

The LaBrae Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room. Members present on Roll Call: Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson. Also present were Mr. Anthony Calderone, Superintendent and Mr. Bradley Panak, Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report-

a) Student Recognition

i. December Students of the Month

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| 1. Aurora Kalin - Kindergarten | 4. Walter Whitmore – 5 th Grade |
| 2. Maiya Douglas – 1 st Grade | 5. Liam Natali – 6 th Grade |
| 3. Eli Ferry – 3 rd Grade | 6. Jaxon Steele – 7 th Grade |

Retire-Rehire Public Hearing

The LaBrae Board of Education seeks input at this public meeting on the issue of re-employment of Anthony J. Calderone as superintendent of schools, such re-employment to be acted on at the February 25, 2026 special board meeting.

Mr. Morton – read a prepared statement in opposition to the rehiring of the superintendent.

Patrick Whitmore – read a prepared statement in support of consolidation of school districts, and suggested the Board be thorough in appointing its next leader.

Public Participation - None

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gamlin to revise and approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 Organizational and Regular Board Meetings, as corrected.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the January Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the revised five-year fiscal forecast and assumptions as presented by the treasurer.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell to Melvin Fankhauser, a classified employee, as an afternoon custodian at Bascom Elementary, effective January 29, 2026.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to approve Logan DeArmitt as a non-degreed substitute teacher at the substitute per diem rate, on an as-needed basis, effective February 6,

2026 through May 29, 2026.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve the voluntary transfer of Olivia Bosley, classified employee, from High School Secretary to Middle School Secretary, effective with the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gamlin to approve Family Medical Leave Request from Miranda Gerchak, certified staff member, effective January 7, 2026 through March 27, 2026.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve continuation of the Inter-District Open Enrollment Policy and Guideline for the LaBrae Local School District for the 2026-2027 school year, for open enrollment students from all other districts.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the academic calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Shutt to approve a trip to Kalahari in Sandusky, OH for Senior Band members with the revised dates of Sunday, March 1, 2026 through Monday, March 2, 2026.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to authorize the purchase of a 9-passenger van from Klaben Ford of Warren for \$67,586.00.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Mrs. Shutt voted NO. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the LaBrae Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2026 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the following resolution authorizing 2026-2027 membership in Ohio High School Athletic Association.

WHEREAS, LaBrae Local School District, District IRN number: 050245 of 1001 N. Leavitt Road, Trumbull County, Ohio has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education/Governing Board (“Board”) and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD that all schools listed on the reverse side of this card do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director’s office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director’s office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson acknowledge and accept the following donations:

<u>Donation From</u>	<u>Donation For</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>
Gary & Julian Bush	Bascom Playground	\$ 500.00
Ronald & Carol Joseph	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 200.00
Russell & Peggy Sewell	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 100.00
Patricia Ganster	Franks/Hillman Scholarship/Dennis Frederick Memoriam	\$ 100.00
Andrew & Cheryl Zaben	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 30.00
Gregory Barnhart	LHS Band	\$ 30.00
Diane Lewis	Athletic Department/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 25.00

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Shutt approve the following use of facility request:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Area Requested</u>	<u>Date of Usage</u>	<u>Hours of Usage</u>	<u>Reason for Usage</u>
LaBrae SADD	Complex Auditorium & Cafeteria	Saturday, February 28, 2026	2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Winter Mentor Festivity Night
LaBrae Athletic Club	Complex Auditorium & Cafeteria	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	LAC Meet the Team Night
LaBrae 6 th Grade Camp	Bascom Gym	Friday, August 7, 2026	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Set-up Car Show & Parade
	Bascom Gym, Parking Lot & 2 nd Grade Bathrooms	Sunday, August 9, 2026	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Car Show & Parade
LaBrae Scout Alumni Association	Complex Cafeteria & Middle School Gym	Friday, November 6, 2026	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Craft Show Set Up
		Saturday, November 7, 2026	7 a.m. – 6 p.m.	32 nd Annual LaBrae Craft Show

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Concerns of the Board:

Mrs. Shutt asked if there is board policy addressing discussion when a President or Vice-President are nominated during the organizational meeting. Mrs. Shutt strongly believed that discussion should have occurred during said motion. Mr. Sewell disagreed as the nominations are not regular board motions and do not need a second. Mr. Sewell added that any discussion of nominations should occur at the December meeting before the organizational meeting. Mr. Gibson added that TCTC does not allow discussion after nominations. Mr. Gamlin noted that discussion would have allowed potential leadership to communicate their vision. Mrs. Shutt added that discussion would have allowed for more transparency, and she would like to see discussion at next year's nominations. However, Mr. Sewell firmly believes discussion should occur at the December meeting. The Superintendent will reach out the OSBS Legal Assistance Fund for guidance on the topic.

Motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to adjourn to the call of the chair at 7:01 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room

APPROVED
PRESIDENT _____
ATTESTED

TREASURER _____