

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2026

Call To
Order &
Roll Call

The Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 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 stated one of the best parts of being a school administrator is honoring students for their academic and athletic achievements. He explained how wonderful it is to see students excel in their individual talents and be noticed for the great things they do. Mr. Sexton asked Mr. Zink, High School Principal, to introduce the students in attendance at the board meeting and explain their accomplishments they are being honored for.

First, Mr. Zink introduced Maci Berger. Maci was a winner in the International Peace Essay Contest sponsored by the local Lions Club. Maci's essay on "What Peace Means to Visually Impaired Children," won the district competition and also the state competition. Director of the Lions Club, Mr. Jim Faust, stated this was the first student to win a state essay competition in the local area.

Next, Mr. Zink introduced the second and third grade math students who scored in the top 2% of the state, based on their math scores. The State of Ohio analyzed all scores from all second and third grade students across the state that took the standardized math test, then informed each district if any of their students scored in the top bracket. Fortunately, Lynchburg-Clay had 12 students that qualify as National Math Stars. They were Lane Rosselot, Hayden Reynolds, Sawyer Clark, Everlie Holden, Violet Tegeder, Timothy Seunath, Ezra Johnston, Julian Sabetti, Alexa Brannon, Chence Scott, Bowie Allen, and Jane Charek.

GREAT OAKS REPORT

Mrs. Blankenship gave the Great Oaks report from May 13, 2026. Mrs. Blankenship stated the Auditor of State presented Brian Rabe CFO/Treasurer of Great Oaks with the highest achievement, the open and transparent government award.

The Great Oak Student Recognition Dinner was held on April 28 at Laurel Oaks, and on May 7 for the other three campuses. Students were being honored for Career Technical Student Organization Competitions, for serving as regional, state, or national CTS Honor Society Officers, and who may be receiving scholarships.

Senior Ceremonies for Diamond Oaks, Live Oaks, and Scarlet Oaks were held at the NKU Truist Arena and senior ceremonies for Laurel Oaks were held at the Wright State Nutter Center. A record number of 1,466 graduates walked across the stage.

Last, the board approved \$2,114,321 for the construction project on Scarlet Oaks Campus and approved salary committee recommendations for 2026-2027 all non-teaching positions.

14592-26
Approve
Minutes

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on April 16, 2026, with the correction.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT

14593-26
Financial &
Investment

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

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14594-26
Approve
Bills

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

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14595-26
Cafeteria
Report

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

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

President Warner declared the motion carried.

14596-26
Accept
Donations

Ms. Rhonemus made the 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.

14597-26
Go Into
Executive
Session

Ms. Griffith moved, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to move into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for the discussion of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or investigating complaints against them

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

14598-26
Come Out
Of Executive
Session

Ms. Rhonemus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to come out of executive session at 6:53 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sexton acknowledged each item that he was recommending on the consent agenda and the reason for each recommendation. The district will have more students requiring speech services in 2026/2027 than allowed by state law for the two speech therapists employed by the district. In order to comply with the state law, Mr. Sexton is recommending a speech service contract with Mrs. Emily Brinkman for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Brinkmann was employed by the district and resigned to accept another position, but she can fit 20 hours per month into her new schedule in order to work with our high school students.

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Consent Agenda

1. Recommendation to approve the supplemental salary schedule for the 26-27 school year.
Mark Faust Athletic Director
Kyle Pertuset Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
Whitney Lewis Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
Jo Heather Arnett District Website Maintenance/Tech. Coordinator, Junior Class Advisor, HS Yearbook Advisor, HS Student Council Advisor
Vince Pitzer Middle School Athletic Director
Paul McCalla Music Director, Marching Band Director, Pep Band Director
Scott Chisman Boys Freshman Basketball Coach
Tyler Barton Boys Reserve Basketball Coach
Lexi Waits Girls Reserve Basketball Coach
Dennis West Reserve Baseball Coach
Shawn McLaughlin HS Girls Bowling Coach, Senior Class Advisor(split pay), HS Detention Monitor(split pay)
Sean Ison HS Boys Bowling Coach
Ashley Campbell HS Varsity Cheer Coach, HS JV Cheer Coach
Greg Patton Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
Alicia Shope Senior Class Advisor(split pay)
Emily Whitenack MS Detention Monitor, LPDC Coordinator/MS Rep.
Melissa Dugger HS Detention Monitor(split pay)
Melissa Hejazifar National Honor Society
Shawna McGuire ES Sub. Teacher Coordinator
Deanna Oaks-Feiss HS Sub. Teacher Coordinator
Amanda Free MS Student Council
Lara Hamilton Envirothon Team Advisor
Codi Newkirk Sophomore Class Advisor
LPDC Elementary Rep. Liz Mohr, Kelly Wood
ESports Advisor - HS Jo Heather Arnett, Matt Reeder
MTSS Lead HS Sarah Covert
ES BLT Members Kelly Walkup, Jessica Beachy, Liz Mohr, Bradley Meddock, Kelly Wood, Carrie Bohrer, Kara Fawley, Danielle Roberts, Jared Rosselot
MS BLT Members Angela Godby, Emily Whitenack, Amy Snyder, Tyler Barton, Alisha DeBoard
HS BLT Members Gordon Sininger, Melissa Hejazifar, Will Fawley, James O'Connor, Michelle Truman, Whitney Lewis, Mark Faust
CCP Stipend Lara Hamilton, Melissa Hejazifar, James O'Connor
DLT Members Melissa Hejazifar, Gordon Sininger, Tyler Barton, Kelly Wood
Threat Assessment Team James O'Connor, Adam Rockey, James Walker
PBIS Coordinator Liz Mohr
ADA Compliance/504 FBA Codi Newkirk, Emily Whitenack
Resource Officer Events Danny Croy, Tim Bell, Jeff Murphy
2. Recommendation to approve Angela Tira as a volunteer girls soccer coach.
3. Recommendation to approve Morgan Baker as a volunteer bowling coach.
4. Recommendation to approve summer workers.
5. Recommendation to approve Tyler Barton for a continuing contract for the 2026-2027.
6. Recommendation to approve Julie Elcook (woodwind) as a band camp staff member.
7. Recommendation to approve Abbigail Manning (woodwind) as a band camp staff member.
8. Recommendation to approve Jarrod Leestma (brass) as a band camp staff member.

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9. Recommendation to approve Lilly Parker (percussion) as a band camp staff member.
10. Recommendation to approve Brittney Waits as the Color Guard and Winter Guard Coach.
11. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Todd Faust for the 7th & 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach.
12. Recommendation to approve the Parent/family involvement policy.
13. Recommendation to hire Emily Brinkman for additional speech services. The position will be paid hourly based on her timesheets not to exceed 20 hours per month at her current hourly rate of \$48.50 per hour. The needs can be adjusted if our caseload increases or decreases. The timesheets will be supervised by Heather Carraher. The position will be a hybrid model with both in person and virtual speech sessions for high school students. Our two current SLPs are over their caseloads by 15-20 students currently.
14. Recommendation to approve Melissa Crouse as a sub. Cook.
15. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Alyssa Walker, teacher, from the elementary school, effective, 5/21/26.
16. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Olivia Fulton, teacher, from the elementary school, effective, 5/21/26.
17. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Lindsay Barrons, teacher, from the elementary school, effective 5/21/26.
18. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Alicia Shope as the senior class advisor, effective May 21, 2026.
19. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Alicia Shope as the high school detention monitor, effective May 21, 2026.
20. Recommendation to approve the Lexia Reading subscription renewal for one year. (\$11,050)
21. Recommendation to approve Jessica Stanfield, Preschool Intervention Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year.(Step 10)
22. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jennifer Mihalik, middle school ELA teacher, effective 5/21/2026.
23. Recommendation to approve to add a JV golf coach at Tier 5 on the supplemental pay schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.
24. Recommendation to approve the golf proposal to use Snow Hill Golf Course instead of the Hillsboro Elks Golf Course.
25. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Linzie Gabbard, Elementary School Teacher, at Step 1.
26. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Tessa Bosier, elementary school teacher (Step 0).
27. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Aaron Chaney from middle school ESports Advisor and from the middle school BLT, effective 5/21/2026.
28. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jennifer Brown, Educational Aide at the elementary school, effective May 4, 2026.
29. Recommendation to approve the hiring of Coty Barnhart, Intervention Specialist at Step 3.
30. Recommendation to accept Jason McLaughlin's resignation for middle school track coach.
31. Recommendation to approve the LC FFA Officer team to rent a cabin at Hocking Hills and stay overnight for our annual officer training. May 26th- May 27th.
32. Recommendation to approve the FFA to attend the Ohio FFA Camp held in Carroll County (Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum-3266 Dyewood Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615) from June 26th-30th.
33. Recommendation to approve ESY services for one student this summer. Services will be provided for 4-6 weeks at 5 hours per week.
34. Recommendation to approve home delivered summer meals to students this summer. The start date for this would be June 15.
35. Recommendation to approve Rick Seeling as varsity volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
36. Recommendation to approve Jason McLaughlin as varsity assistant girls basketball coach for 26-27 school year.
37. Recommendation to approve Garyn Waits as 8th grade girls basketball coach for 26-27 school year.
38. Recommendation to approve a 1 year contract with Allerton-Hill for communication purposes.

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14599-26 Consent Agenda	Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rhonemus to approve the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda. Roll call: Mrs. Sanderson, yea; Ms. Rhonemus, yea; Ms. Griffith, yea; Mrs. Blankenship, yea; Mr. Warner, yea. President Warner declared the motion carried. NEW BUSINESS Mr. Sexton explained to the board the board office will be closed on Tuesday, May 26 because AES will be replacing an electric pole and transformer outside the board office. Board staff will work from home on that day. Patriot Environmental will be in the district on Tuesday, May 26, and Wednesday, May 27, to drill more holes in order to retake soil samples removed the first underground fuel tank in 2024. Patriot is expecting this to be the final test they will have to perform prior to closing this case.
14600-26 New Admin. Guideline	Mrs. Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blankenship to approve the following administrative guideline: All retire/rehire candidates will be on a 1 year noncontinuing contract to be evaluated for rehiring each year. Starting in the 2026-27 school year, the board will not be paying retirement pick-up on retire/rehire employees.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on June 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg-Clay Board of Education Building.
14601-26 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