

LICKING VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
LICKING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 100 HAINSVIEW DR., NEWARK, OHIO

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

ROLL CALL

The Licking Valley Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Licking Valley High School Media Center. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Drake McArtor, Mr. Craig Nethers, Mrs. Julie Stedman, Mrs. Jo Lynn Torbert, and Mr. Casey Williams. Mr. Paul Smathers, Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Douglass, Treasurer, and Mr. Griffin Williams, Student Representative, were also in attendance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, REFLECTION OR MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

26-150 PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA 150

Mr. Nethers moved and Mr. C. Williams seconded the motion to approve the following.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Page 2 - Special Report - Changed date of the Spring Trip from 2027 to 2028.
- Page 5 - Personnel - Item 2-a - Removed Alissa Birkhimer.
- Page 5 - Personnel - Item 2-f - Added Substitute Daily Aide (Instructional) Dea Shaw.
- Page 6 - Personal Service Contracts - Item 3-a - Changed the spelling of “Caroline Johnston” to “Caraline Johnston.”
- Page 10 - Gifts/Donations - Added September Donations and Corrected Total Amount.

The agenda for September 14, 2026, is recommended to be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION:

None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

Mr. Chris Clark discussed the insurance item included on the agenda and stated that the Insurance Committee was in support of the item as presented.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Youth to Youth Trip - Mrs. Erin Fee

Mrs. Erin Fee provided information regarding the Youth to Youth trip, including the dates of the trip and the approximate number of students and staff who would be in attendance.

Mrs. Stedman asked whether all adults attending the trip receive background checks. Mrs. Fee confirmed that all adults in attendance receive background checks.

Spring 2028 Trip - Dr. Martha Schenk

Dr. Schenk provided information regarding a proposed trip to Europe in 2028. Mrs. Stedman asked about precautions related to areas that may present safety or crime concerns. Dr. Schenk explained that if any areas were identified as a concern, the group would not travel to those areas.

Mr. Nethers asked about including Versailles as a destination rather than an optional recommended location. Dr. Schenk stated that she would recommend visits to Versailles and Windsor Castle due to their rich history. Dr. Schenk noted that an informational meeting would likely take place around October 7. Mrs. Torbert asked about the cost of the trip, and Dr. Schenk provided a preliminary estimate, indicating that the payment would be approximately \$278 per month.

Gettysburg Trip - Mr. Ara Fee

Mr. Ara Fee discussed the Gettysburg trip and shared plans to have approximately 200 spaces available for an anticipated 220 participants. Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Fee for taking over the planning and coordination of the trip.

FCCLA Trip - Mrs. Cynthia Hughes

Mrs. Hughes discussed details regarding the request for permission to attend the trip. Ms. Sophia Pape and Mr. Wyatt Merchant shared their experiences and expressed their excitement about the trip. They discussed opportunities to learn about leadership, explore available programs, and compete for grants and awards to support their program.

FFA Trips - Mrs. Haley Skinner

Mrs. Skinner discussed two proposed trips for FFA students: Greenhand Camp for first-year students and the National FFA Convention. She provided information regarding the anticipated number of students who may attend and stated that the cost of the Greenhand Camp trip would be \$80. Mrs. Skinner also discussed the activities and learning opportunities available to students at the National FFA Convention, as well as places the group plans to visit as part of the trip.

Student Spotlight - Recognition of participating students at the Hartford Fair

Students from the district shared their experiences and recent accomplishments at the Hartford Fair. The students discussed the responsibilities involved in participating in the fair and the hard work and dedication required for activities such as raising and caring for their various animals.

Board Policy Committee

Mrs. Stedman provided an update on the policies that were reviewed. She discussed several policies related to volunteers and potential revisions that may be needed regarding background check requirements for volunteers.

PLC Introduction - Student Intervention Coordinators (SICs)

Mr. Smathers provided an overview of the district's focus on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). Mr. Williams asked whether the essential questions presented could also apply to extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Mr. Smathers stated that he had not previously considered that application but agreed that the questions could also be relevant to those serving in advisor roles.

Mr. Smathers explained the framework the district is implementing and how it will help guide district practices with an emphasis on student learning. He noted that the framework focuses on classroom effectiveness, student learning, and student growth. Mr. Williams asked whether the framework would generate data and information that could be reported to and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Smathers confirmed that it would.

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Mrs. Tiffany Schmitz, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided information regarding how data will be used to identify student needs, determine appropriate supports, and identify areas where additional resources or interventions may be needed. Mrs. Schmitz also discussed the results-oriented approach of PLCs and how those results can be used to inform and improve professional practices.

Student Intervention Coordinators (SICs) Mrs. Kirsten Wiersma and Mrs. Brooke Walpole provided information regarding the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework and how it supports both teachers and students. They also explained how PLCs contribute to creating a stronger system of support for students.

Mr. McArtor asked how this information is communicated to parents and guardians. Mrs. Schmitz explained how MAP data is made available and reported to parents and guardians. Mr. Williams asked how the district obtains data and identifies trends within the information. The team explained how various data are reviewed and used to better understand student performance and progress.

Mr. Clark discussed staff enthusiasm regarding increased opportunities for collaboration and professional development. He also discussed how data can be used to support growth in student learning and guide adjustments to instruction to help improve student outcomes.

Community Member Spotlight - Mr. Drake McArtor
Sharon Lanham

The Board discussed Mrs. Sharon Lanham’s contributions to the district and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for her years of service and dedication to the district.

26-151 TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS 151

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

Meeting Minutes
It is recommended to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 10, 2026; and the Special Board Meeting on August 18, 2026.

Amending and Filing Certificates
It is recommended to approve adjusting/filing amended certificates (including the 412 certificates) and appropriation codes to reflect additional incomes, transfers, advances, and expenditures.

- Appropriations and estimated resources

Appropriations
It is recommended to approve the permanent appropriations and estimated resources for FY27 (2026-2027).

Fund Transfer
It is recommended to approve the transfer listed below:

1. \$2,000 from the General Fund (001-0000) into the Mock Trial Fund (300-9303) to start the program.

Dormant/Closed Funds
It is recommended to approve the closure of the dormant fund 200-9585 and transfer the remaining balance to funds 200-9590, 200-9591, and 200-9592.

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Fund to Close	Transfer to	Amount
200-9585 Class of 2026	200-9590 Class of 2027 (Senior Class)	\$3,615.53
200-9585 Class of 2026	200-9591 Class of 2028 (Junior Class)	\$3,615.54
200-9585 Class of 2026	200-9592 Class of 2029 (Sophomore Class)	\$3,615.54

Tuition Rate

It is recommended to approve the tuition rate of \$7,039.26 In-State tuition and \$12,969.24 Out-of-State tuition for FY27 as provided by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

26-152 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 152

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

PERSONNEL

It is recommended that the personnel changes listed below be accepted.

Official employment for all new hires is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal records background check, as required by ORC 3319.291, and receipt of the appropriate certificate or license from the Ohio Department of Education.

Resignations/Retirements

Resignations

First Name	Last Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Alexis	Newlun	.80 Speech and Language Pathologist	August 20, 2026
Mary	Cox	Bus Driver	August 20, 2026
Patricia	McDonald	Substitute Bus Driver	August 31, 2026

DISCUSSION:
None

Ayes: Mr. C. Williams, Mrs. Stedman, Mr. McArtor, Mr. Nethers, Mrs. Torbert, Mr. G. Williams
Nays: None
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Mr. C. Williams moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to approve the following.

Substitutes 2026-2027

Substitute Teacher

Paula Emery and Susannah Christy (Retroactive to 8/19/26); Brittany Clickenger, Jessica Wilson, Lacey Richards, Patricia Ellick, Jeffrey Connar, Kelley Cowden, Sydney Ellis, Phillip Gantt, Thalia Haddox, Barbara Kibler, Ellen Laubis, Kinsey Lynch, Kimberly Perkinson, Rebekka Rebar, Sylvia Richards, Jeromy Searls, Samantha Perigo

Discretionary Rate Custodian

Jeffrey Unternaehner - Step 3 (Retroactively paid for two days - 8/24/26)

Substitute Bus Driver (Call-In)

Shawn Trout

Substitute Transportation Aide (Call-In)

Brenda Miller (Retroactive to 9/14/26)

Substitute Custodian (Daily)

Jessica Alvarado

Substitute Daily Aide (Instructional)

Dea Shaw

Personal Service Contracts

Competency-based Learning Lab

It is recommended to approve student instruction with our Competency-based Learning Lab (After School Tutoring) from the High School Operating Budget. The rate of \$20/hour will be paid to the following high school teacher(s):
Deana Bennett

Game Manager

It is recommended to approve a personal service contract to Brian Ledford, Mikey Flowers, and Adam Arcuri to serve as Game Managers for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$20.00 per hour (not to exceed a total of \$1500.00) as approved by the Superintendent.

After School Detention

It is recommended to approve the following teachers to work After-School Detention for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$40.00 per session.
Sam Cox, Brie-Ann Wilson, Tricia Phelps, Shane Hancock, Brittany Hammons, Caraline Johnston, Tyler Rowe

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Torbert asked whether after-school detention is intended for specific students. Mr. Smathers explained that after-school detention is used as a corrective measure in response to disciplinary matters.

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

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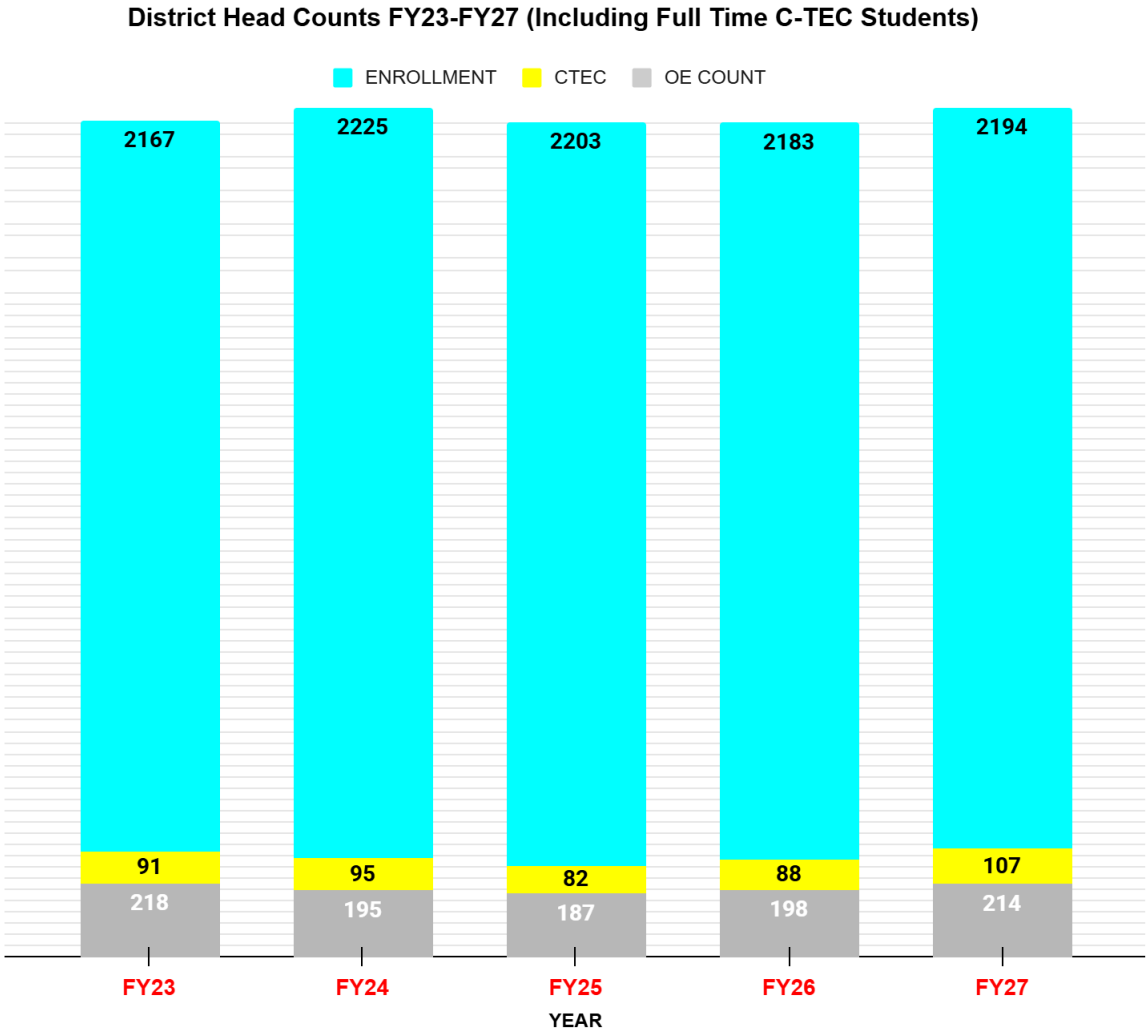
26-154 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 154

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

STUDENTS/CURRICULUM

It is recommended that the Student/Curriculum items be accepted.

Enrollment



Out-of-State Trip Approval

Licking Valley 8th Grade Trip 2027

It is recommended to approve the LVMS 8th grade trip to Gettysburg Battlefield in Pennsylvania and Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland. The trip will be May 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2027, with Mr. Ara Fee as their advisor.

Licking Valley FFA - National FFA Convention

It is recommended to approve the LVHS FFA trip to the National FFA Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, and Indianapolis, Indiana. The trip will be October 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2026, with Mr. Colton Kreager and/or Mrs. Haley Skinner as their advisors.

Overnight Trip Approval

Licking Valley FFA - Greenhand Camp

It is recommended to approve the LVHS FFA overnight trip to the Ohio FFA Camp in Carrollton, Ohio. This trip will be September 27, 28, and 29, 2026, with Mr. Colton Kreager and/or Mrs. Haley Skinner as their advisors.

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Youth to Youth

It is recommended to approve the Licking Valley Youth to Youth overnight trip to 4-H Camp Ohio. The trip will be on March 5-7 with Mrs. Erin Fee as their advisor.

FCCLA - Fall Leadership Training

It is recommended to approve the LVHS FCCLA overnight trip to the FCCLA Fall Leadership Training in Perrysville, Ohio. This trip will be October 18-20 with Mrs. Cynthia Hughes as their advisor.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Williams noted that open enrollment is at its highest level in recent years and discussed his understanding that the district had been managing open enrollment in consideration of anticipated enrollment growth. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Smathers to consider the district’s approach to open enrollment moving forward. Mrs. Torbert shared her understanding of how the district balances open enrollment and discussed how it has been managed historically.

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

26-155 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 155

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

GIFTS/DONATIONS

It is recommended to accept the gifts/donations listed:

Donations Received Between August 10, 2026 - September 11, 2026

Date	Donation Recipient	Amount	Received From
8/6	Pizza and Popsicles with Paul	N/A	Several Pizzas Donated by Panther Pizza - Noelle Anetts
8/14	HS Band	\$40.00	Anonymous Cash Donation
8/14	Renaissance Clubs - HS, MS, Elem.	\$6,270.07	Northwestern Mutual Investment Services - \$2,090.02/ each club
8/17	Transportation Department	N/A	Ameri-cans: Donated Property, Time, and Resources for Bus Safety Training
8/19	HS Panther Pantry	\$50.00	Phillip Clark in Memory of Millie Clark
8/20	HS Panther Pantry	\$400.00	James & Robin Hoekstra
8/25	HS Panther Pantry	\$250.00	State Farm Employees = The Blackbaud Giving Fund
8/31	HS Band	\$125.00	Licking Valley Music Boosters
9/3	Primary Principals Fund	\$50.00	Anonymous Donation
9/4	Student Lunch Balances	\$738.00	Toboso UM Church
9/8	HS Band	\$300.00	Licking-Knox-Coshocton-Muskingum Labor Council
9/8	HS Panther Pantry	\$372.00	State Farm Employees- The Blackbaud Giving Fund
	Total	\$8,595.077	

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DISCUSSION:
Mrs. Stedman asked about the State Farm program. Mr. Douglass explained how the program may provide matching opportunities through certain organizations. Mr. Williams expressed his continued appreciation and thanks for the support provided.

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

26-156 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 156

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

BUSINESS
It is recommended that we accept the Business items listed.

Student Co-Op Program
Program Purpose
It is recommended to approve the creation of an in-house Student Worker Co-Op Program within the Maintenance Department, providing high school students with supervised work experience while assisting with district operations.

- Position Details**
- Position: Student Custodial Co-Op worker (substitute custodian)
 - Number of Positions: 2
 - Pay Rate: \$11.00/hr
 - Max Hours: 5 hours per day or 25 hours per week.

- Employment Status**
- Part-time, at-will student employees; not eligible for benefits

Authorize
The board authorizes the Superintendent to employ student workers in this program in accordance with the details listed above.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

26-157 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 157

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

Surplus
It is recommended to approve the items listed as surplus.

Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
N/A	Document Camera - ES Ourant	1	Broken	No
08309	Aver Document Camera - ES Anglin Room 205	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	Aver Document Camera - ES Schmitt Room 004	1	Obsolete	No
09008	Aver Document Camera - ES Dunn Room 005	1	Obsolete	No
08304	Aver Document Camera - ES Graham Room 201	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	Aver Document Camera - ES Blair Room 007	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	Aver Document Camera - ES Myers Room 203	1	Obsolete	No
N/A	Aver Document Camera - ES Collins Room 202	1	Obsolete	No

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Tag Number	Item	Qty	Reason	For Bid
N/A	ES Kindles - A. Bevard	7	Obsolete	No
N/A	iPads - A. Bevard	2	Obsolete	No
106601	Bus #3 - 2010 International Serial #4DRBUAAN4B204847	1	Bid	Yes
1000103	Bus #4 - 2014 International Serial #4DRBUANNOEB349101	1	For Parts	No

Extra Duty Agreement with Licking County Sheriff’s Office

It is recommended to approve the Extra Duty Agreement between Licking Valley Schools and the Licking County Sheriff’s Office.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Nethers stated that he would like to see deputies move throughout school events more frequently to increase their visibility and presence.

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

26-158 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 158

Mr. C. Williams moved and Mr. Nethers seconded the motion to approve the following.

Licking Valley Heritage Society Lease Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Lease Agreement between the Licking Valley Local School District Board of Education and the Licking Valley Heritage Society for a term of one (1) year, effective on the date of Board approval.

- Term: 1 year
- Termination: 30 days written notice.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Nethers thanked Mrs. Wills for the email and magazine. Mrs. Stedman shared that she is looking forward to visiting the Licking Valley Heritage Society.

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

26-159 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 159

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

Athletic Event Ticket Taker Compensation (Retroactive to 8/21/2026)

It is recommended to approve the compensation rate for paid ticket takers at Licking Valley Local School District athletic events for the 2026-2027 school year, set at \$40.00 per game for Varsity events and \$25.00 per game for JV and Middle School Events.

DISCUSSION:
Mrs. Stedman asked if all games are currently covered. Mr. Smathers confirmed that they are at this time.

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

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26-160 **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS** 160

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

Use of District Premises Fee Schedule

It is recommended to approve group classification and fee schedule for use of district premises.

Outside Group Definition & Fee Eligibility

- Outside Group Classification: Any team or group that includes three (3) or more non-Licking Valley residents/students on its roster will be formally classified as an Outside Group.
- Anti-Circumvention Rule (25% Cap): To prevent teams from bypassing the three-student threshold, non-Licking Valley students may not exceed 25% of any team’s total active roster or participant list. Any team that exceeds this limit, or attempts to split/alter rosters to circumvent the rule, will be reclassified as an out-of-district group and billed accordingly.
- Payment Requirement: All groups classified as Outside Groups are subject to full payment according to the rental fee schedule below. Roster verification may be required before contract approval.
- Facility Rental Fee Schedule

<u>Facility/Area</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>10-Hour Block Rate</u>
Middle School Gym	\$60 / 2 hr practice	\$400 / 10 - 2 hr. blocks
Elementary Gym	\$50 / 2 hr practice	\$350 / 10 - 2 hr. blocks
Practice Soccer Field	\$40 / 2 hr practice	\$275 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Practice Football Field	\$40 / 2 hr practice	\$275 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
JV Softball Field	\$50 / 2 hr practice	\$350 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
JV Baseball Field	\$50 / 2 hr practice	\$350 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
High School Main Gym	\$90 / 2 hr practice	\$650 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
High School Auxiliary Gym	\$60 / 2 hr practice	\$400 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Varsity Turf Softball Field	\$125 / 2 hr practice	\$950 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Varsity Turf Baseball Field	\$125 / 2 hr practice	\$950 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Field House	\$90 / 2 hr practice	\$650 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Randy Baughman Stadium (Track & Turf)	\$125 / 2 hr practice	\$950 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Randy Baughman Stadium (Track & Turf) (With Lights)	\$175 / 2 hr practice	\$1,575 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Commons/Cafetorium - HS/MS/ES	\$40 / 2 hrs	\$275 / 10 - 2 hr blocks

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Facility/Area	Hourly Rate	10-Hour Block Rate
Kitchen - HS/MS/ES	\$40 / 2 hrs	\$275 / 10 - 2 hr blocks
Kitchen & Commons - HS/MS/ES	\$80 / 2 hrs	\$600 / 10 - 2 hr blocks

DISCUSSION:
The Board thanked everyone for their work on this facilities update.

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

26-161 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS 161

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

Appointment of Insurance Broker
It is recommended to approve HUB International as the District’s employee benefits broker of record and benefits consultant, replacing ALR, for the District’s employee insurance and benefits programs, and to authorize the Treasurer to execute all documents necessary to complete the transition.

DISCUSSION:
The Board thanked the district for all the work put into this and thanked the Insurance Committee for their support.

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

26-162 BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION 162

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY UPDATES
It is recommended to present the first reading of proposed Board policy updates as provided in the backup materials.

Policy	Title
6530	PAYMENT OF ACCRUED, UNUSED VACATION LEAVE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER UPDATE
Mr. Griffin Williams provided an update on student athletics, extracurricular activities, and other school events, including homecoming.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT UPDATE
Mrs. Torbert provided a student achievement update and discussed various activities, accomplishments, and academic achievements from each building.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Mr. Nethers provided a legislative update and discussed several pieces of legislation that may impact the district. He also discussed potential changes to the E-Rate program and expressed his opinion that the Board should provide comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS - 30 MINUTES ALLOTTED)
Mrs. Patience Livingston discussed the option for Boys and Girls Club as an after-school program. Mrs. Livingston discussed the cost of the program of \$10 for the entire year and requested the board to consider providing transportation to the Boys and Girls Club for elementary, middle and high school students.

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Mr. Gordon Postle requested a copy of the cash balance policy. Mr. Postle asked what percentage of the student population needs intervention and asked who sets benchmarks.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The board discussed the out of state trips and adding the London and Paris out of State Trip for approval.

26-163 BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION 163

Mr. C. Williams moved to amend the agenda and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add an action item for consideration and approval of the student trip to London and Paris.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

26-164 BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS/RECOMMENDATION 164

Mr. C. Williams moved to amend the agenda and Mrs. Stedman seconded the motion to approve the London and Paris out of State trip.

London and Paris Trip

It is recommended to approve the London and Paris Trip taking place in the spring of 2028 with Dr. Martha Schenk as the advisor.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

License Plate Funds

Mr. Nethers discussed the opportunity for a License Plate Fund and how the revenue could be used. He suggested using the funds to support students pursuing either a traditional four-year program or a trade program. Mrs. Stedman suggested using the funds to help support reimbursement for student engagement. Mr. McArtor asked Board members to provide recommendations to the Superintendent or Treasurer for discussion at an upcoming Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Work Session Dates

The Board discussed potential dates for a strategic plan work session and identified September 25 at 2:30 p.m. as a possible date. The Board also discussed October 16, 2026, as a potential date for a follow-up meeting.

Mrs. Stedman recognized Mr. Clark for his classroom discussion about 9/11.

26-165 EXECUTIVE SESSION 165

Mr. C. Williams moved and Mrs. Torbert seconded the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

DISCUSSION:
None

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

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Time Out: 8:39 PM
Time Back: 9:33 PM

26-166 ADJOURNMENT 166

Mr. Nethers moved and Mr. C. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn. Mr. McArtor closed the meeting at 9:34 PM.

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

Drake McArtor, President

Andrew Douglass, Treasurer