



# CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE

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Greetings: The LaBrae BOE held their regular monthly meeting Monday, January 12, 2026, in the Complex Band Room and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the December 8, 2025 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.
- Awarded Myers Equipment as the successful and lowest possible bidder for the purchase of a school bus.
- Approved Tim Gibson to serve as the representative of the LaBrae BOE on the TCTC BOE for a three-year term.
- Accepted the resignation of Roger Rivini, Custodian of the LaBrae Complex, effective December 19, 2025.
- Accepted the resignation letter, for retirement purposes, of Deborah Borawiec, LaBrae Middle School Secretary, effective July 1, 2026.
- Approve the voluntary transfer of Brian Pishotti from Bascom Afternoon Custodian to LaBrae Intermediate Afternoon Custodian, effective January 5, 2026.
- Approved Cheryl Brown as a non-certified substitute for food service.
- Approved the overnight senior band trip to Kalahari Resorts, which will be chaperoned by Erin Ott and Miranda Gerchak, from Sunday, March 9, 2026 until Monday, March 10, 2026.
- Approved a revised gifted identification and services plan effective January 1, 2026.
- 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 2026-2027 school year, with Kent State University and Youngstown State University.
- Approved a student for senior rights status for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, per Ohio Revised Code 3313.64.
- Approved the athletic head coach supplemental position for the 2026-2027 school year for Christopher Marsco, Head Varsity Football Coach.
- Approved athletic supplementals for the 2025-2026 school year for the following:
  - Winter Physical Fitness/Head Football Coach – Christopher Marsco
  - Winter Physical Fitness – Marcus Coonce
  - Indoor Track (volunteer) – Robert Kujala
  - 7/8 Grade Boys Track – Declan Sekol
  - Varsity Girls Track – Assistant Coach – Grace Barnhart
- Acknowledged and accepted the following donations:

<u>Donation From</u>	<u>Donation For</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>
Rusty Sewell	Sewell Scholarship	\$ 40,000.00
Rusty Sewell	Bascom Playground	\$ 39,000.00
James & Diana Whetstone	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 500.00
Retired & Current Teachers	Health and Wellness Fund	\$ 385.00
John & Connie Sheridan	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 100.00
Larry & Mary Sanderson	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 100.00
Joseph Nogay	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 100.00
Susan Rohm & Deborah Taylor	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 50.00
Richard & Lois Dorazio	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 50.00
Tamer Win Corp.	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 50.00



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Alfred & Deborah Rura	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$	50.00
Barbara Cope	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$	50.00
John & Carlotta Sheets	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$	50.00
Ricky & Denise Davies	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$	30.00
Grant Ashelman	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$	20.00

- Approved membership with the Ohio School Boards Association effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
- Approved to record the LaBrae Board of Education Meetings and post the video to the school's social media outlet (district YouTube channel) within ten business days of the meeting.

## 2026 Organizational Meeting

Here are the items that were from the Organizational meeting, which was held prior to the Regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026:

- ❖ 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2026:
  - 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 2026:
  - 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).
  - 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.



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- 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 2026 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.

