



CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE

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Greetings: The LaBrae BOE held their regular monthly meeting Monday, January 13, 2025, in the Complex Auditorium and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
- Approved the December Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer.
- Adopted the Alternative Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year as presented by the Treasurer.
- Adopted the Budget Commission's Tax Levies Certification for the Trumbull County Auditor.
- Authorized all bequest proceeds from the trust accounts of Dale and Althea Sanzenbacher, be deposited into fund account 007-9285, the Sanzenbacher Scholarship Fund, and approved the distribution of two scholarship awards per year of \$5,000.00 per award.
- Approved a resolution that adopted the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorized the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.
- Approved the Board to participate in the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2025 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.
- Approved the annual membership with the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
- Approved the employment of Jennifer Nogales as a long-term substitute teacher for the 2nd grade, effective January 6, 2025.
- Approved the field trip to New York City from May 16, 2025 through May 18, 2025, at no cost to the Board.
- Approved the overnight senior band trip to Kalahari Resorts, which will be chaperoned by Erin Ott and Miranda Gerchak, from Sunday, March 9, 2025 until Monday, March 10, 2025.
- Approved the applicable stipend for certified staff members, in accordance with the completed professional development pathway for the mandated training in the Science of Reading, pursuant to Amended Substitute H.B. 33 enacted into law on July 4, 2023.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the College Credit Plus program, which will allow secondary school students to enroll in college level courses to receive college credit during the 2025-2026 school year, with Kent State University.
- Approved a student for senior rights status for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, effective January 6, 2025, per Ohio Revised Code 3313.64.
- Approved athletic supplementals for the 2024-2025 school year, which included the following head coaches:
 - Ed Anthony - Baseball
 - Donald Buck - Softball
 - Jon Elliot III - Boys Varsity Track
 - Christine Meeks - Girls Varsity Track
- Approved the second reading of and subsequently adopted several Board Policy & Bylaw additions, revisions and rescissions.



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- Acknowledged and accepted the following donations:

<u>Donation From</u>	<u>Donation For</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>
Western Reserve Veterinary	RoboVikes	\$ 1,500.00
Paycor	Athletic Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Brenda Farone	RoboVikes	\$ 500.00
Select Machine, Inc.	RoboVikes	\$ 500.00
Lynette Blaney	RoboVikes	\$ 250.00
Cheryl Davies	Bascom Donation in memory of William Davies	\$ 200.00
Susan Friday	Viking Pantry in memory of Barbara Thomas	\$ 100.00
Mary Jane Himes	Viking Pantry in memory of Barbara Thomas	\$ 50.00
Allison Wilson	Viking Pantry in memory of Barbara Thomas	\$ 50.00
Gregory Barnhart	LHS Band	\$ 45.00
Leslie Wilkinson	Viking Pantry in memory of Barbara Thomas	\$ 35.00

2025 Organizational Meeting

Here are the items that were from the Organizational meeting, which was held prior to the Regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025:

- ❖ Elected Rusty Sewell as President and Tim Gibson as Vice-President.
- ❖ Appointed Delegate (Karen Ancell) and Alternate (Bradley Gamlin) and Legislative Liaison (Karen Ancell) to serve as members to Ohio School Boards.
- ❖ Set date, time and location for regular meetings – 2nd Monday of the Month at 6:00 PM with meetings being held in the Complex Band Room.
- ❖ Set bonds for the Treasurer, which is payable to the State of Ohio and the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education, which is payable to the LaBrae Board of Education.
- ❖ Approved the following standing authorizations to enable the Treasurer to carry out necessary duties involving operations, finances, and purchasing for calendar year 2025:
 - To secure advances on tax settlements from the auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
 - To invest inactive funds as the most productive interest rate whenever inactive funds are available.
 - To pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when goods and/or services have been received as ordered.
 - To serve as the Board representative at all required public records training.
 - To sign all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district in accordance with O.R.C. §3313.08.
 - To apply for funding for the following grants under the guidelines of each grant application and authorize the district's participation in the programs: Title I, IDEA-B, Title VI, and any other State or Federally-Funded Grant.
- ❖ Approved the following standing authorizations to enable the Superintendent to carry out necessary duties involving operations for calendar year 2025:
 - To act as purchasing agent for the LaBrae Local School District, within the appropriation measure.
 - To accept resignations, on behalf of this Board, which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board.
 - To approve attendance of employees, within appropriations, at professional meetings which lead to the improvement of the District's educational and operational programs, per O.R.C. §3313.20 (C).



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- To alter the daily, weekly, monthly, or annual work schedules of administrative personnel, as superintendent deems necessary to carry out the official duties of the district.
- To make offers of employment directly to candidates, during periods when the Board is not in session, for either teaching or not teaching positions on behalf of the Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of the Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by the Board.
- To employ such temporary personnel for existing positions as is needed for special situations to insure safety, security, protection of district property, and the orderly operation of the school district. (Temporary is defined as up to 30 days.)
- Authorization to suspend classified non-teaching employees without pay for up to three contract days.
- ❖ Approved the maximum credit limit for any District credit card account at \$30,000.00, in accordance with LaBrae Board of Education policy no. 6423 and O.R.C. §3313.311.
- ❖ Resolved Board of Education Members shall be compensated at the maximum rate authorized by law, for a maximum of twelve meetings per year, in accordance with O.R.C. §3313.12.
- ❖ Resolved per Board bylaw 0168 and O.R.C. §3313.26, that the Board will waive the reading of the minutes from previous meetings.
- ❖ Resolved that the Treasurer is authorized to establish a Board Service Fund in accordance with O.R.C. §3315.15.
- ❖ Designated The Warren Tribune Chronicle as the official newspaper for publications.
- ❖ Approved the retention of legal services for 2025 for the following firms: Gingo & Bair Law, LLC, Ennis Britton Co., L.P.A., Squire Patton Boggs, and Ohio School Boards' Association (OSBA) Legal Assistance Division.
- ❖ Appointed the following 2025 LaBrae Board of Education Liaisons:
 - Finance/Audit Liaisons
 - Karen Ancell & Russell Sewell
 - Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Liaisons
 - Tim Gibson & Julia Shutt
 - Relations Liaisons
 - Karen Ancell & Brad Gamlin
 - Athletic Council Liaison
 - Russell Sewell
 - Personnel Liaisons
 - Tim Gibson (Classified) & Russell Sewell (Certified)
 - Technology Committee Liaisons
 - Brad Gamlin & Russell Sewell
 - Curriculum & Policy Review Liaisons
 - Karen Ancell & Julia Shutt
 - Student Achievement Liaisons
 - Karen Ancell & Brad Gamlin

2025
Happy New Year!