

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2026

Call To Order & Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at the Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School.

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 introduced Mr. Paul LaRue to the Board of Education and public in attendance at the meeting. Mr. LaRue is the president of the State Board of Education and was present to honor the elementary staff for achieving a 4.5 rating on the current state report card and for being a winner in the Ohio Governor's Science of Reading Program. Mrs. Hollon, elementary school principal, and Mrs. Carraher, elementary assistant principal, introduced the elementary staff that were present at the board meeting and gave each certificate of recognition for all their hard work during the year that led to this achievement.

Next, Mrs. Hollon introduced two students, Jane Charek and Paisyn Ghiloni, who were winners in the state youth art competition. Mrs. Buller, the elementary art teacher, entered these students in this contest that took place in Columbus, Ohio. Paisyn won an award in the youth graphic art design competition, and Jane won an award for her watercolor painting and her painting took third place overall in the state. Both pieces of artwork are on display at different locations in the Columbus area.

Mrs. Heather Mullenix was present to discuss the hard work by the Lynchburg-Clay Title I staff and how they support all students that need extra tutoring in reading and math, based on test scores. Mrs. Mullenix also commended the staff and volunteers for making the elementary family engagement night a big success. Family engagement night is another attempt at bringing more parents into the school to see what their children are learning and to become more involved in their child's education.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship presented the Great Oaks report for March 2026. Mrs. Blankenship stated that Great Oaks President, Mr. Harry Snyder, reported to the board that Great Oaks had a 94.8% student retention rate through the third quarter of 2025/2026. Great Oaks has received 3,068 applications for the 2026/2027 school year with only 2,100 openings available for students in the fall of 2026.

Great Oaks will host a dinner honoring high school seniors from all four campuses during April and May. The Laurel Oaks Campus will host their dinner at the Laurel Oaks Campus on April 28th, 2026. Also, Great Oaks will be holding senior ceremonies for each campus to mark the completion of each senior's career education program at Great Oaks. The senior ceremony for Laurel Oaks will be held at the Wright State University Nutter Center on May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Great Oaks prepares student highlights each month, showcasing students from each district that are excelling in their career education programs. From the month of April, Lynchburg-Clay students Leila Hughes and Kylee Chaney were honored for their success in Health Technology and Trevor Niehaus for Welding and Fabrication.

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14583-26
Approve
Minutes Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the minutes for the strategic planning meeting on March 5, 2026, regular board meeting on March 19, 2026 and the finance committee meeting minutes on March 25, 2026.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

14584-26
Financial &
Investment Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the financial and investment reports as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14585-26
Approve
Bills Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the list of bills as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14586-26
Cafeteria
Report Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the cafeteria report as presented by the treasurer.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14587-26
Accept
Donations Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to accept the donations as presented by the treasurer.

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

14588-26
Solar
Funds Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the deposit of all Solar Payment In Lieu of Taxes received in the Spring of 2026 into the District's Permanent Improvement Fund.

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

14589-26
Tax Amounts
& Rates Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the tax amounts and rates as approved by the Budget Commissions.

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sexton provided a brief description and reason for each recommendation under the consent agenda. Mr. Sexton discussed the five-year strategic plan and after its adoption by the board of education, the plan is to provide the plan to all staff and explain how the administration plans to implement this new plan. Mr. Sexton also explained he is asking for two years worth of chromebook purchases in order to lock in a price now for these items that retailers feel will dramatically increase in the next year. Mr. Sexton followed up by asking the board to approve the following recommendations in the consent agenda.

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Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to accept the retirement of Jo Heather Arnett, high school teacher, effective May 21, 2026.
2. Recommendation to approve an additional intervention specialist position at the elementary school.
3. Recommendation to approve SAVVAS myPerspectives MS ELA.
4. Recommendation to approve SAVVAS Science Grade 6-8.
5. Recommendation to approve McGraw Hill Science HS.
6. Recommendation to certify graduates of the Lynchburg-Clay High School Class of 2025-2026. The certification is based on BOE approval and completion of all approved graduation requirements.
7. Recommendation to approve the purchase of awards for perfect attendance for the 25-26 school year. \$2200(\$100 gift card for at least 22 employees)
8. Recommendation to accept the paper quote for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. Recommendation to approve Victoria Huffman for SLP, replacing Emily Brinkman, for the 26-27 school year.(Step 4)
10. Recommendation to approve a 5 year Lynchburg-Clay Schools Strategic Plan.
11. Recommendation to approve a contract with Educate Me Net for the purchase of replacement chromebooks for \$90,000.
12. Recommendation to approve the 8th grade Philadelphia Trip for the 26-27 school year. (third week in May 2027)
13. Recommendation to approve Bobby Sandlin, District Maintenance Supervisor, for the 26-27 school year.(Step 10)
14. Recommendation to approve the 26-27 student handbook. (Link provided in your email)
15. Recommendation to approve Richard Hawk for a 1 year contract as Lynchburg-Clay Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year.
16. Recommendation to approve the certified contracts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Certified Contracts

Joni Layne	continuing contract	Shawna Collins	1 year
Alisha Deboard	2 year	Amy Snyder	2 year
Angela Miller	continuing contract	John Gray	1 year (retire/rehire)
Sona Mathews	continuing contract	Kyle Pertuset	2 year
JoHeather Arnett	1 year (retire/rehire)		
Christine Barstow	2 year		
Melissa Dugger	2 year		
Paula Ekstedt	1 year (retire/rehire)		
Mary Bennett	2 year		
Olivia Fulton	2 year		
Kylie Hamilton	2 year		
Krista Hawk	2 year		
Christy Roberts	2 year		
Alyssa Walker	2 year		

17. Recommendation to approve the classified contracts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Classified Contracts

Dorothy Burge	2 year	Ahira Hertlein	2 year
Brad Griffith	2 year	Sarah Moore	2 year
Dwain Burns	2 year	Kimberly Parker	2 year
Vickie Busch	2 year	Dia Tipton	2 year
Abigail Case	2 year	Tina White	2 year
Jennie Crabtree	2 year	Brandi Williams	2 year
Toni McQuitty	2 year	Emily Hall	2 year
Karen Young	1 year (retire/rehire)	Darlene Hart	2 year
Courtney Bratton	2 year		
Lillian McConnaughey	2 year		

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Classified Contracts Continued.

Deanna Oaks-Feiss	continuing
Rebecca Peters	2 year
Vicky Shaffer	2 year
Tim Bell	2 year
Jennifer Brown	2 year
Makayla Fittro	2 year
Becky Greene	2 year

- 18. Recommendation to approve the resignation of Mackenzie Snarr, Intervention Specialist, effective May 21, 2026.
- 19. Recommendation to approve Stacy Pennington from Preschool to MH to replace Mackenzie Snarr.
- 20. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Hannah Burton for the middle school math teacher position.(Step 0)
- 21. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Eli Adkins for the middle school ELA teacher position.(Step 0)
- 22. Recommendation to approve a 3% cost of living increase for all staff in the 2026-2027 school year.
- 23. Recommendation to approve Deanna Roush, dishwasher, for the 2026-2027 school year.

14590-26 Consent Agenda	Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda. Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Mr. Warner, yea. President Warner declared the motion carried. Mr. Sexton thanked the board of education for bringing gov.deals.com to his attention. After Mr. Collins advertised four district buses for sale, this government website was successful in selling all four buses for the district for more money than average through local advertisement. Mr. Sexton updated the board on a current issue with the district communication system. The system has a repeater down and this repeater is needed to communicate with each bus driver. Mr. Sexton stated that the communication company has been difficult to work with, but the company did finally agree the repeater and the components of the communication system carries a 5-year warranty, so this new repeater will be covered in full. Mr. Sexton reminded members of the board that the 8th grade graduation will take place on May 5, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the middle school. Senior commencement will take place on May 17, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the high school. Also, the McGinnis Family Memorial Dedication will take place on April 27, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the entrance of the high school athletic complex. This dedication will be held in order to name the high school complex after the McGinnis Family for their continuing financial support and athletics and extracurricular programs over the past 35 or more years.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education Building.
14591-26 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