

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2026, at 7:00 A.M.
LICKING VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE, 1379 LICKING VALLEY RD., 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 Special Session on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the Licking Valley District Office. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mr. Craig Nethers, and Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert. Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, Mr. Scott Beery, Superintendent, and Mr. Paul Smathers, incoming Superintendent, were also in attendance. Mr. Casey Williams and Mrs. Julie Stedman were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to consider personnel matters related to the hiring of certificated personnel.

26-124 PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA 124

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

Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda for July 7, 2026, is recommended to be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)
None

26-125 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION 125

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

PERSONNEL

To approve the employment of Allison Shrock and Ashley Lange.

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.

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Rescinded Service Contracts

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Reason
Allison	Shrock	High School Educational Aide	June 30, 2026	Moving to High School Intervention Specialist

DISCUSSION:
None

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

26-126 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION 126

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

Appointments and Assignments 2026-2027

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary	Reason
Allison	Shrock	High School Intervention Specialist	1- Year Limited	184	Bachelors - Step 0	Replacing Adam Arcuri- Moved to the Middle School
Ashley	Lange	High School Intervention Specialist	1-Year Limited	184	Masters - Step 10	Replacing Michael Flowers - Moved to the Middle School

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Torbert asked if Ms. Allison Shrock was working on her license or had her license. Mr. Smathers, incoming Superintendent, explained that Ms. Shrock is working on completing her alternative license. Mr. Beery explained that she is available to get her license through the program provided through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

26-127 ADJOURNMENT 127

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to adjourn. Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 7:12 a.m.

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