



FORT LORAMIE LOCAL SCHOOLS



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Administrative Bulletin to Staff

Daniel B. Holland, Superintendent

January 11, 2024

BOARD BRIEFS

The following is a summary of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Board of Education Meeting held on January 10, 2024.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- The Board elected Lynn DeLoye, as President and Mike Siegel as Vice President of the Fort Loramie Board of Education for 2024.
- Set regular meeting times for 2024 at 7:00pm in the Media Center on the following dates:

January 10, Wednesday

February 19, Monday

March 25, Monday

April 15, Monday

May 20, Monday

June 17, Monday

July 22, Monday

August 19, Monday

September 16, Monday

October 21, Monday

November 18, Monday

December 16, Monday

- Approved representation to administrative advisory committees and support group representation as follows:

2024 Advisory Committees:

Buildings and Grounds.....	Mike Siegel, Vern Siegel
Finance.....	Lisa Ruhenkamp, Lynn DeLoye
Personnel, Grievances, and Negotiations.....	Mike Siegel, Lisa Ruhenkamp
Policy Development.....	Mike Siegel, Lynn DeLoye
Transportation.....	Mike Siegel, Brad Rethman
Athletic Council.....	Vern Siegel, Brad Rethman
Technology Committee.....	Brad Rethman, Lynn DeLoye
Curriculum.....	Vern Siegel, Lisa Ruhenkamp

2024 Support Group Representatives:

A.C.E.....	Lynn DeLoye, Lisa Ruhenkamp
Athletic Boosters.....	Brad Rethman, Mike Siegel
Music Boosters.....	Lynn DeLoye, Vern Siegel
G.Y.M., Inc.....	Vern Siegel, Mike Siegel
O.S.B.A.....	Lisa Ruhenkamp, Brad Rethman
Foundation.....	Vern Siegel, Lisa Ruhenkamp
Wall of Honor.....	Brad Rethman

- Mike Siegel was appointed as Legislative Liaison for the Fort Loramie Board of Education as requested by the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Named Superintendent Daniel B. Holland as Board spokesperson and in case of his unavailability, Board President, Lynn DeLoye, as spokesperson for the Board in all matters requiring public comment.
- Retained the law firm of Pepple & Waggoner for use of legal consultation and negotiations on an as-needed basis on an hourly rate basis.
- Authorized the Treasurer to make the following payroll deductions from the pay of Board Members during calendar year 2024:
 1. \$200 per year (\$50.00 per quarter) for the Board of Education Scholarship.
 2. Donation of net pay to BOE discretionary fund. Note: Last year the donation of net pay went to the BOE district discretionary incentive fund.
- Appointed the Treasurer as the member's public record designee for calendar year 2024.

BOARD BRIEFS

The following is a summary of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on January 10, 2024.

- The Board approved minutes of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 18, 2023. The monthly financial report indicated December General Fund receipts of \$537,913 and expenditures of \$758,355. The anticipated carry-over balance for the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year is \$7,350,305.
- In the Elementary Principal's report, Scott Rodeheffer reported as follows:
 1. All K-5 teachers received 3 hours of math PD for our new math series.
 2. Gifted testing is taking place this week in 2nd grade
 3. Fifth grade will be going to Math Day at UD arena on January 24th. This is a UD girl's game in which they complete math problems throughout the game.
- In the Junior/Senior High School report, Mr. Hollenbacher reported as follows:

UVCC NUMBERS

The Board was updated on the expected percentage of students to attend UVCC next year. In the past few years, we have seen a slight increase of students attending the career center, for various reasons, with the cost of college and emerging trends in the job market being two big factors.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS & AP MEETINGS

This year we will be holding our required for CCP and AP on Wednesday, January 31st. For returning students to the program, the meeting will be at 6pm. For new students and parents to CCP, the meeting will be a 7pm.

GOVERNOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Later this month you will hear information around the area and state regarding the Governor's Merit Scholarship, as scholarship winners from Ohio High Schools will be released. The scholarship is Gov. DeWine's attempt to keep Ohio's best and brightest high school students in the state. The Ohio Legislature has funded 20 million for the scholarship (for the first year of the program), and that money is to be awarded to the top 5% of students across the state with each student earning up to 5k over 4 years (a possible scholarship up to \$20,000). The objective of the scholarship is to reduce the cost of higher-education, and incentivize students to attend colleges in Ohio. Earlier this month, we had to submit our "Top 5%", which for FLHS, means 3 students (the calculation is based on the enrollment for that graduating class). To begin this year, we had 8 students with a 4.0 GPA; so that forced us to nitpick and split of 8 students who were deserving, to choose 3. Even with the criteria we developed, and evaluating the multiple points of a data we had to make the best decision – to put it honestly, the process wasn't fun. So while we will

celebrate the recognition of our top 5 percent later this month (the state asked that we say nothing until they release) please remember, we had over 10% who were deserving of this honor.

OHSAA EXPANSION

Last month, the OHSAA sent a memo stating they are considering expanding tournament divisions in the competitive balance sports of baseball, basketball, softball, and girl's volleyball. Currently there are four divisions in those sports, and we are in Division 4 for those respective sports. (To be clear: Cross Country, Golf and Track are not for consideration of expansion.)

The reasons for possible expansion is to handle the enrollment disparity in larger divisions, primarily Div. I and the OHSAA believes this is something everyone would support. In their words, "we have seven tournament divisions in the sport of football, so why not give student-athletes and their communities the same or comparable opportunities to compete for a state championship?" They also stated in the initial memo that they believe expansion would not "have a major financial impact on the OHSAA," as it would not mean playing more tournament games, it just spreading the same number of teams across more divisions. (Note: in terms of finances, only cost was discussed, not revenue.)

On Monday of this week, we received an email from OHSAA to have a virtual meeting regarding expansion, and the meeting will happen next week. Mitch and I will attend this meeting, and we will report any information to our athletic stakeholders if we should expect change down the road.

- The Superintendent's report included information on the following:
 - Discussed the athletic Dead Week dates of June 29-July7, 2024.
 - Presented and reviewed information regarding the 2024-2025 school calendar.
 - Shared information regarding plumbing issue at the high school and planned repairs.
- Approved appropriation changes.
- Accepted the following donations:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Item</u>
St. Henry Tile	\$100.00	Lego Robotics Club

- Approved the 2024/2025 school calendar.
- Approved the issuance of certified supplemental contracts for the co-curricular activities for the 2023/2024 school year to the following:

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXP.</u>
Rebekkah	Delawder	Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	2
Kristin	Heitkamp	Track Assistant	11
Jeron	Hennon	JH Track Coach	4
Jennifer	Paulus	Track Assistant Coach-50%	2
Brad	Turner	Varsity Softball Coach	20
Drew	Wehrman	JV Baseball Coach	6
Kevin	Wrasman	Track – Head Coordinator	22

- Approved supplemental contracts for 2023/2024 co-curricular classified positions:

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXP.</u>
Dan	Borchers	JV Baseball Assistant Coach	2
Scott	Eilerman	JV Assistant Softball Coach-75%	0
Nick	Eilerman	JV Baseball Coach	6
Ashley	Harrod	Track Assistant Coach-50%	9
Georgia	Hoying	JH Track Assistant Coach-50%	2

Paige	Humes	JV Softball Coach	2
Ann	Rethman	Track Assistant Coach-50%	6
Trey	Rittenhouse	JV Baseball Assistant Coach	0
Kim	Ruhenkamp	JV Assistant Softball Coach-25%	3
Jeff	Sanders	Varsity Baseball Coach	10
Rick	Scheer	Track Assistant Coach	20
Mike	Schieltz	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach-50%	23
Kurtis	Watkins	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach-50%	6

- Approved the following volunteer coaches/advisors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport/Activity</u>
Eric Fleckenstein	Baseball
Doug Heitkamp	Track

- Approved two (2) substitute teachers as approved by the ESC for the 2023/2024 school year.
- Following Executive Session, approved one-time payment to superintendent, Daniel B. Holland for completion of PhD degree.
- Regular February meeting is February 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.