

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

September 14, 2009

7:00 P.M. - Liberty Union High School Library

ROLL CALL:

Art Brate	<u>present</u>
Joe Farmer	<u>present</u>
John Hutton	<u>present</u>
Mike Raver	<u>present</u>

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE: The District Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed member of the Board of Education, **Shaun Hochradel**.

RECOGNITION

- A. NEW TEACHERS:** Mallory James, Intervention Specialist
Ashleigh Miller, Intervention Specialist
Kevin Yates, Language Arts Teacher
- B. CARING CONNECTIONS COUNSELOR:** Barbara Long
- C. OHIO GREEN FLEET AWARD:** Judy Cleland, Transportation Coordinator

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS File: KD (Also BDDH)

REFRESHMENTS: Prepared by the Food Services Department

MINUTES

086-09 Motion by Joe Farmer, seconded by John Hutton, to approve the minutes of the Liberty Union-Thurston Board of Education Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2009, and the Special Meeting held on August 15, 2009, as printed. Brate, yes; Farmer, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Raver, yes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

087-09 Motion by Mike Raver, seconded by Art Brate, to approve monthly financial items A & B as stated below: Farmer, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Raver, yes; Brate, yes. Motion carried.

- A. TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - 1. MONTHLY FUNDS BALANCE**
 - 2. RECEIPT OF FUNDS**
 - 3. STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS**
 - 4. MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION**
- B. BILLS**
- C. DONATIONS:** (For information only)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>
\$ 50.00	Ohio Pork Producers Council	FFA
16.00	Misc: BBQ	FFA
498.00	Misc: Scramble	Boys Golf
85.00	Booster Bingo	Athletics
500.00	Booster Bingo	Cross Country
415.00	Booster Bingo	Baseball
500.00	Booster Bingo	Boys Soccer
140.00	Booster Bingo	Girls Soccer
360.00	Booster Bingo	Girls Track
5,905.00	Misc: Baltimore Fest 5K Race	Cross Country
\$8,469.00	Total	

NEW BUSINESS: FINANCIAL

088-09 Motion by John Hutton, seconded by Joe Farmer, to approve the New Business - Financial items listed below: Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Raver, yes; Brate, yes; Farmer, yes. Motion carried.

- A. READING RECOVERY ROTARY FUND:** Approved the use of the Reading Recovery Rotary Fund as requested, in order to fund salary and fringe benefits for Reading recovery personnel.

Estimated expenses to be paid from the fund during the 2009/2010 school year: Approximately \$13,635.

- B. REVISE CHANGE FUND AMOUNT:** Approved an Athletic Department change fund, in the amount of \$1000. Last month \$900 was approved; after review, the Treasurer recommends increasing the amount of the change fund.

- C. PURCHASED SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** Approved the following purchased service agreements:

- 1) SERVICE PROVIDER: **Barbara A. Long**
 CONTRACT PERIOD: 2009 / 2010 School Year
 SERVICE PROVIDED: "Caring Connections" Counseling (432 Hours)
 COST: \$17,280
 NOTE: The "Caring Connections" organization will reimburse the LU-T District for \$11,520
- 2) SERVICE PROVIDER: **Hartford Insurance Company**
 CONTRACT PERIOD: September 1, 2009 - May 31, 2011
 SERVICE PROVIDED: Builders Risk Insurance for New Middle School
 COST: \$15,601
- 3) SERVICE PROVIDER: **Ohio Casualty Insurance Company**
 CONTRACT PERIOD: September 1, 2009 - May 31, 2011
 SERVICE PROVIDED: Builders Risk Insurance for High School Renovation
 COST: \$16,207

- D. FUEL SUPPLIER:** Transportation Coordinator, Judy Cleland, has been monitoring diesel fuel prices, and recommends that the district change suppliers.

Board approved to purchase fuel for buses from **Great Lakes Petroleum**, beginning October 1, 2009.

INFORMATION:

- A. BASIL JOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:** Kasey Farmer, from the Basil Joint Fire Department, addressed the LU-T Board of Education regarding an upcoming fire levy.
- B. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE:** Architect, Michael Paplow, provided an update on the new middle school construction and high school renovation program.

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL:

089-09 Motion by Joe Farmer, seconded by Shaun Hochradel, to approve the New Business - Personnel items listed below: Hutton, yes; Raver, yes; Brate, yes; Farmer, yes; Hochradel, yes. Motion carried.

- A. RESIGNATION:** Approved the resignation of **Jan Leo**, Middle School Teacher, as Middle School Yearbook Advisor.

- B. EMPLOY TEACHER AIDES:** The following candidates were approved by the for employment:

- 1) Name: **Deana Kessler**
 Position: Kindergarten Teacher Aide
 Hours: 6 ¾ Hours Daily When School is in Session
 Compensation: \$13.51 per Hour
 Starting Date: September 17, 2009

- 2) Name: **Stacy Dodd**
 Position: Second-Grade Teacher Aide
 Hours: 6 ¾ Hours Daily When School is in Session
 Compensation: \$14.56 per Hour
 Starting Date: September 17, 2009
- 3) Name: **Tony Hatem**
 Position: Fourth-Grade Teacher Aide
 Hours: 6 ¾ Hours Daily When School is in Session
 Compensation: \$13.51 per Hour
 Starting Date: September 17, 2009

C. EMPLOY CLEANER: The following candidate was approved for employment:

Name: **Vanessa Donahue**
 Position: Cleaner
 Hours: 8 Hours Daily
 Compensation: \$10.67 per Hour
 Starting Date: September 15, 2009

D. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT POSITIONS: The following candidate was approved for the supplemental position as listed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Susan Steffen	Middle School Yearbook	8	2	\$496.27

E. APPROVE VOLUNTEER: Approved as requested for **Mrs. Michelle Gavarkavich** to serve as volunteer nurse, to assist the nursing staff with school field trips. Mrs. Gavarkavich is a registered nurse.

F. SUBSTITUTE LISTS:

- 1) **CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE LIST:** Approved the substitute teacher list for September, 2009, as nominated by the Fairfield County Superintendent.
- 2) **CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE LIST:** Approved the classified substitute list for August, 2009, with the addition of the following name(s).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Tim Smith	7093 Basil Rd Baltimore, Oh	Trans Aide Building Services Maintenance

NEW BUSINESS - PERSONNEL:

090-09 Motion by Mike Raver, seconded by John Hutton, to approve the New Business - Personnel item listed below: Brate, yes; Framer, yes; Hochradel, **abstain**; Hutton, yes; Raver, yes. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT POSITIONS: The following candidate is recommended for the supplemental position as listed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Katie Hochradel	Teacher Mentor	6	0	775.43

NEW BUSINESS: OTHER

091-09 Motion by Shaun Hochradel, seconded by Joe Farmer, to approve the Other New Business items listed below: Raver, yes; Brate, yes; Farmer, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes. Motion carried.

- A. ADJUST SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR:** The 2009/2010 district school calendar, as earlier approved by the LU-T Board of Education, contains an error. November 25, 2009, should be listed as a day school is not in session, NOT November 30, 2009. Approved the revised calendar, reflecting this correction, is attached.
- B. STORM-WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Approved LU-T School District participation in a cooperative project to improve storm-water drainage at the elementary school and new middle school property.

The project is proposed by the Village of Baltimore, for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for grant funding.

The LU-T School District, through this cooperative agreement, would provide easement access to the Village of Baltimore for drainage purposes through district property at no cost, and agrees to over-size a retention basin which will be built for the new middle school, for management of storm-water flow.

- C. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ROUTING:** Approved the student bus transportation routing for the 2009/2010 school year.

Transportation Coordinator, Judy Cleland, reviewed the routing plan, and answered questions regarding student transportation.

- D. SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** The Ohio Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities require school districts to adopt written policies and procedures in a number of different areas. Local school districts can develop their own policies and procedures, and submit them to the Ohio Department of Education for approval, or may choose to adopt the "Model" Special Education Policies and Procedures, prepared by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Liberty Union-Thurston Board of Education approved the "Model" Special Education Policies and Procedures as published by the Ohio Department of Education, as requested.

- E. SIXTH-GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION:** Approved student participation in the sixth-grade outdoor education program:

Dates: March 29 - 31, 2010
 Location: **Camp Pilgrim Hills**
 Service Provider: Nature's Classroom
 Chaperones: LU-T Staff and Parents
 Fundraising: Magazine Sale
 Student Cost: Approximately \$120

- F. FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Approved LUHS FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention:

Dates: October 21 - 24, 2009
 Location: **Indianapolis, Indiana Convention Center**
 Chaperones: Mr. Turner, Mrs. Bachman, and Parents
 Student Cost: \$250
 Board of Education Cost: \$900 (\$450 per Teacher) Plus Substitute Teachers

- G. EIGHTH-GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP:** Approved eighth-grade students to participate in a trip to Washington, D.C.:

Dates: May 19 - 21, 2010
 Transportation: Commercial Chartered Bus
 Lodging: Best Western Hotel; Woodbridge, Virginia
 Service Provider: Main Street Tours; Louisville, Ohio
 Chaperones: LU-T Staff and Parents
 Student Cost: Approximately \$350

- H. FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSITION INITIATIVE:** Federal mandates under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) and Ohio Department of Education Operating Standards require that a written plan be developed for providing transition services to students and their parents, for students with disabilities as they transition from secondary school to adulthood.

The Fairfield County Transition Task Force requests the Liberty Union-Thurston Local School District to enter into an interagency agreement, in order to improve the coordination of transition services within Fairfield County.

Approved a two-year cooperative initiative as recommended.

NEXT REGUGLAR MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Liberty Union-Thurston Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

ADJOURN:

092-09 Motion by Joe Farmer, seconded by Shaun Hochradel, to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Brate, yes; Farmer, yes; Hochradel, yes; Hutton, yes; Raver, yes. Motion carried.

President

Attest