

Mr. Brian Christiansen, serving as President Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order.

The Liberty-Benton Board of Education held the 2025 Organizational meeting January 15, 2025 at 6:53 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing. 6:05 pm

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Steve Benson, present; Mr. AJ Granger, present; Mr. Brian Christiansen, present; Ms. Heather Franks, present; Mr. Jim Mace, absent.

(1 1 25) A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Mr. Christiansen to nominate Mr. Jim Mace as Board President. Mr. Mace moved to close the nominations.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Christiansen, Franks, Granger. Nays: None.

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

(1 2 25) A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE-PRESIDENT.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Ms. Franks to nominate Mr. Brian Christiansen as Board Vice-President. Mr. Christiansen, service as President Pro Tem moved to close the nominations.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Granger, Franks. Nays: None. Abstain: Christiansen.

The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

The district's Treasurer administered the Board Vice President's Oath of Office to Mr. Brian Christiansen.

(1 3 25) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

A motion was made by Mr. Granger seconded by Ms. Franks to approve the following:

1. Set time, date, and place for regular meetings for 2024 (Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Board of Education meeting room, 9190 Co. Rd. 9, Findlay, Ohio).
2. Set compensation at \$100.00 per meeting for up to 13 board meetings per year 12 regular and/or special meetings, the 13th shall be the All-County Board of Education meeting), with \$40.00 per month, per member set aside for the David W. Mace Memorial Board of Education Scholarship Fund (up to 12 meetings) for Board members terms beginning January 1, 2022
3. Set compensation at \$125.00 per meeting for up to 13 board meetings per year 12 regular and/or special meetings, the 13th shall be the All-County Board of Education meeting, with \$65.00 per month, per member set aside for the David W. Mace Memorial Board of Education Scholarship Fund (up to 12 meetings) for Board member terms beginning January 1, 2024.
4. Set compensation at \$125.00 per meeting for up to 13 board meetings per year 12 regular and/or special meetings, the 13th shall be the All-County Board of Education meeting, with \$67.00 per month, per member set aside for the David W. Mace Memorial Board of Education Scholarship Fund (up to 12 meetings) for Board member terms beginning January 1, 2026.
5. Authorize Treasurer to pay all bills as they are presented, provided funds are available and to report monthly to the board of education all bills received by the district.
6. Authorize Treasurer to request and receive advances from the County Auditor and to make advances available for the current year.
7. Authorize the Treasurer to do appropriations and modifications.
8. Resolution to declare emergency funds for general fund operating expenses and authorize emergency funds to be receipted into general fund operating expenses.
9. Establish a service fund for the board in the amount of \$2500.
10. Authorize the Board President and Treasurer to borrow money, if needed.
11. Authorize the Treasurer to invest inactive funds when they are available, including up to 40% (Forty) of the interim monies of the Board, available for investment at any one time, in commercial paper notes issued by any entity that is defined in Ohio Revised Code 1705.01(D)
12. Appoint the Superintendent as purchasing agent for the Liberty-Benton District with no dollar limit as long as expenditures are within the appropriated budget or are necessary to district operations.
13. Authorize the Superintendent to approve professional meetings for 2025.
14. Authorize the Superintendent to employ such temporary personnel as is needed for emergency situations. Such employment to be presented for approval by the Board at next regular meeting.
15. Authorize the Treasurer to credit all interest received to the General Fund.
16. Approve petty cash fund in the amount of \$150.00 to be held by the Treasurer
17. Authorize Treasurer to transfer 25% of income tax from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund
18. Authorize Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund to the Termination of Benefits Fund as follows:
 - Employees with 27 years of experience 25% of expected payout
 - Employees with 28 years of experience 50% of expected payout
 - Employees with 29 years of experience 75% of expected payout
 - Employees with 30 years of experience 100% of expected payout

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Franks, Benson, Christiansen. Nays: None

The Board Vice President declared the motion carried.

(1 4 25) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Mr. Granger to approve the tax budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.


Votes: Ayes: Benson, Granger, Franks, Christiansen. Nays: None.

The Board Vice President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger seconded by Ms. Franks to adjourn the organizational meeting of the Board of Education at 6:11 p.m.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Franks, Benson, Christiansen. Nays: none.

The Board Vice President declared the motion carried.

Vice President 
Board President

Treasurer 