

FORT LORAMIE LOCAL SCHOOLS



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Administrative Bulletin to Staff

Daniel B. Holland, Superintendent

November 22, 2022

BOARD BRIEFS

The following is a summary of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on November 21, 2022.

- The Board approved minutes of the Regular Business Meeting held on October 24, 2022. The monthly financial report indicated October General Fund receipts of \$1,016,429 and expenditures of \$716,122. The anticipated carry-over balance for the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year is \$8,599,896.
- In the Elementary Principal's report, Scott Rodeheffer reported as follows:
 1. Spelling bee will be December 9th at 9:30am.
 2. The Elementary Christmas Concert will be December 12th at 7:00pm in the high school gym.
 3. DARE graduation for 5th grade will be December 13th at Botkins at 1:00pm.
- In the Junior/Senior High School report, Mr. Hollenbacher reported as follows:

FLHS WINTER CONCERT

The winter concert for the High School will be on Thursday, December 15th. This concert will have our bands (high school and junior) along with our junior choir performing.

MENTAL HEALTH & STUDENT PARTICIPATION

As mental health and its importance in education today has been put into focus with FLEF (Fort Loramie Education Foundation) and their drive for the Community Foundation's Match Day, I wanted to share some numbers that I believe are important as we try to combat the concern of mental health in teens.

One of the best ways to potentially prevent or suppress mental health issues, is for students to be active and involved in school. When students constantly have things to do and places to be, that is less time for their mind to wonder or go in dark places.

In looking at the number of students at FLHS (so not counting students taking classes at UVCC), here are our numbers for participation and engagement:

- *In grades 7-12, 71% of our students were involved in a fall sport.*
 - Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, Football, and Volleyball at any level.
- *If I count students who were in band or other activities, our number of participation jumps to be 80% of our students were involved in a fall sport or activity.*
- *Of those students that were in the band, 50% of those are also involved in another sport (which is phenomenal).*
 - Another great stat is that is we had two students participate in multiple sports in the same season.
- *In counting those students who didn't participate in a fall sport or activity, 36% of those students participate in a winter or spring sport or activity.*

- *This means that overall, 87% of our students are involved in athletics and extra-curricular activities throughout the year.*

(And this doesn't take into account some of the 7th grade students who may elect to participate in track, or the students who may participate in other activities as they year progresses, so that percentage may go even higher).

This is an amazing percentage of participation, and trust me, this doesn't happen everywhere. It really speaks to the support of our community and the students we have. And honestly, of all the numbers and stats we have at FLHS, this might be the one I'm most proud of. While participation is not a sure fire method to avoid mental health issues with students, engagement and involvement like this, can't hurt.

- The Superintendent's report included information on the following:
 - Shared thank you notes from Bernice Frey Family (Darla Hecht) and FLHS Drama Club.
 - Discussed bus purchase for FY '23.
 - Reviewed current grant applications for cyber security and building safety.
 - Reviewed upcoming early dismissal and Thanksgiving break dates.
- Accepted the resignation of Daniel Jacobs as custodian effective immediately.
- Approved the issuance of certified supplemental contracts for the co-curricular activities for the 2022/2023 school year to the following:

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- Approved four substitute teachers as approved by the ESC for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Approved the State FFA Final Contests from December 1 – December 2, 2022 at the Ohio State University.
- Regular December meeting is Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm.