

The LaBrae Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the LaBrae Complex Band Room. Members present on Roll Call: Mr. Morton, Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell. Also present were Mr. Anthony Calderone, Superintendent and Mrs. Carol Jones, Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report

Motion by Mr. Morton seconded by Mrs. Duncan to Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D ("Order") declaring a state of emergency for the entire State to protect the well-being of the citizens of Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio signed Emergency House Bill 197 to provide relief to Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic, which among other things, permits a local board of education to hold and attend meetings and conduct and attend hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology during the during the period of emergency declared by the above-referenced Order, issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, unless the period of emergency is extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, members of a local board of education who attend meetings or hearings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any similar electronic technology shall be considered present, shall be permitted to vote, and shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting or hearing, and any formal action taken shall have the same effect as if it had occurred during an open meeting or hearing of the public body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Department of Health Director's March 22, 2020 Stay at Home Order and amended Order issued on April 2, 2020, public preK-12 schools are designated an essential business for the purposes of facilitating distance learning and shall ensure continued operation, including performing essential government functions, provided that social distancing requirements and recommendations are maintained to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue operation of the school district and to attend meetings by electronic means in order to carry out essential government functions pursuant to and in compliance with HB 197 and all other requirements set forth by Ohio's Open Meetings Act that are not in conflict with the provisions of HB 197.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to HB 197, the Board shall conduct its meetings either by a combination of in-person attendance, while maintaining social distancing, electronic or virtual attendance, or solely by electronic or virtual means for the duration of the declared emergency, but not beyond December 1, 2020, unless the period of emergency is extended beyond that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby suspends its policy 0169.1, Public Participation at Board Meetings, for any and all provisions regarding in-person public comment. This action does not prohibit public comment during Board meetings. Rather, public comment may be heard at the Board's discretion in accordance with the meeting notices provided by the Treasurer regarding public comment, and in accordance with the remaining portion of policy 0169.1 that is not in conflict with this resolution and/or such meeting notices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby suspends relevant provisions of its policy 0100's definition of Voting, with regard to being physically present in order to have a member's vote officially recorded; policy 0162, Quorum, with regard to being present in person for purposes of quorum; policies 0166, Executive Session, and 0167, Voting, with regard to all in-person requirements; and relevant portions of its policy 0131, Legislative, with regard to being physically present; and any and all Board policies and procedures in conflict with the resolutions herein and/or HB 197 for purposes of compliance with Ohio's Open Meetings Act for the duration of the declared emergency, unless the period of emergency is extended beyond that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President, Superintendent, and/or Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all other such actions as are necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objectives of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an electronic meeting of this Board in compliance with all legal requirements, including HB 197 and as permitted by Ohio law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Roll call: Mr. Morton, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Morton to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll call: Mr. Gibson, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Morton to approve the March Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Duncan seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the payment of March Bills as presented by the Treasurer. Roll call: Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Morton, Mrs. Ancell and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morton seconded by Mrs. Ancell to acknowledge the receipt of bids for the Bascom Elementary office remodeling project from United Contractors, Inc. Roll call: Mr. Morton, Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morton seconded by Mrs. Duncan to reject the bid from United Contractors, Inc. for the Bascom Elementary office remodeling project. Roll call: Mr. Morton, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve a 30 day unpaid short term leave of absence for classified employee Diana Kaster, effective Thursday, April 6, 2020, per Article VII of the negotiated agreement with OAPSE Local 278. Roll call: Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Duncan to employ Melissa Wilthew as school counselor for grades 6-9, on a one-year limited contract, effective August 21, 2020. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Morton to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the LaBrae Local School District is a member of the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. On October 18, 2019, the Ohio Schools Council received bids for school buses on behalf of its members. The LaBrae Local Schools Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1) seventy-eight passenger Conventional school bus chassis and body that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the LaBrae Local Schools Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1) seventy-eight passenger Conventional school bus chassis and body from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on October 18, 2019.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Morton to approve the following resolution permitting distance learning:

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 the Director of the Ohio Department of Health's Order, "In Re: Order the Closure of All K-12 Schools in the State of Ohio" issued under section 3701.13 of the Revised Code, directed all school buildings that provide any kindergarten through grade twelve instruction to be closed to students beginning at 12:01a.m. on March 17, 2020 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the Governor of the State of Ohio signed Emergency House Bill 197 to provide relief to Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic, which among other things, permits a local board of education to adopt a plan to make up days or hours schools were closed in the 2019-2020 school year due to the Director of Health's March 14, 2020 Order; or any local board of health order; or an extension of any order, which includes the March 30, 2020 extension issued by the Director of Health directing all such school buildings to be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires that students be provided with learning opportunities during the time school buildings are closed to students in the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Emergency HB 197, the Board of Education is authorized to adopt a plan under section 3313.482 of the Revised Code to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the District's or school's web site to provide for making up any number of hours schools were closed to students in the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with the Director's order, local board of health order, or an extension of an order.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that such a plan is in the best interest of District students and desires to continue to engage in instruction students in kindergarten through grade twelve through the facilitation of distance learning/online instruction to provide for making up any number of hours schools were closed in the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with the Director's order, local board of health order, or an extension of an order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LaBrae Local School District Board of Education hereby adopts and/or authorizes the District's use of distance learning/online instruction to make up any number of hours schools were closed to students in the 2019-2020 school year pursuant to HB 197 and section 3313.482 of the Revised Code, and in compliance with the Director's order, local board of health order, or an extension of an order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to develop a distance learning plan pursuant to Ohio House Bill 197 and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.482 and as otherwise directed by the Ohio Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve the following resolution declaring evaluations impractical and impossible:

WHEREAS, Section 17(M) of Am. Sub. H.B. 197 of the Ohio General Assembly permits a board of education to elect not to conduct evaluations of teachers and administrators under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2019-20 school year based on a determination that it would be impossible or impracticable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make such an election for the 2019-20 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds that it would be impossible or impracticable to conduct evaluations of teachers and administrators pursuant to Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2019-20 school year if said evaluations were not completed prior to the Ohio Director of Health’s Order on March 14, 2020, ordering the closure of K-12 schools in Ohio;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board elects not to conduct evaluations under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for teachers and administrators during the 2019-20 school year, to the extent that such evaluations were not completed prior to March 14, 2020.

Roll call: Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Morton and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Ancell to acknowledge and accept the following donations:

Donation From	Donation To	Donation For	Donation Amount
Donation Boxes at Diles & Circle K	LaBrae Local Schools	Lunch Debt	\$330.00
Shirley Bacon	Bascom Elementary	Food Pantry	\$100.00
Braceville United Methodist Church	LaBrae Local Schools	Food Pantry	\$200.00
The Beck Family	LaBrae Local Schools	Food Pantry	\$200.00

Roll call: Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Duncan to approve the following use of facilities requests:

Organization	Area Requested	Date of Usage	Hours of Usage	Reason for Usage
LaBrae Scout Alumni Association	Complex Cafeteria & Middle School Gym	Friday, November 6, 2020 Saturday, November 7, 2020	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	27 th Annual LaBrae Craft Show

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Morton and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for the following purposes:

- i. Collective Bargaining
- ii. Employment of Personnel

Roll call: Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Ancell, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Morton and Mr. Sewell voted YES.
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morton seconded by Mrs. Ancell to return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Morton, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Duncan seconded by Mr. Gibson to adjourn to the call of the chair. Roll call: Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Morton and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room

APPROVED
PRESIDENT _____
ATTESTED

TREASURER _____