

Licking Valley Board of Education
Licking Valley High School Media Center, 100 Hainsview Dr., Newark, Ohio
June 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM

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

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. ROLL CALL

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B. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION, OR MEDITATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PRESENTATION and ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Discussion:

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E. PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS - 30 MINUTES ALLOTTED)

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approval of minutes from the June 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2026, Special Board Meeting and June 16, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

B. Amending and Filing Certificates

Recommended Action: Approval of adjusting/filing amended certificates (including the 412 certificates) and appropriation codes to reflect additional incomes, transfers, advances, and expenditures through the end of the month.

- Appropriations and estimated resources

C. Correction of Position Description

Recommended Action: To correct the position description previously approved by the Board on June 8, 2026, from Accounts Payable to Student Activity/Accounting Coordinator, with all other terms and conditions of the prior approval remaining unchanged.

D. Insurance

Recommended Action: To approve the District's insurance coverage effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as provided in the Board backup materials.

This coverage includes, but is not limited to, general liability, educator's legal liability, employment practices liability, commercial auto, property, equipment breakdown, inland marine, crime, excess liability, cyber liability, and workplace violence coverage.

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E. Account Sponsors

Recommended Action: To establish the following accounts, sponsors, and purpose statements for the 2026-2027 school year.

300 Funds	
Athletic Department	Roy Nathan Whisner
Elementary Renaissance Program	Crystal Blume
Middle School Cheerleaders	Brooke Berrera
8th Grade Trip	Ashley Cangelosi
Middle School Scribbled Voices	Ashley Cangelosi

007 Funds	
Middle School Employees Benefit Fund	Tyler Kuhnes

018 Funds	
Middle School Principals Fund	Tyler Kuhnes

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III. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

It is recommended the personnel changes listed below be accepted.

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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 appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

1. Rescinded Contracts

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
Brock	Bradley	Custodian	June 29, 2026	Will need to be approved at a different Step for 2026-2027
Melissa	Balo	Custodian	June 29, 2026	Will need to be approved at a different Step for 2026-2027
Robert	Hays	Head Custodian	June 29, 2026	Will need to be approved at a different Step for 2026-2027
Melissa	Flanigan	Quiz Team	June 29, 2026	Resigned
Patrick	Wiseman	Band - Middle School	June 29, 2026	Resigned
Jessica	Starkey	Bus Driver	June 29, 2026	Will need to be approved at a different Step for 2026-2027
Brie-Ann	Wilson	HS Newspaper	June 29, 2026	Will need to be approved at a different step for 2026-2027.
Tyler	Rowe	High School Social Studies Teacher	June 29, 2026	Received transcripts to confirm appropriate column on salary schedule

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2. Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Melissa	Flanigan	School Psychologist	June 30, 2026
Emma	Swartz	Kindergarten Teacher	June 30, 2026

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3. Appointments and Assignments 2026-2027

a. Certified

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary	Reason
Samantha	Tyson	High School Unit Intervention Specialist	1-Year Limited	184	Masters + 30 Step 18	Replacing Brody Camp - resigned
Luke	Kennedy	Middle School 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 0	Replacing Lillian Stewart - resigned
Tyler	Rowe	High School Social Studies Teacher	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors +150 Step 0	Replacing Madison Sweeney-resigned

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary	Reason
Kelsey	Bolton	Kindergarten Teacher	1-Year Limited	184	Bachelors Step 0	Replacing Emma Swartz - resigned

b. Classified

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary	Reason
DeAnn	Dorogi	Middle School Aide (In-school suspension)	1-Year Limited	188	Step 8	Replacing Wendy Watson - accepted administrative assistant position at the Intermediate
Brock	Bradley	Custodian	1-Year Limited	260	Step 12	Correction to Step
Melissa	Balo	Custodian	1-Year Limited	260	Step 8	Correction to Step
Robert	Hays	Head Custodian	1-Year Limited	260	Step 13	Correction to Step
Jessica	Starkey	Bus Driver	2-Year Limited	185	Step 2	Correction to Step

4. Substitutes 2026-2027

a. Substitute Teacher

Kristin Beebe, Chester Clickenger, Danielle Diss, Sue Graham, Amy Gray, Paul Gregory, Sophia Musgrave, Lisa Myers, John Scrannage, Mark Shoemaker, Margot Short, Jacie Wolfe, Lauryn Greer (Long term substitute for Shala Hall)

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b. Substitute Aide - Instructional (Daily)

Jeff Camp, Joyce Every, Margaret Richards, Tiffany Gutridge, Patricia Hill, Tasha Lohr, Vickie Mealick, Taylor Williams, Karen Rubrecht, Briana Ware, Michelle Shepler, Sara Walsh, Kelsey Boyer, Amberlyn Walker

c. Substitute Aide - 1:1 or Unit (Daily)

Cortney Rognon-Zimmerman, Bethany Harvey, Helen Roback, Jessica White, Anne Houston, Rebecca Gombos, Julie Spellman, Kerrie Davis, Emily Wear, Amanda Walpole, Sally Carroll, Sara Kramer

d. Discretionary Rate Substitute Aide (Daily)

Denise Mullett - Step 6 (Instructional)
Janet Harble - Step 33 (Unit or 1:1)
Amea Martin - Step 3 (Unit or 1:1)

e. Substitute Library Aide (Daily)

Emily James, Melissa Long, Anne Watson

f. Substitute Aide (Call in)

Tessa Blizzard, Denise Miller, Violet Tucker, Peggy O'Reilly, Megan Snyder, Jay Satterfield, Dea Shaw, Amanda Cunningham

5. Personal Service Contracts

a. Competency-based Learning Lab

Recommended Action: To approve the following teacher(s) to provide student instruction for the Competency Based Learning Lab from May 1, 2026 through August 30, 2026, to be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour from the Intermediate School Operating Budget:

- Christine Fisher

b. Lead Mentor/OTES 2.0 Instructor (Renewal)

Recommended Action: To approve a personal service contract for Erin Fee for two (2) days of training for new staff on August 5 and 6. She will be paid her daily rate.

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c. Building Mentors (Same as last year)

Recommended Action: To approve the following building mentors to be paid their daily rate of ½ day to work with new staff on August 5 and 6.

Elizabeth Adkins, Kristie Conley, Caroline Johnson, Michael Hancock, Adam Britton, Brian Gant, Dannette Morehouse, Ara Fee, Deborah Fehrman, Mary Stafford, Kristen Rose, Christine Fisher, Stacey Unklesbay, Allison Walton, Melissa Davidson, Andrea Sopher, Cathy McKee, Tiffany Mulford

d. Teacher Orientation & Induction Program

Recommended Action: To approve the new teachers to be paid their daily rate for the required two (2) days of training which includes the Orientation Induction Program on August 5 and 6.

6. Supplemental

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Salary	Reason
Travis	Glosser	Weight Room (June-August)	2026-27	4	Step 0	Replacing Michael Hinger - resigned
Tiana	Rogers	Mock Trial	2026-27	5	Step 0	New position - 50% of contract shared with Caraline Johnston
Caraline	Johnston	Mock Trial	2026-27	5	Step 0	New position- 50% of contract shared with Tiana Rogers
Brie-Ann	Wilson	HS Newspaper	2026-27	5	Step 1	Correction to step
Timothy	German	Football - Freshman	2026-27	3	Step 0	Replacing Michael Hinger - resigned
Grant	Markert	Football - Freshman Assistant	2026-27	4	Step 0	Replacing Tyler Kuhnes - resigned

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Salary	Reason
Layna	Gordon	Cheerleader - Freshman	2026-27	4	Step 0	Replacing Matilyn Mathias - resigned
Hannah	Stiles	Middle School Supplemental	2026-27	5	Step 1	Replacing Patrick Wiseman- Resigned

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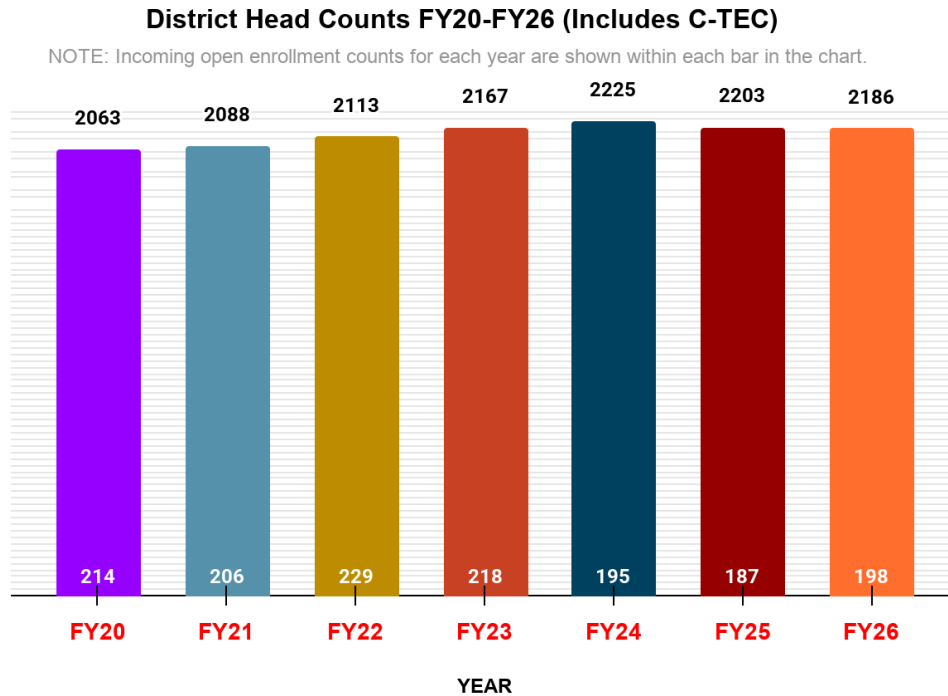
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B. STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

It is recommended the Student/Curriculum items be accepted.

1. Enrollment

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**2. Licking Valley Local School District Incidents of Bullying Report
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Board Policy: 5517.01 - Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means:

- A. **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.**
- B. **"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.

a. **Licking Valley High School**

Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
09	0	0	0

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Grade	Males	Females	Grade Count
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

b. Licking Valley Middle School

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

c. Licking Valley Elementary

Grades K-5	Males	Females
TOTAL	0	1

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C. FIRST READING STUDENT AND ATHLETIC HANDBOOKS

The Superintendent presents the following handbooks for the Board's first reading and review. No formal action is requested at this meeting. The handbooks will be brought back for Board approval at the next regular meeting.

Handbooks Presented for First Reading:

- 2026-2027 Primary School Handbook
- 2026-2027 Intermediate School Handbook
- 2026-2027 Middle School Handbook
- 2026-2027 High School Handbook
- 2026-2027 Athletics Handbook

No action required. This item is presented for first reading and review only.

D. GIFTS/DONATIONS

It is recommended to accept the gifts/donations listed:

Donations Received Between June 9, 2026 - June 26, 2026

Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
6/9	MS Panther Pantry	\$400.00	James & Linda Lawrence
6/9	LVIS Principals Fund	\$50.00	Frazeyburg Dairy Queen
6/9	HS Yearbook	\$40.00	Anonymous Donation
6/9	LV Trust Fund	\$1,000.00	Emma Cunningham Scholarship Fund - Newark Elks #391
6/12	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in memory of Millie Clark
6/15	LVIS Principals Fund	\$500.00	Carolyn Backenstos
6/15	LVPS Principals Fund	\$500.00	Carolyn Backenstos
6/18	Student Lunch Balances	\$1,000.00	Toboso United Methodist Church
6/24	HS Panther Pantry	\$2,280.65	Brushy Fork United Methodist Church
6/24	HS Band	\$200.00	Toboso United Methodist Church
	Total	\$6,020.65	

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E. BUSINESS

It is recommended we accept the Business items listed.

1. Special Education and Related Services

Education Service Center of Central Ohio Ventures II Seats

Recommended Action: To approve the agreement with the Education Service Center of Central Ohio for (1) one seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. Nursing Services Agreement (Renewal)

Recommended Action: To approve the Nursing Services Agreement between Licking Memorial Hospital and Licking Valley Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Versatrans Bus Routing System Maintenance (Renewal)

Recommended Action: To approve the maintenance service agreement with Versatrans Bus Routing System for \$7,677.65 beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

4. Lunch Prices 2026-2027

Recommended Action: To approve the 2026-2027 cafeteria prices (no increase) and the Food Service Compliance Report for 2026-2027.

Student Prices:

Breakfast: Free

Lunch: \$3.00 in all buildings

Adult Prices:

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Adult breakfast will be \$1.75 and lunch will be \$5.00.

5. Licking Valley School District Meal Charging Policy/ Procedure (Renewal)

Recommended Action: To approve the Licking Valley School District Meal Charging Policy/Procedure.

6. Drug Testing for Student Athletes and Transportation Department (Renewal)

Recommended Action: To approve the contract between Licking Valley and Worksite MedTest, LLC for student athlete and transportation department drug testing for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Surplus

Recommended Action: To approve the items listed as surplus.

Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
NA	TurningPoint Clickers - ES Bevard	2	Outdated	No
NA	Doc Camera - ES Bevard	1	Broken	No
NA	CPS Chalkboard - ES Bevard	2	Outdated	No
NA	Mimio - ES Bevard	4	Outdated	No
NA	Kindles - ES Bevard	7	Outdated	No
NA	Kindles with Protective Cases - ES Bevard	6	Outdated	No
NA	IPad - ES Bevard	1	Outdated	No
NA	Lenovo Thinkpad Chromebooks	2	Outdated	No

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NA	Texas Instrument Cal. for Overhead Projector - HS K. Conley 113	1	Obsolete	No
NA	Desktop Computer - HS Hartfield 222	1	Obsolete	No
NA	Dell Computer Monitor - HS Hartfield 222	1	Obsolete	No
NA	HP Printer - HS Hartfield 222	1	Broken	No
NA	LG VCR/DVD Player - HS Chapman 214	1	Broken	No
NA	Misc. Old Style Charger Cords, Power Adapters - HS Chapman 214	1	Obsolete	No
NA	Obsolete Smartboard Accessories - HS Chapman 214	1	Obsolete	No
NA	Broken Keyboards - HS Chapman 214	5	Broken	No
NA	White GE Ovens - HS Hughes 101	2	Broken	No
NA	White Crosley Refrigerator/ Freezer (labeled) - HS Hughes 101	1	Broken	No
NA	Red Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer (labeled) - HS Hughes 101	1	Broken	No

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Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
NA	Expresate 1 Books - HS Cox 201	46	Outdated	No
NA	Expresate 1 Teacher Edition - HS Cox 201	2	Outdated	No
NA	Expresate 1 Teacher Workbooks - HS Cox 201	6	Outdated	No
NA	Expresate 2 Teacher Workbooks - HS Cox 201	6	Outdated	No
NA	Expresate 2 Books - HS Cox 201	4	Outdated	No
NA	Expresate 2 Student Workbooks - HS Cox 201	45	Outdated	No
NA	Ventanas 1 Workbooks - HS Cox 201	31	Outdated	No
NA	Paso a Paso 2 Books - HS Cox 201	2	Outdated	No
NA	Conversaciones Credoras Books - HS Cox 201	4	Outdated	No
NA	Aventura Workbooks - HS Cox 201	7	Outdated	No

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Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
NA	Expresate 2 Teacher Edition - HS Cox 201	1	Outdated	No
NA	Assorted Spanish Teaching Books - HS Cox 201	41	Outdated	No
NA	American Popular Music from Minstrelsy to MP3 Textbooks - HS Barrett Band	35	Outdated	No
1000127	Lenovo ThinkCentre M91p Computers - HS Cox/Barnes	11	Obsolete	No
NA	Boxes of Books - HS Cox/Barnes	12	Obsolete	No
NA	Desktop Computer with Monitor and Cords - HS Wolfe	1	Obsolete	No
NA	Metro Hot Box (HS)	1	Broken	No
NA	Cresco Hot Box (HS)	1	Broken	No
NA	Warming Food Cabinet (MS)	1	Broken	No
NA	Southbend Steamer Oven (MS)	1	Broken	No

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8. Educere

Recommended Action: To approve the contract between Licking Valley and Educere as an online learning provider for the 2026-2027 school year.

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IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION

A. FIRST READING of BOARD POLICY UPDATES

To present the first reading of proposed Board policy updates as provided in the backup materials. No action will be taken.

Policy	Title
6218	CASH BALANCE RESERVE POLICY (new)

V. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

VI. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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IX. BOARD DISCUSSION

Library Policy

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will adjourn to executive session for the following.

- a. Investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, or licensee.

Time Out: _____ Time Back: _____

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

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