

The LaBrae Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room. Members present on Roll Call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Sewell. Mrs. Shutt was absent. Also present were Mr. Anthony Calderone, Superintendent and Mr. Bradley Panak, Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report-

a) Student Recognition

i. January Students of the Month

1. Faith Detweiler – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
2. Ryan Solomon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
3. Kaylyn Simmons – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
4. Levi Pyler-Jones – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Public Participation

Superintendent Calderone addressed some of the Facebook comments about bullying. He stated that any staff member has never asked a bullied student to withdraw from the district. He will keep the board updated. Mr. Sewell read from a prepared statement addressing the bullying situation and stated that board policies were followed.

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

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

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson approve a *revised* Fiscal Year 2025 Excess Costs Foundation Contract with the Trumbull County ESC for \$1,361,055.00 to be deducted from State foundation payments to the LaBrae Local School District.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson approve a Fiscal Year 2026 Excess Costs Foundation Contract with the Trumbull County ESC for \$1,361,055.00 to be deducted from State foundation payments to the LaBrae Local School District.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson adopt the following resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor:

**WHEREAS**, This Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, The Budget Commission of Trumbull County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Education of the LaBrae Local School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

Fund	Amount Approved By Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to be Derived From Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limitation	Outside 10 M. Limitation
General Fund	756,083	3,148,840	4.80	42.50
Permanent Improvement (Suspended 0.25)		436,665		2.75
Total	756,083	3,585,505	4.80	45.25
Total Millage	50.05			
Estimated Value	158,817,250			

and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Said County.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gamlin to adopt the following resolution slightly modifying the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures:

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code § 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") that the District will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

**WHEREAS**, DEW developed a document entitled "Special Education Model Policies and Procedures" ("2024 Model Policies") that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2025, the Board approved Resolution 17-25 to adopt DEW's 2024 Model Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the District subsequently learned that the 2024 Model Policies contain certain statements that conflict with existing State and Federal laws and/or applicable caselaw; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is interested in rescinding its earlier action and instead adopting a slightly modified version of DEW's 2024 Model Policies that is consistent with existing State and Federal law and/or applicable caselaw;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds

Board Resolution 17-25 and adopts DEW's 2024 Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below shall be considered either modified as specified, or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the District complies with applicable State and Federal laws and/or caselaw:

- **P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records.**
  - Original Language: "Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents."
  - Action: Replace sentence with "Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the District is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the District based on State or Federal law or applicable retention schedules, the parent may request that the information be destroyed."
- **P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense.**
  - Original Language: "An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above."
  - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- **P. 33. Extended School Year.**
  - Original Language: "The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets."
  - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- **P. 42. Services.**
  - Original Message: "Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind."
  - Action: Delete this sentence in its entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein). The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board's adoption of the modified 2024 Model Policies through DEW's monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution by March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board acknowledges that the 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein), while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Ohio Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable caselaw, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted 2024 Model Policies (as modified herein).

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson approve the following resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a master electric energy sales agreement between the district and Power4Schools' endorsed electric supplier, Engie Resources, LLC:

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Schools Council, Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (the "Associations") each carries out cooperative purchase programs and promotes cooperative

arrangements and agreements among its member school districts and government agencies or private persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Associations collectively do business under the trade name “Power4Schools” (“P4S”) for the purpose of endorsing competitive retail electric service (“CRES”) providers to supply retail electric energy services to the Associations’ members; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of, and other participating public schools associated with, the Associations desire to purchase retail electric energy services from the CRES provider that has received the endorsement of P4S, ENGIE Resources LLC (“ENGIE”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (the "Board") of this School District (the "District"), as a member of one of the Associations, pursuant to this resolution desires to authorize the execution and delivery or extension by the District of a Master Electric Energy Sales Agreement and Sales Confirmation between the District and ENGIE (the "Power Sales Agreement"), pursuant to which the District, will purchase electricity generation for its school facilities; and

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

**Section 1.** The Board authorizes and directs the Treasurer to execute and deliver, in the name of the District and on its behalf, the Power Sales Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with this Board, with any changes that are not inconsistent with this resolution and that may be acceptable to the Treasurer whose acceptance shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such document by the Treasurer.

**Section 2.** Monies adequate to pay amounts due under the Power Sales Agreement for the current fiscal year are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

**Section 3.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve an extension to an unpaid medical leave of absence for classified staff member, Louis Cimmento, from February 18, 2025 through March 23, 2025.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the 2025-2026 Academic School Calendar.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell to authorize the administration of the Ohio State Tests in paper format in accordance to Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.0711 (G)(4) for the administration of the following assessments:

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| 1. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade English/Language Arts | Fall 2025   |
| 2. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade English/Language Arts | Spring 2026 |
| 3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math                  | Spring 2026 |

Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Gibson 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:

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| 1. Melanie Wolke    | Pathway C | \$1,200.00 |
| 2. Daniel Chiaberta | Pathway E | \$ 400.00  |

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve the following persons whom are being recommended for academic supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

<u><b>Supplemental</b></u>	<u><b>Advisor</b></u>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Prep Bowl	Hinzman, Cory

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson approve the following athletic supplemental position for the 2024-2025 school year, which shall become effective upon satisfactory completion of required criminal 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><b>Supplemental</b></u>	<u><b>Coach</b></u>
Baseball - VOLUNTEER	Haught, Chris
Baseball - VOLUNTEER	Simpson, Chris
Track - Boys - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Fitzpatrick, Michael

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

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

<u><b>Donation From</b></u>	<u><b>Donation For</b></u>	<u><b>Donation Amount</b></u>
Novelis	RoboVikes	\$ 363.00
Diles Family Charitable Trust	Senior Cafeteria Debt	\$ 250.00
Clifford & Bettianne Diles	Senior Cafeteria Debt	\$ 100.00
Gregory Barnhart	LHS Band	\$ 60.00

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

**Motion** by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell approve the following use of facilities requests:

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Area Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Hours of Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Reason for Usage</u></b>
LaBrae Scout Alumni Association	Complex Cafeteria & Middle School Gym	Friday, October 31, 2025 Saturday, November 1, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	31 <sup>st</sup> Annual LaBrae Craft Show
LaBrae Band	Complex Cafeteria, MS Gym & HS Gym	Saturday, March 14, 2026	3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Twirling Unlimited Penn/Ohio Regional Baton Competition

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

#### Concerns of the Board

Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Sewell congratulated the bowling and basketball teams on successful seasons.

Mrs. Ancell stated she is proud of the staff on their handling of the bullying incident despite recent social media comments.

**Motion** by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gamlin to adjourn to the call of the chair at 6:36 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

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

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

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_