

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2026

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 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

First, Mr. Sexton asked high school principal, Mr. Jacob Zink, to describe the Blessings for Christmas Program that Mrs. Erin Walters and Mrs. Christy Roberts operate in the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. These two individuals, as well as, staff members, use their own time to secure donations from staff businesses and the community to purchase Christmas gifts for the needy children and a Christmas meal each year. This committee also purchases food for the local food pantry for the less fortunate families within the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District. This program has grown over the past 10 years and now provides support to over 1,500 students each year. Mrs. Roberts was present to accept the honor for her and Mrs. Walters from Mr. Sexton and the Board of Education.

Next, Mr. Sexton introduced Mr. Greg Hawk, retired superintendent of Lynchburg-Clay School District. Mr. Zink gave a brief biography of Mr. Hawk explaining he graduated from The Ohio State University and started his teaching career at Cincinnati Public Schools. He then took a job at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, as a science teacher, then accepted a job as a science teacher at Blanchester Local School District prior to accepting a principal position at Lynchburg-Clay. In 1991, Mr. Hawk accepted the superintendent position at Lynchburg-Clay and retired from this position in 2010. Mr. Sexton and the Board of Education presented Mr. Hawk with a bronze mustang for his time and dedication in the district.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship presented the March 2026 Great Oaks Board Report. First, Mrs. Blankenship stated that board member, Fred Hunt, was recognized at the OSBA Southwest Spring Conference for 20 years of service, and members Amber Ballard and Mary Cleveland were also honored for their years of service.

The Great Oaks Board approved the 2025-2026 academic calendars for all four campuses. The board toured the new dental assisting and welding labs at the Diamond Oaks Campus. The board also reviewed the construction progress on the new aviation exploration and classroom lab and the equine classroom.

The Great Oaks Board was given an overview of the SB328. This legislative bill, if passed, will improve student workforce readiness and better align with states workforce needs through middle school career exploration, career coaching, and professional career skills standards.

14565-26
Approve
Minutes

Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting on February 19, 2026 and the strategic planning minutes on February 23, 2026.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

- 14566-26 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the financial and
Financial & investment reports as presented by the treasurer.
Investment
Reports Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea;
Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14567-26 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the list of bills as
Approve presented by the treasurer.
Bills Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea;
Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14568-26 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the cafeteria report as
Cafeteria presented by the treasurer.
Report Roll call: Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea;
Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14569-26 Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to accept the donations as
Accept presented by the treasurer.
Donations Voice vote. All members voted yea. President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14570-26 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to table the motion regarding the
Approve approval of placing \$100,000 of solar funding into the general fund until the April Board
Solar Meeting.
Funding Roll call: Ms. Griffith, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mrs. Sanderson, yea;
Placement Mr. Warner, yea.
- President Warner declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sexton presented a brief explanation on each of the recommendations in the consent agenda. Mr. Sexton did explain to the board there is a high school teacher that wishes to retire in June 2026 and would like to come back to work in August 2026. Mr. Sexton stated the district allows this because they save money by retiring that staff member at a high step and hiring them back at no more than Step 10. Districts can save money and salary, while retaining the years of knowledge and teaching experience.

Mr. Sexton also explained if a district does plan to hire a teacher back in the same capacity as they retire from, they must allow for the public to comment on the retire/rehire position during a public meeting. Mr. Sexton stated that the public can comment on this retire/rehire position at the April 2026 board meeting.

Mr. Sexton explained to the board that Coke and Pepsi Cola have both met with him, Mr. Zink, Mr. Hawk, Mr. Faust, and the athletic boosters to present a quote on the cost of beverages sold within the district. After review and discussion on the quote from each vendor, he is requesting that Pepsi be approved for a new 5 year contract.

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Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve Southern Ohio ESC sub teacher list.
2. Recommendation to accept Emily Brinkman, SLP, resignation, effective 5/21/2026.
3. Recommendation to accept the retirement of Pat Seeling, District Maintenance Supervisor, effective 5/21/26.
4. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jason McLaughlin as the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.
5. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Caitlin Hill, cook, at the elementary school, retroactive 3/9/26 (Step 0).
6. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Raven Couch as middle school assistant volleyball coach.
7. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Mindy Markey-Grabill as Accounts Payable Specialist. (Step 10, Start date 4/20/26)
8. Recommendation to approve a 2 year contract for Heather Mullenix as Supervisor of Curriculum.
9. Recommendation to approve a 2 year contract for Heather Carraher as Special Education Coordinator/Assistant Elementary Principal.
10. Recommendation to approve a public meeting regarding the possibility of a retire./rehire of a teacher. The public can comment at the April Board Meeting during public comments of the meeting.
11. Recommendation to approve James O'Connor be added to the supplemental sheet as a CCP Instructor for the 25-26 school year.
12. Recommendation to approve former student, Sherri Edenfield, be granted a Lynchburg-Clay Graduation Diploma for finishing her adult diploma program.
13. Recommendation to approve Zoey McLean as a sub. educational aide.
14. Recommendation to approve a new 5 year contract with Pepsi.
15. Recommendation to approve Braedon West, Bruce Butler and Josh Niehaus as volunteer assistant coaches for boys soccer.
16. Recommendation to approve the girls softball team be permitted to take an overnight trip into Knox County Ohio on April 3-4, 2026. There will be 3 female chaperones attending. The softball team is paying for the weekend through money they have earned through various fundraisers. I have attached the itinerary for the weekend.
17. Recommendation to approve Lynchburg-Clay FFA to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH, April 31st-May 1st.

14571-26 Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the Superintendent's
Consent Consent Agenda.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sexton explained to the board that Mrs. Mullenix is requesting to purchase new curriculum from IXL Learning. Mr. Faust is requesting to hire DuraEdge to provide dirt and leveling work on the high school baseball and softball fields. It has been a number of years since the district has provided maintenance to these fields and they are becoming a safety hazard with the holes or divots in the outfields. Mr. Zink stated the quote for the work on the ball fields is the cost after the Lynchburg-Clay Athletic Boosters pay a portion of the total cost.

Last, Mr. Collins would like permission to advertise four old buses for sale. Mr. Sexton will ask Mr. Collins to advertise the buses on Gov.com as well as in a local advertisement.

Finally, Mr. Sexton provided an update to the board on the closure of the first underground tank at the middle school. Patriot Environmental sent a report showing one small area of soil that was still being monitored. The review of the soil maps does not show any wells or sources of drinking water near the contaminated area, so hopefully this project is close to completion.

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Mr. Sexton informed the board that interviews for the maintenance position have taken place. There will be a recommendation on the April board agenda to hire a new maintenance supervisor.

14572-26
IXL
Learning

Curriculum - Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the IXL Learning.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14573-26
Repair
Ball Fields

Safety/Facility/Equipment - Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the hiring of DuraEdge to repair the softball and baseball fields for \$8,882.50.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14574-26
Bus Sales

Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the sale of four buses that we are no longer using.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14575-26
Policies

Policy - Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the following policies: 2431.06 new, 3440, 4440, 5112, 5223, 5421, 5430, 6220, 6320, 6325, 6423, 6424, 6425 new, 6460, 6465 new, 7540.09 replacement, and 8500. Transportation Supplement 4162 revised/title change, 4162.01 new, 8600 revised, 8600.04 revised/title change, 8640 revised, 8650 revised/title change.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14576-26
Go Into
Executive
Session

Ms. Griffith moved, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to move into executive session at 6:38 p.m. for the discussion of employment and compensation of personnel.

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

14577-26
Come Out
Of Executive
Session

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. with no action taken.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14578-26
High School
Principal

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the hiring of Darci Miles as the new high school principal, at step 4, for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

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- 14579-26
New
Position

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to create a new administrative position called Director of Facilities and Community Relations.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.
- 14580-26
Ron
Sexton
Director of
Facilities/
Community
Relations

Mrs. Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve a one year contract for Ron Sexton as the Director of Facilities and Community Relations at step 0 on the assistant principal scale.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.
- Next
Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School Building.
- 14581-26
Adjourn
Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote. All members voted yea.

President Warner declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer