

The LaBrae Local Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 9, 2026 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. January Students of the Month
 1. Jaxon Mitchell – 1st Grade
 2. Jade Cowhick – 4th Grade
 3. Gabriella Marsh – 5th Grade
 4. Catalina Sergura – 6th Grade
 5. Rosalee Natale – 6th Grade
 6. Aden Shick- 7th Grade
 7. Daisey Peace – 10th Grade

Public Participation – None

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and the February 25, 2026 Special Board Meeting. After discussion, it was determined that the February 25, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes need revised.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gibson to amend the above resolution to only approve the Regular Board Minutes.

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

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to revise the Special Board Meeting on February 12, 2026, and approve at the next regular Board Meeting on April 13, 2026.

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

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve a *revised* Fiscal Year 2026 Excess Costs Foundation Contract with the Trumbull County ESC for \$1,550,000.00 to be deducted from State foundation payments to the LaBrae Local School District.

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

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell 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, 2026; 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	\$777,619	\$3,244,127	4.80	42.50
Permanent Improvement (Suspended 0.25)		\$445,407		2.75
Total	\$777,619	\$3,689,534	4.80	45.25
Total Millage	50.05			
Estimated Value	\$162,004,020			

and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Board 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, Mrs. Shutt 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 rd Grade English/Language Arts | Fall 2026 |
| 2. 3 rd Grade English/Language Arts | Spring 2027 |
| 3. 3 rd Grade Math | Spring 2027 |

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

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve to electricity purchasing agreement with the Ohio Schools Council, and resolve to authorize the Ohio Schools Council to execute the request for the proposals on behalf of the LaBrae Board of Education, and commit to the terms and conditions of the energy supplier selected through the Ohio School Council's bid process. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mr. Gamlin to approve the revised retirement date for Martin Kelly, Intermediate School Principal, for June 30, 2026, changed from the previously approved retirement date of July 31, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Ancell to accept the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Terri Gorrell, a classified employee, effective February 23, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to accept the resignation of Brian Pishotti, a classified employee, as Complex Custodian, effective March 1, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to accept the resignation of Declan Sekol, Junior High Boys Track Coach, effective immediately. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Shutt seconded by Mrs. Ancell to accept the resignation of Bethany Prater, classified employee, from her position as a bus driver, effective March 13, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Ancell to approve the employment of classified substitute, Jared Broadwater, as a substitute driver, at an hourly rate of \$19 for substitute routes and field/athletic trips, effective March 9, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt approve the employment of Jennifer Woodford as a substitute aide, at the Board Approved per diem rate, on an as-needed basis, effective March 9, 2026. Roll call: Mrs. Ancell, Mr. Gamlin, Mr. Sewell, Mrs. Shutt and Mr. Gibson voted YES. Motion

carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the following athletic supplemental position for the 2025-2026 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.

Supplemental

Track - Boys - 7th & 8th Grade

Track - Girls - 7th & 8th Grade (1/2 Contract)

Coach

Wolford, John

Elliot, Jonny

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

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the following Administrative Athletic Event Manager positions and the corresponding payment amounts for the FY2027:

<u>Fall</u>		<u>Winter</u>		<u>Spring</u>	
Football	\$1,750.00	H.S. Boys Basketball	\$1,500.00	M.S./H.S. Track	\$1,000.00
H.S. Volleyball	\$1,250.00	H.S. Girls Basketball	\$1,500.00	Baseball/Softball	\$500.00
Boys Soccer	\$1,250.00	M.S. Basketball	\$1,500.00		
Girls Soccer	\$1,250.00				
M.S. Volleyball	\$1,000.00				

Discussion: Mr. Gamlin commended the superintendent on implementing an innovative strategy to replace a full-time athletic director.

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

Motion by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Sewell to approve the renaming of the Franks-Hillman Scholarship Fund to the Franks-Hillman-Frederick Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Discussion: This was proposed by Mr. Bailey in honor of Mr. Frederick.

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

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

<u>Donation From</u>	<u>Donation For</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>
Russell & Peggy Sewell	Speech & Debate	\$ 500.00
Youngstown Shade & Aluminum	RoboVikes	\$ 200.00
Pat & Leslie Wilkinson	Athletic Dept/Richard Ganster Memoriam	\$ 50.00

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

carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the following use of facilities requests:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Area Requested</u>	<u>Date of Usage</u>	<u>Hours of Usage</u>	<u>Reason for Usage</u>
LaBrae Basketball Boosters	Complex Cafeteria	3/12/2026	4:30pm – 8:30pm	High School Basketball Banquet

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

Concerns of the Board

Mrs. Shutt suggested a better format for the meeting agendas. She suggests putting the concerns of the board portion of the agenda at the beginning of the agenda, for better communication with the public. Public participation would follow concerns of the board so the public has a chance to comment on the boards concerns. Mrs. Ancell says most of the concerns of the board are already known to the public and that meeting are currently being recorded for the benefit of the public. Mr. Sewell doesn't have an issue with the proposed agenda change.

Mr. Gamlin congratulated the winter sports teams on their recent success. He also asked the superintendent how the Board can better incentivize new hires to stay give the recent resignations.

Motion by Mrs. Ancell seconded by Mrs. Shutt to enter into executive session at 7:14p.m. for the following purposes:

- i. Employment of Personnel

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

The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gamlin seconded by Mrs. Shutt to adjourn to the call of the chair at 7:46 p.m.

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

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Complex Band Room

APPROVED
PRESIDENT
ATTESTED

TREASURER
