consulting work related to the monitoring and support of energy usage and energy conversation district-wide beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, for \$540.00.

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K-12 Business Consulting, Inc. Ohio Five-Year Forecasting Program

It is recommended to approve the Five-Year Forecasting Program Agreement with K-12 Business Consulting, Inc. effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Special Education and Related Services

Early Childhood Services for Children with Disabilities Contract for FY27

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Licking Regional Educational Service Center and Licking Valley Schools to provide a cooperative public preschool program for preschool students who are typically developing and students with disabilities for the 2026-2027 school year.

General Services Contract

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Licking Regional Educational Service Center and Licking Valley Schools to provide educational services and special education-related services for students with special needs through cooperative programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Learning Spectrum

It is recommended to approve the 2026-2027 contract between The Learning Spectrum and Licking Valley Schools.

Phoenix Central Seat Agreement

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Licking Regional Service Center and Licking Valley Schools to purchase two (2) total seats for the ED program for students K-12 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Makridis Learning Seat Agreement

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Makridis Learning, LLC and Licking Valley Schools to purchase two (2) seats for the ABA Educational Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

2026-2027 Educational Audiology Services Agreement

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Harley Comtois of Mouse Audiology Services, LLC and Licking Valley Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

Rehab Associates - Newark

Occupational Therapy Agreement

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Rehab Associates - Newark and Licking Valley Schools to provide occupational therapy for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, & 2028-2029 school years.

Physical Therapy Agreement

It is recommended to approve the agreement between Rehab Associates - Newark and Licking Valley Schools to provide physical therapy for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, & 2028-2029 school years.

Noah's Ark East, Latchkey Program Provider for 2026-2027

It is recommended to approve the contract with Noah's Ark East to provide before and after school childcare, at no cost to the board, at Licking Valley Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year.

Food Service Management Company Contract

It is recommended to approve the Food Service Management Company contract renewal with Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division and Licking Valley Local Schools for food service from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Torbert thanked Chartwells for providing food.

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams

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26-82 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 82

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following.

Approval of Revised School Calendar and Resolution Authorizing Reduction in Scheduled Instructional Hours

It is recommended that the Licking Valley Local School District Board of Education approve the revised 2025-2026 school calendar and the attached resolution authorizing a reduction in scheduled student instructional hours, while affirming that the District will continue to meet or exceed Ohio’s minimum instructional hour requirements. The resolution is included in the Board packet and incorporated herein by reference.

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

26-83 **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION** 83

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following.

NEOLA POLICY - Second Reading

It is recommended to approve the second reading and adoption of the proposed changes/updates to the listed policies as presented.

Policy	Title
1540	Suspension of Administrative Contracts (revise)
2105	Mission/Vision of the District (revise)
2131	Educational Accomplishments for Students (rescind)
2440	Summer School (revise)
2451	Alternative School Plans/Programs (revise)
5112	Entrance Requirements (revise)
6320	Purchasing and Bidding (revise)
6325	Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (revise)
6423	Use of Credit Cards (revise)
7540.02	Digital Content and Accessibility (revise)
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) (revise)
8300	Continuity of Organizational Operation Plan (revise)
8305	Information Security (revise)

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
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STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Clements provided an update on athletics and extracurricular activities. He reported that the marching band, concert band, and choir all received superior ratings for the first time in the school's history.

Mr. Clements also stated that Portrait of a Panther will be held next week to showcase student work and that graduation will be held next Friday.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Torbert provided a student achievement report. She discussed the first open-air concert held at the Elementary School and highlighted various activities taking place throughout the district's buildings.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Nethers provided a legislative update. He highlighted several bills that appear to be gaining traction, including Senate Bill 328 and Senate Bill 326.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items)

Ms. Sophia Pape addressed the Board regarding the swim team. She discussed the distance team members travel to practice each evening and asked the Board to consider how other teams would be viewed if they had to travel approximately 30 minutes to attend practice.

Ms. Pape proposed that the district consider building a pool. She stated that a pool could create job opportunities for teenagers, provide swim lessons for younger students, and generate revenue through events and swim lesson programs. She acknowledged that constructing a pool would be expensive, but stated that she researched the topic and found that grant opportunities may be available for this type of project.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board of Education Goals

Mr. Nethers provided possible measurements for the Board goals.

Mrs. Stedman provided feedback on the goals and clarified wording on several items. The Board discussed potential ways to measure the goals using data provided by administration.

The Board discussed the need to measure the financial goals of the Board, including the impact of setting 180 days of cash as a goal. Mr. Douglass provided a draft of what a cash balance policy could look like. Mrs. Stedman stated that the Board could revisit the days of cash portion of the goal to determine the appropriate measurement.

The Board continued discussion regarding various measurements for the goals. Mr. Nethers stated that he would bring a finalized version to the next Board meeting. Mr. Douglass explained that establishing a minimum and maximum for days of cash within the policy could help guide future discussion.

The Board plans to review the policy and follow up on the policy in June.

Mrs. Stedman asked for an update regarding information learned from recent BASA and county meetings related to property tax changes.

Mr. Beery provided details from the meetings and discussed that there are still many unknowns related to potential property tax changes. He stated that fully funding the Fair School Funding Plan would help address the school funding issue.

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26-84 EXECUTIVE SESSION 84

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session for consideration of the employment or compensation of a public employee, or official.

Ayes: Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. Clements
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Williams
Motion Carried.

Time out: 7:32 p.m.
Time back: 9:08 p.m.

26-85 ADJOURNMENT 85

Mrs. Stedman moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to adjourn.
Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Ayes: Mrs. Stedman, Mr. Nethers, Mr. McArtor, Mrs. Stedman
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. C. Williams
Motion Carried.

Drake McArtor, President	Andrew Douglass, Treasurer