

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026, at 1:15 P.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 August 18, 2026, at 1:15 p.m. in the Licking Valley District Office. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mr. Craig Nethers, Mrs. Julie Stedman, and Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert. Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, and Mr. Paul Smathers, Superintendent, were also in attendance. Mr. Casey Williams was absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to review and approve new employment for the upcoming school year and approve necessary contract agreements.

26-147 PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA 147

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

Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda for August 18, 2026, is recommended to be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)
None

26-148 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION 148

Mrs. Torbert moved and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the following.

PERSONNEL
It is recommended to approve the following appointments and assignments.

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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Appointments and Assignments

Certified

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Employment Status	Contract Days	Step	Effective Date	Reason
Alexis	Newlun	Speech and Language Pathologist	Part-Time 0.80 FTE	148	5	August 18, 2026	Part-time filling vacant SLP position previously held by Brooke Walpole

Classified

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Employment Status	Contract Days	Salary Schedule Placement	Effective Date	Reason
Angela	Landis	Assistant Treasurer	Full-Time	260	Step 15	August 31, 2026	Filling vacant Assistant Treasurer position previously held by Zoe Moran
Jacquelyn	Collins	Bus Driver	Part-Time (Not to exceed 35 hours)	N/A	Step 0	September 1, 2026	Filling vacant Bus Driver position previously held by Shawn Trout.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. McArtor asked if this covers all the open positions at the district.

Mr. Smathers said this is all of the positions except for one intervention specialist position.

Mrs. Stedman asked if this covers all of our speech needs through the speech position.

Mr. Smathers said it should cover the needs we have but we may still need to contract with the ESC if there are additional needs.

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

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26-149 **ADJOURNMENT** **149**

Mr. Nethers moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to adjourn. Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

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

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Drake McArtor, President	Andrew Douglass, Treasurer