FORT LORAMIE LOCAL SCHOOLS

SMOKE SIGNALS

September 17, 2026

BOARD BRIEFS

The following is a summary of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on September 16, 2026.

- The Board approved minutes of the Regular Business Meeting held on August 17, 2026. The monthly financial report indicated August General Fund receipts of $987,479 and expenditures of $934,928. The carry-over balance for the 2026/2027 fiscal year is $8,861,479.
- In the Elementary Principal's report, Scott Rodeheffer reported as follows:

Building Name	Overall Star Rating	Achievement Component Star Rating	Gap Closing Component Star Rating	Early Literacy Component Star Rating	Progress Component Star Rating
Fort Loramie Elementary School	5 Stars	5 Stars	5 Stars	5 Stars	3 Stars

Rank	Building Name	District Name	Grade	PI
1	Focus Learning Academy	Focus Learning Academy	K-8	119.3*
2	Grace L Roxbury Elementary School	Solon City	K-4	116.5
3	Wells Academy	Steubenville City	K-4	116*
4	Parkside Elementary School	Solon City	K-4	115.6
5	Orchard Middle School	Solon City	5-6	114.5
6	Hilltop Elementary School	Wyoming City	K-4	114.4
7	Solon Middle School	Solon City	7-8	114.3
8	Dorothy E Lewis Elementary School	Solon City	K-4	114.1
9	Gurney Elementary School	Chagrin Falls	3	113.5
10	Fort Loramie Elementary School	Fort Loramie Local	K-6	113.4
		*Students scores are under review.		
	3066 total schools			

Rank	District Name	PI
1	Solon City	112.9
2	Marion Local	111.6
3	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village	111.3
4	Mariemont City	111.2
5	Rocky River City	110.6
6	Versailles Exempted Village	110.1
7	Fort Loramie Local	109.8

8	Madeira City	109.5
9	Minster Local	109.5
10	Oakwood City	109.4

- Mr. Hollenbacher reported as follows:

STATE TESTING BUILDING DATA

This week, testing data was released from across the state for districts and school buildings. FLHS was once again recognized as a 5 Star school (for Achievement and College/Career Readiness), and across the state, below is where FLHS ranked amongst school buildings.

- Out of all school buildings and grade levels (over 3,000 school buildings in Ohio): 128th
- Out of all 9-12 or 7-12 high school building in the state (683 in total): 30th
- Out of all 7-12 buildings in the state (111): 5th

Thank you to the students and staff for their efforts in our success.

HOMECOMING

Next week is our Homecoming week. We will have spirit days, hallways decorated, and of course, "Thursday Night Smackdown." Due to construction and parking, we will send out diagrams of where the annual tradition (car smash) will take place.

HOMECOMING COURT

Freshmen Attendants	Sophomore Attendants	Junior Attendants
Cora Bornhorst	Allegra Gaier	Bailey Gehret
Tyler Bruggeman	Levi Pleiman	Will Rethman

Senior King Candidates	Senior Queen Candidates
Lucas Brandewie	Tessa Boerger
Eli Heitkamp	Eliza Fullenkamp
Anderson Pleiman	Mya Salisbury

UVCC APPRENTICESHIP / ADVANCED PLACEMENT

This year, we have 18 Fort Loramie students (in a class of 53) who are either participating in the Apprenticeship Program at the Upper Valley Career Center, or Advancement Placement. This is where student is working half the year, in two-week durations, (Apprenticeship program) or full-time (Advanced Placement) during school year. Both are great programs for our students to participate in, and over the past two years, students doing the program have cumulatively earned over 2 million in wages each year - with an average annual wage around 20k for working as an apprentice.

- The Superintendent's report included information on the following:
  - Shared a thank you note from the family of Nancy Pleiman.
  - Discussed the resolution to allow SWEPC to bid for a new school bus on our behalf for FY '28.
  - Updated the BOE on the progress of the athletic training center.
  - Informed the BOE of the outstanding PI scores that ranked the district 7/608 schools in Ohio.
- Approved the annual appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2027 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.38.
- Accepted the following donations:

Source	Value	Item
FLEF	$ 150.00	Sensory Barn

OHSAA	$1,250.00	Athletic Account
Damian Bruns Memorial Fund	$ 410.00	Football Fundraising
Anonymous	$ 500.00	EL Room Funds
Damian Bruns Memorial Fund	$ 180.00	Track Fundraising

- Approved the EPC to advertise for new bus bids. Note: This does not obligate the district to purchase a bus from EPC bid results.
- Approved the agreements with Garmann Miller for architectural services regarding the Fort Loramie Local Schools Track project.
- Approved the following personnel recommendations:
    - 12 substitute teachers as approved by the ESC
    - Dan Millhouse as Substitute Bus Driver
    - Kristi Schulze as Substitute Cafeteria
    - Resignation from Angie Bolin as Teacher for purposes of retirement effective 5/31/2027
    - Resignation from Carla Siegel as Teacher for purposes of retirement effective 5/31/2027
    - Resignation from Kathy Albers as EL Head Cook for purposes of retirement effective 8/31/2027

Supplemental Contracts			
First Name	**Last Name**	**Position**	**Experience**
Roger	Chaney	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	15
Jake	Cordonnier	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	6
Mitchell	Goldschmidt	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach-50%	3
Colby	Graves	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	1
Joe	Imwalle	8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	9
Jacob	Maurer	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach-50%	1
Tara	Maurer	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	4
Jim	Meyer	Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	13
Travis	Pulfer	Weight Room Assistant	
Dana	Rose	Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	2
Kirsten	Seger	Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	1
Marcus	Turner	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	8

    - Hayden Egbert as Volunteer Bowling Coach, Ryan Goldschmidt as Volunteer Academia Coach, Ty Ruhenkamp as Volunteer JH Boys Basketball Coach
- Approved the FFA National Convention/Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 21-23, 2026.
- Regular September meeting is Monday, October 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm.