

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, July 13, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

Liberty Union Land Lab

ROLL CALL: Caryl Caito. Present
Shaun Hochradel. . . Present
John Hutton. Present
Shawn Shook. Present
John Walter. Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

File: KD (Also BDDH)

There was none.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

078-15 Motion by Caryl Caito, seconded by John Walter, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education held on June 1, 2015, the Special Meeting held on June 17, 2015 and the Special Meeting held on July 6, 2015, as printed. Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - The following policy was presented for review on July 6, 2015, and is now presented to the Board for approval:

079-15 Motion by Shaun Hochradel, seconded by Caryl Caito, to approve the Old Business item as listed below. Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes. Motion carried.

File: IGBEA **READING SKILLS ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVENTION
(Third Grade Reading Guarantee)**

The Board believes in the importance of the development of English language skills. As a result the Board promotes the importance of reading skills through English diagnostic assessments and reading intervention services in order to provide a meaningful tool to identify and assist students in achieving proficiency in English language arts.

The District annually evaluates the English reading skills of each K-3 student and identifies students who are reading below their grade level. The District uses the reading diagnostic assessment that is appropriate for the grade level and is adopted under State law or is a comparable tool approved by the Ohio Department of Education. The student’s classroom teachers are involved in the assessment and identification of students reading below grade level.

The District provides written notification to the parents or guardian of students who are reading below their grade level. Intensive reading instruction is provided to students immediately after they are identified as having a reading deficiency. The District develops a reading improvement and monitoring plan within 60 days of receiving the student’s diagnostic results.

For students who have been retained at the end of third grade, the District provides intense remediation services that include intensive interventions that address the student’s specific areas of deficiency. Further, the District provides each retained student with a teacher who meets set criteria and offers the option for such students to receive applicable services from one or more providers other than the District.

Students who have been retained and who have demonstrated proficiency in a specific academic field as defined by State law are provided with instruction that is commensurate to their achievement level.

The Board designated the Superintendent / designee to establish a District policy for the midyear promotion of students who were retained but who now are reading at or above their grade level.

A student retained under the provisions of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee shall be considered for mid-year promotion if that student demonstrates that he/she is reading at the third grade reading level. Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools will assess a student to determine that the student has demonstrated proficiency in reading no later than the end of the first semester of the student’s fourth grade year. Assessments used to determine proficiency will come from the Ohio Department of Education Approved List. The deadline for midyear promotion is the beginning date of the second semester of each school year. Once a student is promoted midyear, they are considered a fourth grade student in all subjects and will take the fourth grade state assessments. However, reading interventions will continue for the student until they are assessed as on or above grade level in reading.

[Adoption date: October 14, 2013]
[Revised: April 13, 2015]
[Revised: **July 13, 2015**]

LEGAL REGS.: ORC 3301.07; 3301.0710; 3301.0711(D); 3301.0715; 3301.079
 3313.608; 3313.609; 3313.6010; 3313.6012; 3324.01
 OAC 3301-35-04; 3301-35-06

CROSS REG.: IBFE, Remedial Instruction (Intervention Services)
 IGBI, Limited English Proficiency
 IKE, Promotion and Retention of Students

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

080-15 Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by John Walter, to approve Monthly Financial items as stated below. Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes. Motion carried.

A. TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved.

- 1. MONTHLY FUNDS BALANCE**
- 2. RECEIPT OF FUNDS**
- 3. STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS**
- 4. MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION**

B. BILLS: Approved.

C. STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY APPROPRIATIONS: Approved.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
018	\$ 4,190.67
200	1,525.89
300	14,407.13
Total Changes	\$20,123.69

D. DONATIONS: Approved.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>
\$500.00	H S Principals Fund	Renaissance
404.45	Kroger Rewards	M S Principals Fund
72.00	Misc: Jeans Day	M S Principals Fund
42.00	Misc: Jeans Day	Renaissance
18.81	M S Incentive	M S Principals Fund
22.00	Miscellaneous	Renaissance
25.00	Target	H S Principals Fund
81.18	Miscellaneous	FFA
500.00	Booster Bingo	Baseball
20.00	Justin Myers - for Invention Award	5 th Gr Science
141.43	Kroger Rewards	H S Yearbook
144.00	Miscellaneous	Washington D C Trip
526.75	Amy’s Army - Intervention Specialist	General Fund
\$2,497.62	Total	-

NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL:

081-15 Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by John Hutton, to approve the New Business Financial items listed below: Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes. Motion carried.

A. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: Board of Education approved participation and authorization in the National School Lunch Program for the 2015/2016 school year as required to qualify for meal reimbursement.

B. ESTABLISH SCHOOL MEAL PRICES - Approved the following meal prices for the start of the 2015/2016 school year as requested:

Student Reduced-Price Breakfast	Free
Student Reduced-Price Lunch	\$0.40
Student Breakfast (All Buildings)	1.10
Student Elementary School Lunch	2.25
Student Middle School & High School Lunch	2.50
Adult Breakfast	1.50
Adult Lunch	3.00
Milk	0.40

NOTE: These prices are the same as in 2014/2015.

C. BREAD PRODUCTS

Through membership in the Metropolitan Education Council, the LU-T School District has bid for bread products. Aunt Millie’s Bakery was recommended by the Food Service Supervisor, Mrs. Jan Friedrich, to provide bread products for the school cafeteria for the 2015/2016 school year. Approved.

D. DAIRY PRODUCTS

Through membership in the Metropolitan Education Council, the LU-T School District has bid for dairy products. United Dairy was recommended by the Food Service Supervisor, Mrs. Jan Friedrich, to provide dairy products for the school cafeteria for the 2015/2016 school year. Approved.

E. PURCHASED SERVICE AGREEMENT(S):

SERVICE PROVIDER: Fairfield County Educational Service Center
CONTRACT PERIOD: 2015-2016 School Year
SERVICES PROVIDED: Special Education Program Services
COST: Services Billed Quarterly on a Per-Pupil Basis, Plus 5%

Approved.

NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL:

082-15 Motion by Caryl Caito, seconded by Shawn Shook, to approve the New Business Financial item listed below: Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, **abstain**; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes. Motion carried.

PURCHASED SERVICE AGREEMENT(S):

1) SERVICE PROVIDER: New Horizons Mental Health Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 2015-2016 School Year
SERVICES PROVIDED: Intervention Services (564 Hours)
COST: \$32,712.00

Approved.

2) SERVICE PROVIDER: New Horizons Mental Health Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 2015-2016 School Year
SERVICES PROVIDED: Teen Screen Depression & Mental Health Screening
COST: \$1,330
NOTE: United Way and ADAMH Board provide an additional \$11,420 for the cost of this program

Approved.

NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL:

083-15 Motion by John Walter, seconded by John Hutton, to approve the New Business Financial item listed below. Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, **abstain**; Hutton, yes; Shook, **abstain**. Motion carried.

NEGOTIATED CONTRACT: Tentative agreement with the Liberty Union-Thurston Education Association for a three-year contract, effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018, has been reached.

Board of Education approved the contract as outlined in the tentative agreement.

PERSONNEL

084-15 Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by Caryl Caito, to approve the Personnel items listed below. Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes. Motion approved.

A. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR and STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

The School Board approved **Jennifer Blackstone**, as Curriculum Director for Liberty Union-Thurston School District and **Sarah Hayes**, as Student Services Director for the Liberty Union-Thurston School District.

B. RESIGNATION

Renee Mueller has submitted her resignation as middle school math and science teacher; resignation approved.

C. EMPLOYMENT

The following candidates were approved for employment as follows:

- 1) **Name:** **Karen Morris**
 Position: M S Math Teacher
 Salary: \$35,574.98 (5-Year - Step 2)
 Starting Date: August 7, 2015

- 2) **Name:** **Maria Wolfe**
 Position: Classroom Aide for Handicapped Students
 Hours: 7 ½ Hours per Day when School is in Session
 Salary: \$13.84 (Step 0)
 Starting Date: August 13, 2015

NEW BUSINESS - OTHER

085-15 Motion by Shaun Hochradel, seconded by Shawn Shook, to approve the New Business - Other item(s) as printed below. Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes. Motion carried.

A. BLIZZARD BAGS

With LUT implementing Blizzard Bags next school year, Jennifer Blackstone has reviewed the statutory requirements and assisted Danielle Bruning with creation of assignments. Day 1 of Blizzard Bag assignments for grades K-12 are designed and ready for posting on the district website. Day 2 and 3 will be teacher created in September / October. The next Lion Report will have information for parents about Blizzard Bags. Request approval to implement Blizzard bags for school year 2015-2016.

WHEREAS, the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education desires that students have learning opportunities even when schools are closed for any of the reasons specified in Section 3313.482 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 3313.482 authorizes a board of education to file an annual plan with the Ohio Department of Education by August 1 of each year to provide online learning opportunities for students in lieu of attendance on such days of closure;

NOT THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED that the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education hereby approves the following plan and authorizes its filing with the Ohio Department of Education.

PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE MAKE-UP OF CALAMITY DAYS

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.482, the Board of Education of the Liberty Union - Thurston hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the district to access and complete classroom lessons in order to fulfill up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three (3) school days because of the closing of schools for any of the reasons specified in section 3313.482.

- 1) This plan is submitted, pursuant to approval of the Board of Education, prior to August 1.
- 2) This plan includes the written consent of the teacher’s employee representative as designated under division (B) of section 4117.04. Such consent is on file in the official file of the Board of Education and is hereby incorporated into this plan as if specifically re-written.
- 3) Not later than November 1 of the 2015-2016 school year, each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by that teacher with such lessons requiring, in the judgment of the teacher, an amount of time equal to or greater than the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days in such teacher’s class.
- 4) The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district’s web portal or web site.
- 5) (Optional) Teachers will be granted one (1) professional development day after the teacher’s principal or supervisor certifies that lessons equal to approximately the number of hours that are equivalent of three (3) school days have been posted.
- 6) Teachers will update or replace such lessons as necessary throughout the school year based on the instructional progress of students.

- 7) As soon as practicable after an announced school closure authorized under Section 3313.482, the appropriate administrator may direct staff to make the designated lessons available on the District’s portal or site. Each lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on the day of the school closing.
- 8) Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. If the student does not complete the lesson within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless a reason sufficient to the teacher is provided.
- 9) Students without access to a computer shall be permitted to complete the posted lessons at school after the re-opening of school. Students utilizing this option will be granted two (2) weeks from the date of re-opening to complete such lessons. If the student does not complete the lesson within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless a reason sufficient to the teacher is provided. The District will provide access to District computers before, during, or after the school day (provided that the equipment is available and accessible at those times) or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order for students to complete the assignments.
- 10) (Optional) The Board of Education hereby authorizes “Blizzard Bags,” which are paper copies of the lessons posted online. Teachers shall prepare paper copies approximating the content of the online lessons and shall update such paper copies when updating any of the online lessons. “Blizzard Bags” shall be distributed to all students by not later than December 1 of the school year or such other date as may be selected by the Superintendent. Students shall submit completed lessons to the teachers assigning such lessons not later than two (2) weeks after the date of school closing for which the “Blizzard Bag” lessons are assigned.

Approved.

B. BUS BID RESOLUTION

Request approval to participate with the MEC Cooperative Advertising and Receiving Bids for School Bus Chassis and Bodies.

Whereas the, Liberty Union – Thurston School Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of **one (1) - 71 passenger conventional, propane powered** school bus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the, Liberty Union – Thurston School Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Metropolitan Educational Council to advertise and receive bids on said Board’s behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of **one (1) 71 passenger conventional, propane powered school bus**.

Approved.

C. 1) YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP - Boys Varsity Coach, Seth Martin, requests permission to hold the following summer camp; approved.

Dates: July 27-29, 2015
 Teams: **Youth Boys Basketball Teams**
 Location: MS Gym
 Cost: \$_____ per Camper

2) YOUTH CHEERLEADING CAMP - Girls Varsity Coach, Jamie Peardon, requests permission to hold the following summer camp; approved.

Dates: July 28-29, 2015
 Teams: **Youth Cheerleaders**
 Location: HS Auditorium
 Cost: \$_____ per Camper

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the Liberty Union District Office.

ADJOURN:

086-15 Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by John Walter, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes. Motion carried.

President

Attest