

Licking Valley Board of Education
Licking Valley High School Media Center, 100 Hainsview Dr., Newark, Ohio
October 12, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Vision Statement: Every adult helping every child learn and grow every day

Licking Valley Schools Five Commitments To Our School Community:

1. We Focus on Learning
2. We Collaborate
3. We Take Responsibility
4. We ask, "What are the results?"
5. We Decide What to do Next

"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

1. Adoptions to the Agenda

- Page 5 - Supplemental - Changed "Kam" To "Kamden."
- Page 5 - Supplemental - Corrected Kamden Walker's step placement from 0 to 1.
- Page 5 - Supplemental - Corrected Alan Stein's step placement from 6 to 7.
- Page 5 - Supplemental - Corrected all supplemental assignments to reflect how they are listed in the negotiated agreement.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

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E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will adjourn to executive session for the following:

- a. To consider the specialized details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols where disclosure might reveal information that could jeopardize the District's security.
- b. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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Time Out: _____ Time Back: _____

F. OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBER - Alexia Decastro

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

H. SPECIAL REPORT

Community Member Spotlight - Mr. Drake McArtor
Cathy Carpenter

Student Spotlight- Boys Golf Team

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Kindergarten Team- Kelsey Bolton, Emily Schmitt, Christine Hood, Jayme Diener, Sidney Blair, Mya Rapol, and Jennafer Phillips

Board Policy Committee

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Audit Update

B. Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2026, and the Special Board Meeting on September 25, 2026.

C. 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

D. Fund Transfer

Recommended Action: Approve the transfers listed below:

1. Transfer \$443.92 from the General Fund (Fund 001) to the Food Service Fund (Fund 006) to cover negative lunch account balances incurred during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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III. SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION

A. Licking Valley Schools Ohio School Report Card

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IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends that the personnel changes listed below be accepted.

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
Brenda	Miller	Substitute Transportation Aide	9/15/2026	No longer interested in the position.
Jonathon	Brokaw	Substitute Bus Driver	9/28/2026	Accepted Bus Driver position.
Tonya	McClellan	Bus Driver	10/12/2026	No longer interested in a full time position - remaining on as a substitute bus driver.

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2. Appointments and Assignments 2026-2027

a. Classified (Retroactive to 9/28/26)

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Contract	Contract Days	Salary	Reason
Johnathon	Brokaw	Bus Driver	1-Year Limited	185	Step 0	Replacing Mary Cox

3. Supplemental

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Step	Reason
Kamden	Walker	Varsity Assistant Basketball - Boys	2026-27	3	Step 1	Replacing Rickey Wilson
Alan	Stein	Basketball - HS Reserve Boys	2026-27	2	Step 7	Renewal
Jeremy	Tate	Wrestling - Varsity	2026-27	2	Step 10	Renewal
Jake	Martinez	Varsity Assistant Wrestling	2026-27	3	Step 0	Replacing Rick Tate
Roy	Whisner	Wrestling - Reserve	2026-27	3	Step 10	Renewal
Rick	Tate	Wrestling - Middle School	2026-27	4	Step 10	Replacing John Perkins
Ed	Weisgerber	Basketball - Head Girls HS	2026-27	1	Step 10	Renewal
Heather	Powell	Varsity Assistant Basketball - Girls	2026-27	3	Step 2	Renewal

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First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Step	Reason
Morgan	Wamsley	Basketball - HS Reserve Girls	2026-27	2	Step 1	Renewal
Rebekah	Kalas	Basketball - 7th Grade Girls	2026-27	3	Step 1	Renewal
Mike	Bonica	Basketball - 8th Grade Girls	2026-27	3	Step 0	Replacing Nikki Thompson

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4. Supplemental

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Status	Category	Step	Reason
Cade	Torbert	9th Grade Boys Basketball	2026-27	3	Step 6	Renewal

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5. Substitutes 2026-2027

a. Substitute Teacher

Joseph Cavallo, Kaitlyn Poole, Natosha Rector, Douglas Goodwin

b. Substitute Bus Aide (Daily)

Patricia Gochenouer (Retroactive to 9/21/26)

c. Substitute Bus Driver

Tonya McClellan

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6. Personal Service Contracts

a. Game Manager

Recommended Action: To approve a personal service contract to Tyler Kuhnes to serve as Game Manager for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour (not to exceed a total of \$1,500.00) as approved by the Superintendent.

b. Competency-based Learning Lab

Recommended Action: To approve student instruction with our Competency-based Learning Lab (After School Tutoring) from the Middle School Operating Budget for the 2026-2027 school year. The rate of \$20/hour will be paid to the following Middle School teacher(s):

Adam Britton, Amanda Cassidy, Kristi Burgess, Erin Fee, Deborah Fehrman, Brian Gant, Mary Stafford, Ashley Cangelosi, Dannette Morehouse, Rebekah Kalas, Nikki Thompson, Leigh Anne Fickes

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B. GIFTS/DONATIONS

It is recommended to accept the gifts/donations listed:

Donations Received Between September 15, 2026 - October 6, 2026

Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
9/14	HS Panther Pantry	\$205.00	Hanover American Legion
9/15	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Philip Clark in Memory of Millie Clark
9/16	FCCLA	\$100.00	Douglas Wills in Memory of Mary Ann Edie
9/18	HS Principals Fund	\$1,000.00	FCCLA - The Claw Sponsorship Weekly T-Shirt
9/21	MS Panther Pantry	\$150.00	Gary & Rebecca Lawrence in Memory of Cindy Huffman
9/24	HS Principals Fund	\$125.00	Rick & Kristi Houston - Class of 1981 Reunion
9/25	HS Principals Fund	\$1,000.00	Anders Company - The Claw Sponsorship Weekly T-Shirt
9/25	HS Principals Fund	\$1,000.00	Houston Plumbing & Heating - The Claw Sponsorship Weekly T-Shirt
9/25	HS Principals Fund	\$250.00	Main Events Party & Event Rental - The Claw Sponsorship Weekly T-Shirt
9/25	HS Panther Pantry	\$500.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
9/29	HS Choir	\$33.00	Anonymous Cash Donation
9/29	HS Choir	\$25.00	Neil Gottfried
9/29	HS Principals Fund	\$500.00	Howard Hanna (Abigail Hindel) - The Claw Sponsorship Weekly T-Shirt
9/29	HS Renaissance	\$212.67	Rick & Kristi Houston - Class of 1981 Reunion
10/1	HS Choir	\$12.00	Anonymous Cash Donation
10/6	HS Principals Fund	\$250.00	Wheeland Plumbing - The Claw Sponsorship
10/6	FFA	\$500.00	National FFA Foundation

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Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
10/6	FFA	\$2,500.00	Versova Community Foundation
10/7	HS Panther Pantry	Hygiene Kits (worth \$200)	Heath Christ United Methodist Church
	Total	\$8,412.67	

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C. BUSINESS

It is recommended we accept the Business items listed.

1. Surplus

Recommended Action: To approve the items listed as surplus.

Tag Number	Room	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Yamaha MM8 Keyboard	2	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Ibaneze Bass Combo Amp	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Peavey Speaker	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Peavey Rage 158	1	Obsolete	No

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Tag Number	Room	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Peavey 2002-24 RQ	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Crate BX15 Speaker	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	UL LED Flood Lights	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Work Light	6	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Strand S4 Ellipsoidal	12	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Strand S4 Ellipsoidal	3	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Fresnelite	7	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	U.S. Audio Whirlwind	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Denon DN-T620	1	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Shure SCM810	1	Replaced	No

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Tag Number	Room	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Broad Cyc	4	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	EV Horns	2	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	EV Speakers	2	Replaced	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	RCA Four Head Video Systems	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	ETC ColorSource	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Kustom Speaker	2	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	MTX Power Loudspeakers	2	Obsolete	No
N/A	HS Auditorium - J. Noser	Roland RS-9	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	MS Storage - J. Bishop	Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine	32	Obsolete	No

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2. Sale of Surplus District Property

Recommended Action: To authorize the Treasurer (or designee) to sell designated surplus district property, with all items sold as-is, where-is, and to deposit all proceeds into the appropriate district fund(s) in accordance with applicable requirements. Authorize payment of customary auction-related fees and costs from sale proceeds.

Details

- The Treasurer (or designee) is authorized to include the identified surplus items and to complete any related sale documentation.
- Item(s) will be offered as-is, where-is, with no warranties expressed or implied.
- The bidding window for the bus will remain open for two (2) weeks from the date of listing.
- The Treasurer (or designee) will maintain documentation of the items sold and final sale prices, and will account for proceeds in the District's records.

Item(s) to be Sold:

Item	Qty	Minimum Bid
Bus #3 - 2010 International Serial #4DRBUAAAn4AB20 4847 (Mileage - 228,078)	1	\$5000.00

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3. Purchase of Utility Side-by-Side

Recommended Action: To approve the purchase of a utility side-by-side from The Toy Store at \$13,895.72.

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4. SafeGuard Risk Solutions

Recommended Action: To approve the one (1) year contract between Licking Valley Local Schools and Safeguard Risk Solutions effective October 12, 2026 until October 17, 2027 for safety assessment, risk management, and emergency response consulting services in the annual amount of \$16,000, payable in equal quarterly installments of \$4,000.

- Term Agreement: One (1) Year
- Termination Requirement: Thirty (30) days notice

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5. FinalForms

Recommended Action: To approve the agreement between Licking Valley Local Schools and FinalForms through the 2027–2028 school year, in the annual amount of \$10,450, plus a one-time onboarding fee of \$2,000.

- Term Agreement: One (1) Year, Including Onboarding from October 12, 2026 - June 30, 2027
- Termination Requirement: Thirty (30) days notice

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6. Approval of Contract Under Urgent Necessity – District Radio Communication System

Recommended Action: To approve a contract with CDG Wireless, under urgent necessity pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46(A), for the purchase and installation of district radio communication equipment without competitive bidding. Equipment costs shall not exceed \$22,950, and annual service agreement costs shall not exceed \$21,360 for the initial three (3) year term. This action addresses existing communication deficiencies that pose safety and security concerns requiring immediate corrective action. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute all necessary agreements and related documents.

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V. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION

A. SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY UPDATES

To present the second reading of proposed Board policy updates as provided in the backup materials.

Policy	Title
6530	PAYMENT OF ACCRUED, UNUSED VACATION LEAVE

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VI. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

VII. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 30 MINUTES ALLOTTED)

X. BOARD DISCUSSION
E-Rate Letter

License Plate Fund

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

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