

A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016 for the purpose of discussing the proposed **adoption of the 2016-2017 School Calendar.**

**LIBERTY UNION-THURSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Monday, January 11, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Liberty Union District Office Board Room

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Caryl Caito	<u>Present</u>
	Shaun Hochradel	<u>Present</u>
	John Hutton	<u>Present</u>
	Shawn Shook	<u>Present</u>
	John Walter	<u>Present</u>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by: **Halle Eastep**                      **Keynen Martin**  
**Tanner Farmer**                      **Harlee Nafzger**  
**Veronica Friedrich**                      **Bailey Shy**

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Treasurer, **Mr. David Butler**, administered the Oath of Office to **Mr. Shawn Shook** and **Dr. John Walter**, re-elected members of the Board of Education.

**NOTE:** At the regular meeting of the Liberty Union-Thurston Board of Education on December 14, 2015, **Mr. Shaun Hochradel** was elected President Pro Tem for the January, 2016, re-organizational meeting.

**ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT:**

**001-16** Motion by John Hutton, seconded by Shawn Shook to nominate Shaun Hochradel as Board of Education President for calendar year 2016. Caito, yes; Hochradel, **abstain**; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**002-16** Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by Caryl Caito to nominate John Walter as Board of Education Vice-President for calendar year 2016. Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, **abstain**; Caito, yes. Motion carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Treasurer, **Mr. David Butler**, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected President of the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education, **Mr. Shaun Hochradel**, and the newly elected Vice President of the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education, **Dr. John Walter**.

**ESTABLISH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:** The Board of Education must establish the monthly date and time for regular board meetings in calendar year 2016.

**003-16** Motion by John Hutton, seconded by John Walter to establish the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. as the date and time for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education in calendar year 2016. The meetings will be held in the district office at 1108 S. Main St, unless otherwise announced. Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes. Motion carried.

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

Immediately followed the Re-Organizational Meeting

**RECOGNITION:**

**A. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>LU Grad</u>	<u>Years Served</u>	<u>Term Began</u>
1)	<b>John Hutton</b>	President	1978	13	Jan, 2003
2)	<b>Shaun Hochradel</b>	Vice Pres	1996	6+	Appointed Aug 15, 2009
3)	<b>Shawn Shook</b>	Member	1986	4	Jan, 2012
4)	<b>John Walter</b>	Member	1990	4	Jan, 2012
5)	<b>Caryl Elliott Caito</b>	Member	1978	2	Jan, 2014

**B. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH: Katelyn Shook & Braden Long**

**PRINCIPALS REPORT:** **Mr. Matt Gallatin**, High School Principal, discussed new courses offered in the high school.

**Mr. Tim Turner**, Middle School Principal, discussed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

**Mrs. Linda Rainey**, Elementary School Principal discussed raising chicken in the Village of Baltimore.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

File: KD (Also BDDH)

There was none.

**REFRESHMENTS** - Prepared by the Food Services Department

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**004-16** Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by John Walter, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education held on December 14, 2015, as printed. Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**005-16** Motion by Caryl Caito, seconded by John Walter, to approve Monthly Financial items as stated below. Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, 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	\$11,343.65
200	7,737.85
300	24,660.77
Total Changes	\$43,742.27

**D. DONATIONS:** Approved.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>
\$250.00	Booster Bingo Concession	HS Principal
450.89	Kroger Community Rewards	MS Principal
40.00	Misc: Jeans Day	HS Principal
627.48	Misc: Fire Fighter Santa	Elem Principal
66.00	Misc: Jeans Day	MS Principal
275.00	Fairfield County Ag Society Fair Exhibit	FFA

3,461.00	Donation Misc: Tractor Drive	FFA
500.00	Booster Bingo Concession	Football
750.00	Booster Bingo Concession	Cross Country
250.00	Booster Bingo Concession	MS Football
250.00	Booster Bingo Concession	Girls Soccer
100.00	Douglas & Betty Merle	Athletics
102.00	Kroger Community Rewards	HS Yearbook
400.00	Misc Raffle	HS Play
25.00	VFW Auxiliary	Washington DC Trip
410.00	VFW Scholarship	Washington DC Trip
\$7,957.37	Total	-

**NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL:**

**006-16** Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by Caryl Caito, to approve the New Business Financial items listed below. Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes. Motion carried.

- A. REQUEST ADVANCE PAYMENT:** Authority granted to the Treasurer to request advance payment on taxes collected, as allowed by law.
- B. ESTABLISH BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL:** Granted the legal firm Brickler & Eckler, LLP, as recommended, to provide legal assistance to the Board of Education and their designees during calendar year 2016.
- C. TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017:** Approved the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, as recommended by the treasurer.

A copy of the complete school district tax budget is on file in the Treasurer’s office.

**D. RESOLUTION TO INVOICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PAST CHARTER SCHOOL DEDUCTIONS FROM STATE FUNDING -**

Approved the following resolution as recommended by the superintendent and the treasurer:

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Liberty Union - Thurston Local School District Board of Education to deliver the educational programs and services to the school children of the Liberty Union - Thurston School District, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board are elected by the Liberty Union - Thurston Local School community to ensure an effective, efficient, vibrant and productive system, and

WHEREAS, the elected Board of Education is responsible to the community including taxpayers, parents and other patrons, as well as the State and

WHEREAS, the charter school industry now extracts in the range of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) ANNUALLY from public school districts across the State of Ohio, and

WHEREAS, school district boards of education have no control of students, financing, educational programming and student outcomes who enroll in charter schools,

WHEREAS, charter schools as a group in Ohio demonstrate low academic performance compared to traditional public schools, and

WHEREAS, the fraud and corruption in charter schools, as reported repeatedly in the public media, has made Ohio the laughing stock throughout the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Ohio has been dubbed as the “Wild, Wild West” in charter operations, and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Union - Thurston Local School District has lost a total of \$1,374,399.22 in State AND local funding to charter schools over the period FY 2003 to FY 2016, and

WHEREAS, this deduction has reduced programs and services to Liberty Union - Thurston Local School District students, and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Union - Thurston Local School District Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to the students and taxpayers of the District,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct the Treasurer of the District to invoice the State of Ohio for all the funds extracted from the Liberty Union - Thurston Local School District for charter school students.

**Adopted: 1-11- 2016**

**NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL**

**007-16** Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by John Walter, to approve the Personnel items listed below. Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes. Motion carried.

**A. EMPLOY MATHEMATICS TUTOR:** The following candidate was recommended and approved for temporary employment as explained:

**Name:** Rick Schaffner  
**Position:** Middle School Mathematics Specialist  
**Duties:** Provide intensive mathematics instruction for students through individual instruction, small-group instruction, inclusion-based instruction, and team-teaching  
**Work Schedule:** January, 2016 through May, 2016  
**Compensation:** \$23.27 per Hour (Money will be paid by Title I Grant)

**B. EMPLOY MATHMATIC CO-TEACHER and CONSULTANT:** The following candidate was recommended and approved for temporary employment as stated:

**Name:** Linda Wilson  
**Position:** Middle School Mathematics Specialist  
**Duties:** Assist teachers with mathematic instruction for students through inclusion-based instruction and team-teaching  
**Work Schedule:** January, 2016 through May, 2016  
**Compensation:** \$23.27 per Hour (Money will be paid by Title I Grant)

**C. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT POSITIONS:** Approved the following supplemental personnel and position(s) as requested:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Supplemental Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b>Greenhalge, Jim</b>	Baseball	-	-	Volunteer

**D. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE LIST:** Approved the certified substitute teacher list as submitted from the Fairfield County Educational Service Center Superintendent.

**NEW BUSINESS - OTHER**

**LIBERTY UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL and SOFTBALL:** The Superintendent, High School and Middle School Athletic Directors recommend approval recognition of Liberty Union Middle School Club Baseball and Liberty Union Middle School Club Softball beginning in the spring of 2016.

**008-16** Motion by John Hutton, seconded by Caryl Caito, to approve recognition of Liberty Union Middle School Club Baseball and Liberty Union Middle School Club Softball teams. Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes. Motion approved.

**INFORMATION:**

**REPORT CARD STANDARDS:** Mrs. Jennifer Blackstone, Curriculum Coordinator, will report.

**NEW BUSINESS - OTHER: 2016-2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR** was introduced and a public hearing was held tonight at 6:30. The proposed calendar will be presented at the February 8, 2016, Liberty Union Thurston Board of Education meeting for approval.

**WORK SESSION:** The Liberty Union - Thurston Board of Education Annual Work Session is scheduled Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in the District Office.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Liberty Union District Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An Executive Session is requested for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

**GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**009-16** Motion by John Hutton, seconded by Shawn Shook, to Go into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes. Motion carried.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**010-16** Motion by Shawn Shook, seconded by Caryl Caito, to return from Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

**011-16** Motion by John Hutton, seconded by Shaun Hochradel, to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Shook, yes; Walter, yes; Caito, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes. Motion carried.

---

President

---

Attest