

LEIPSIC LOCAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Minutes

Date: April 8, 2026 Kind of Meeting: Regular

The Leipsic Local Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

The following Board members were present: Rachel Niese, Brian Reynolds, Barry Ward, Karen Ward, and Kirk Wensink.

Administration present included: Megan Tobe, Elementary Principal; Brian Bennett – MS/HS Principal; and David Miller, Treasurer.

In attendance were two staff members, four students, two parents, and one community member.

A motion was made by Kirk Wensink, and seconded by Karen Ward, to approve the minutes of the March 2026 board meetings. Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Karen Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0

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Matt Cunningham addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Kirk Wensink made a motion, seconded by Barry Ward, to table the tabled motion (059-26) to approve the first reading of the following Board Policies:

068-26
Board Policies
Tabled

2431.06	Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics
3440	Job-Related Expenses
4440	Job Related Expenses
5112	Entrance Requirements
5421	Grading
5430	Class Rank
6220	Budget Preparation
6320	Purchasing and Bidding
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants / Funds
6423	Use of Credit Cards
6425	Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate
6460	Vendor Relations
6465	Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)
8500	Food Services
4162	Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions
4162.01	Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees Without CDL Licenses Who Transport Students in Alternative Vehicles (non-DOT Testing)
8600	Transportation
8600.04	Bud Driver Certification
5751	Parental Status of Students
5780.01	Parents Bill of Rights
8640	Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
8650	Transportation by Vehicle Other Than School Buses

Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Items:

Kirk Wensink made a motion, and Rachel Niese seconded the move, to approve the disposal of inventory per attached. Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Karen Ward-- yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

069-26
Disposal of
Inventory

Barry Ward made a motion, and Kirk Wensink seconded the move, to approve the lease agreement with the Village of Leipsic for the purpose of the athletic fields at Charlie Bennett Park per attached. Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

070-26
Ath Fields
Lease

Personnel:

Barry Ward made a motion, and Rachel Niese seconded the motion, to approve Michael Lammers as the Athletic Trainer for two years beginning August 1, 2026. Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Karen Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink--yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

071-26
M. Lammers
Athletic
Trainer

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Karen Ward made a motion, and Kirk Wensink seconded the motion, to non-renew all one-year supplemental contracts effective July 31, 2026. Vote: Karen Ward—yea; Kirk Wensink—yea. Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

072-26
Non-renew
Supplemental

Brian Reynolds made a motion, and Karen Ward seconded the motion, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between James A. Rhodes State College and Leipsic Local Schools for the purpose of College Credit Plus curriculum per attached. Vote: Brian Reynolds—yea; Karen Ward—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

073-26
Rhodes State
CCP MOU

Rachel Niese made a motion, seconded by Kirk Wensink, to approve the Partnership Agreement between Owens State Community College and Leipsic Local School District for the purpose of College Credit Plus curriculum per attached. Vote: Rachel Niese-- yea; Kirk Wensink—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

074-26
Owens CCP
Agreement

Executive Session:

Karen Ward made a motion, seconded by Kirk Wensink, to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 pm to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employer or official, or the investigation of charges, or complaints against an employee, official, licensee, or student; and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. Vote: Karen Ward—yea, Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea, and Barry Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

075-26
Executive
Session

The board returned from executive session at 6:41 p.m.

Kirk Wensink made a motion, and Rachel Niese seconded the motion, to approve Keith Baumgartner as Superintendent per attached. Vote: Kirk Wensink—yea. Rachel Niese—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

076-26
Supt
Baumgartner

Planning & Discussion:

- Superintendent Comments
- Board Round Robin

Informational Items:

Rachel Niese made a motion, and Barry Ward seconded the motion, to hold the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Vote: Rachel Niese—yea; Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Karen Ward--yea, and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

077-26
Regular Mtg

Executive Session:

Brian Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Kirk Wensink, to enter into Executive Session at 6:45 pm to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employer or official, or the investigation of charges, or complaints against an employee, official, licensee, or student; and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. Vote: Brian Reynolds—yea, Kirk Wensink—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Barry Ward—yea; and Karen Ward—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

078-26
Executive
Session

The board returned from executive session at 8:21 p.m.

Barry Ward made a motion, and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Barry Ward—yea; Brian Reynolds—yea; Rachel Niese—yea; Karen Ward—yea; and Kirk Wensink—yea. Motion passed: 5-0.

079-26
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

President

Treasurer