

The LaBrae Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room. Members present on Roll Call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Shutt, and Mr. Sewell. Also present were Mr. Anthony Calderone, Superintendent and Mr. Bradley Panak, Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report-

a. Student Recognition

i. April Students of the Month

1. Lillian Johns – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
2. Jaxon Yeater – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
3. William Himes – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
4. Riley Yoho – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Retire-Rehire Public Hearing

The Board of Education seek input at this public meeting on the issue of re-employment of Margaret Kowach as an elementary principal, such employment to be acted on at the June 26, 2025 special board meeting. There were no public comments regarding the re-employment of Ms. Kowach.

Public Participation –

Mr. Morton- Thanked Mr. Gamlin for recommending student recognition. Mr. Morton informed the board that the minutes are not up to date on the website. The Frank Hillman golf outing is August 2, 2025. Mr. Morton encouraged the board to live stream the meetings.

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

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

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to the following resolution regarding real estate tax advancement:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34; and

**WHEREAS**, the LaBrae Local School District of Trumbull County, Ohio met in regular session on June 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trumbull County Auditor's Office has made it possible for Advances on Real Estate Tax Settlements to be distributed via electronic transfer; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the LaBrae Local School District Treasurer is hereby directed by the LaBrae Local School Board of Education to request an advance on all funds, as they become available during fiscal year 2026.

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

carried.

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gamlin to approve the following change order from Brock Builders Inc. for the Band Shell Project:

<b>Upgrade of Roof Line Trims to PVDF: Red Downspouts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Original Contract Sum	\$ 288,168.00
Net Change by Previously Authorized Change Orders	\$ 0.00
Adjusted Contract Sum Prior to This Change Order	\$ 288,168.00
Value of This Change Order	\$ 373.00
Revised Contract Total	\$ 288,541.00

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to approve the creation of fund 035, Termination Benefits, per Ohio Revised Code 5705.13, and **authorize** the Treasurer to transfer \$350,000.00 from fund 001 into fund 035.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the commercial lease with Ford Office Technologies for multi-function printers and applicable services for 63-months at \$2,400.00 per month, effective July 1, 2025.

Discussion – Mrs. Shutt asked the Superintendent how the materials are distributed.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mr. Gibson Education approve the following resolution authorizing the Board of Education to enter into a cooperative transportation agreement with the Trumbull County Educational Service Center and Community Bus Services, Inc.:

**WHEREAS**, the District has a duty under law to provide transportation services to low incidence students and special needs preschool students living in the District but attending outside the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the District, both in terms of efficiency and economics, to enter into a cooperative transportation agreement involving other districts within the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that it would be in the best interest of qualifying students living in this District to be serviced under such a cooperative agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has reported upon and reviewed with the Board the particulars of the proposed cooperative transportation agreement,

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the LaBrae Board of Education hereby agrees to participate in and enter into a cooperative agreement contract with the Trumbull County Educational Service Center, other Participating School Districts and Community Bus Services, Inc., for the transportation of disabled students attending cooperative special education classrooms out-of-district in Trumbull County, effective July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

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

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

**WHEREAS**, this School District purchases goods and services each year for which a specific appropriation is made but the precise quantity or type of goods and services is not known at the time of appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is permitted by law to acquire goods and services through the use of an “open purchase order” which is limited to a certain purpose and the money for which is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of a specific line-item appropriation account free from previous and the outstanding obligations or certifications; and

**WHEREAS**, for such purpose and from such line-item appropriation account, over a period not extending beyond the end of the fiscal year, expenditures may be made, orders for payment issued, and contracts or obligations calling for or requiring the payment of money made and assumed, provided that the aggregate sum of money called for by such expenditures, orders, contracts, and obligations shall not exceed the unencumbered sum in such line-item appropriation account; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds, determines and declares that it is necessary and proper to authorize the use of and establish a maximum amount for such open purchase orders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the LaBrae School District, County of Trumbull, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Revised code, Section 5705.41 (D) (3) this Board hereby authorizes the use of open purchase orders, provided that no such open purchase order shall extend beyond the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer is authorized to sign and shall sign any open purchase order only after determining that it complies with the limitations contained herein and the expenditures made, orders issued, and contracts or obligations entered into are within the aggregate unencumbered sum of money in the specific line-item appropriation account referenced in the open purchase order.

**Section 2.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board or of its committees, and that all deliberations of this board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gamlin to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$8,653.88 from the general fund to the cafeteria fund to retire 2024-2025 student lunch debt, and transfer the debt to student fee accounts in accordance with Board policy 8500.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the resignation of Susanne Dhayer, a certified staff member from the position of High School Math Teacher, effective August 9, 2025. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gamlin, Mrs. Shutt, and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gamlin employ Travis Sommers, as a Math Teacher at LaBrae High School, on a one-year limited contract for the 2025-2026 school year, effective August 22, 2025.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Gamlin employ Paige Misinay as a Bus Driver, on a one-year limited contract, subsequent to the completion of required and successful background checks and drug screening, effective August 26, 2025 through May 29, 2026.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the following certified individuals to teach the summer kindergarten readiness program Bounce into Bascom and be paid \$3,500.00 each.

Sophia D'Alesio  
Destiny Johnson

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Shutt to approve the following people as classroom aides for the kindergarten readiness program Bounce into Bascom and be paid \$14.05 per hour.

Stacey Biery  
Melissa Humphrey-Gee

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve the following classified staff, as transportation drivers, as needed based on seniority, for students participating in the summer intervention program, Bounce into Bascom, with a payable stipend of \$750.00 each.

Terri Gorrell  
Nicolette Hoffman

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson authorize the request, pending Ohio Department of Education approval, to participate in a Summer Food Service Program offered by the Child Nutrition Division of the Ohio Department of Education.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the following staff members, pursuant to Amended Substitute H.B. 33 enacted into law on July 4, 2023, the applicable stipend in accordance with the completed professional development pathway for the mandated training in the Science of Reading:

1. Regina Helmick	Pathway C	\$1,200.00
2. Jodi Pleacher	Pathway C	\$1,200.00
3. Ellen Smith	Pathway C	\$1,200.00
4. Emma Adgate	Pathway E	\$ 400.00
5. Amy Frederick	Pathway F	\$ 400.00

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt approve the following individuals as credentialed teacher evaluators under the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System with the corresponding effective dates:

<u>Credentialed Teacher Evaluator</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Anthony J. Calderone	May 30, 2025 - May 30, 2027
Martin Kelly	June 3, 2025 - June 3, 2027
Margaret Kowach	June 4, 2025 - June 4, 2027
Todd Rowe	June 4, 2025 - June 4, 2027
Jeffrey Starkey	June 5, 2025 - June 5, 2027

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to adopt the following handbook for the 2025-2026 school year:

1. Bascom Elementary Student Handbook

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the revised LaBrae Professional Development Committee's (LPDC) Plan of Operation.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to approve the following:

The following LPDC committee members and recording secretary are eligible for four (4) meeting dates after school hours for the 2024-2025 school year.

October 23, 2024	February 13, 2025
December 19, 2024	May 14, 2025

Rate of pay per meeting \$110.00

<b>LPDC Members</b>	Anthony J. Calderone	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00
	Linda Nogales	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00
	Jennifer Royal	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00
	Ellen Smith	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00
	Jeff Starkey	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Kiley Pal	\$110.00 x 4 = \$440.00

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve Kimberly Pierson as a summer substitute custodian at the substitute custodial rate, effective June 2, 2025 through August 22, 2025. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gamlin, Mrs. Shutt, and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Shutt Education approve the following persons whom are being recommended for academic supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Class Sponsor - Junior	Michl, David
Detention Teacher	Masters, Amy
National Honor Society	Haught, Dawn
RoboVikes	Wolford, John
SADD / SMASH	Chiaberta, Dan
Viking Video Production	Gerchak, Miranda

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt approve the following individuals and corresponding amounts on a one-year administrative supplemental for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Fall Event Manager**

Meeks, Christine    \$1,000.00    MS Volleyball

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gamlin approve the following athletic supplemental positions for the 2025-2026 school year, which shall become effective upon satisfactory completion of required criminal record checks and fulfillment of the applicable requirements in O.R.C. 3319.303 and O.R.C. 3313.53 to coach, supervise, or direct a pupil activity program.

<u>Athletic Supplemental</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Cross Country - Head Coach	Brundage, Amanda
Cross Country - Assistant Coach	Ford, Charles (Tony)

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson approve the negotiated agreement with OAPSE Local 278, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gamlin, 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>
Russell & Peggy Sewell	Band Shell Construction	\$ 28,692.18
Gregory Barnhart	Band	\$ 30.00

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve a Special Board Meeting to be held on June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Office to approve fiscal year-end transactions and employment of personnel.

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

#### Concerns of the Board

Mr. Gamlin thanked the superintendent for making full agendas available to the public.

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell to move to enter into executive session at 7:02p.m. for the following purposes:

- i. Collective Bargaining
- ii. Discipline of an Employee

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

Reconvene to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell to adjourn to the call of the chair at 7:34 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gamlin, Mrs. Shutt, and Mr. Sewell voted YES. Motion carried.

Special Meeting - Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office  
Conference Room

Next Regular Meeting - Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room

APPROVED  
PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTESTED

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_