



CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATE

Anthony J. Calderone, Superintendent
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Greetings: The LaBrae BOE held their regular monthly meeting Monday, July 13, 2026, in the Complex Auditorium, and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and the June 24, 2026 Special Board Meeting.
- Approved the June Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer.
- Approved the membership in the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding for FY2027 and authorized the payment of membership dues.
- Authorized FY2027 contract with the Trumbull ESC for public relations/communications support.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Cadence Care Network to provide school social work services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved the 2026-2027 Online Day Learning Plan.
- Approved the FMLA request of Brittaney Jones, a certified staff member.
- Approved the employment of Kim Pierson as a 3rd grade teacher at LaBrae Intermediate school, in accordance with Article VIII of the negotiated agreement with the LTA, effective 2026-2029.
- Approved the employment of Reese Tomko as a 5th grade teacher at LaBrae Intermediate School.
- Approved the employment of Maggie McKernan as a school counselor for grades K-5.
- Approved the employment of Melissa Rutherford as the Library Aide at Bascom Elementary.
- Approved the employment of Angela Badanjek as a substitute bus driver for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved Chad Kiser as the Girls Varsity Golf Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved the following Athletic Supplementals for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - ❖ Volleyball Summer Physical Fitness – Courtney Kish
 - ❖ Girls Basketball Summer Physical Fitness – Todd Rowe
 - ❖ Boys Basketball Summer Physical Fitness – Elijah Whiteside
 - ❖ Boys Basketball Summer Physical Fitness – Sean Zekkour
 - ❖ Boys Basketball Assistant Coach – Sean Zekkour
- Approved the following Academic Supplementals for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - ❖ High School Envirothon – David Michl
 - ❖ Middle School Envirothon – Cory Hinzman
 - ❖ Speech & Debate Assistant Coach – David Michl
 - ❖ Middle School Viking Interact Club – Melissa Wilthew
- Approved a resolution declaring transportation to be impractical for three non-public students and offered payment in-lieu.
- Approved Anthony J. Calderone as Lead Mentor at 2.25% of Base Salary (BA Step 0) of the certified salary schedule of the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the LaBrae Teachers' Association for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved the following substitute rates for FY2027, effective August 31, 2026:
 - ❖ Substitute Bus Driver (Regular Route) - \$19.57 per hour/\$44.03 per trip
 - ❖ Substitute Bus Driver (Extra Trip) - \$19.57 per hour
 - ❖ Substitute Aide/Cook/Custodian/Secretary - \$13.50 per hour



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❖ Substitute Teacher - \$120.00 per day

- Approved a loyalty incentive, increasing the substitute teacher per diem rate for the 2026-2027 school year to \$130.00 on an individual's 26th day of service at LaBrae Local Schools. This loyalty incentive shall remain in effect through June 30, 2027.
- Approved the student fee schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Adopted the following handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - ❖ LaBrae Intermediate Student Handbook
 - ❖ LaBrae Middle School Student Handbook
 - ❖ LaBrae High School Student Handbook
 - ❖ LaBrae High School Academic Handbook
 - ❖ LaBrae Athletic Student Handbook
- Approved Great Lakes Biomedical as the student drug-testing vendor for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved employment of substitute teachers and tutors as needed from the list provided by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Acknowledged and accepted the following donations:
 - ❖ Gene & Elizabeth Litke for the Athletic Department/Dick Ganster Memoriam
 - ❖ Ricky & Denise Davies for the Franks Hillman Scholarship/Dennis Frederick Memoriam

