

Regular

January 13, 2025

At 5:16 P.M. Deborah Shaw called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at McDowell Education Center. Answering roll call were: Mike Agosta, Nikki Jackson, Matt Kim and Heidi White. Also present were: Superintendent Tim Williams, Treasurer Steve McAfee, Kelton Bennington, McKenna Perkins, Addy Smith, Dane Liggins, Amy Colburn, and Joanna Strawser.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to adopt the agenda as amended. Amendments: added 7.D. – permit non-bachelor degree substitutes; 8.A. – added Carla Thompson; added executive session to discuss employment of a public official. Matt Kim seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Kim, aye; Jackson, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Minutes

A motion was offered by Matt Kim to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 9, 2024 and strategic planning session held December 11, 2024. Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Kim, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Shaw, aye.

Recognition of Guests and Public Participation

Financial Reports, Reconciliations and Investments

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to approve the financial reports, reconciliations, and investments as presented. Nikki Jackson seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Kim, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Donations

A motion was offered by Nikki Jackson to accept the following donations:

- \$5,179.48 to LEave Your Legacy
- \$2,121 from Athletic Boosters to various teams from bingo
- \$3,200 from Athletic Boosters to various teams from Pumpkin Show
- \$900 from Athletic Boosters for Wrestling hospitality room
- \$150 from Zwicker House to Art Club
- \$500 from Healthcare Logistics to Girls Basketball
- \$50 from Colleen Rife to Girls Basketball
- \$1,829.80 from LEEF to LE Elementary (Lego Club)
- \$200 from Rotary to Choir
- \$1,200 from Thomas Lamb to OWLS club
- \$318.54 from Andrew Gobel to cover all outstanding lunch charges
- \$1,500 from Pickaway County Community Foundation to FFA
- \$3,550 from various sponsors to Wrestling

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Jackson, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Kim, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Booster Organizations

A motion was offered by Matt Kim to recognize the following organizations as booster organizations of Logan Elm Schools based upon submitted information:

- 3 Point Club
- Athletic Boosters
- Braves Bullpen Club
- Diamond Club
- Music Boosters
- Ten Pin Club
- Touchdown Club

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Kim, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Shaw, aye.

Regular

January 13, 2025

Approve Alternative Tax Budget

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta approve the Alternative Tax Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 as presented. Nikki Jackson seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Kim, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Resolution to Proceed with Emergency Tax Levy Renewal

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to approve the following resolution to proceed with election on the question of the renewal of an emergency tax levy:

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2024, the Board passed a resolution (the "Resolution of Necessity") declaring the necessity, in order to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, to renew all of existing emergency levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to raise the amount of \$812,000 for each year that said levy is in effect, for a period of five years, upon the entire territory of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") has certified to the Board that, based on the School District's total taxable value of \$566,405,703, an estimated annual levy of 1.53 mills (the "Estimated Millage") for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$54 (the "Estimated Cost," rounded to the nearest dollar) for each \$100,000 of the "county auditor's appraised value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P)), will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the Resolution of Necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Logan Elm Local School District, Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board determines to proceed with the submission of the question of such renewal emergency tax levy (the "Emergency Levy") to all of the electors of the School District in order to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, to raise the amount of \$812,000 for each year that said levy is in effect for a period of five years, which the County Auditor has certified at the Estimated Millage for each \$1 of taxable value and at the Estimated Cost for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.194 through 5705.197, the question of the Emergency Levy shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on May 6, 2025 (the "Election Date"). All of the territory of the School District is located in Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Logan Elm Local School District, Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements in the sum of \$812,000, and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 1.53 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$54 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Regular

January 13, 2025

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed to promptly certify, not later than February 5, 2025 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Pickaway County, Ohio (the "Board of Elections"), a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this Resolution together with the certificate of the County Auditor certifying the current total taxable value of the School District and the annual levy, expressed in mills for each \$1 of taxable value as well as in dollars (rounded to the nearest dollar) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, that is required to produce the annual amount of the Emergency Levy set forth in this Resolution throughout the life of the Emergency Levy.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby directed and shall also certify to the Board of Elections that the Emergency Levy will be levied for a period of five years and will include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2025 tax year (commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Matt Kim seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Kim, aye; Jackson, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Resolution to Proceed with Income Tax Renewal

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to approve the following resolution to proceed with the proposition of a renewal income tax:

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on December 9, 2024 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of at least \$3,399,243 for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 1.00% per annum; and

WHEREAS, such rate is not higher than the income tax approved by the voters of the School District on March 17, 2020 for five years (the "Existing Income Tax");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Logan Elm Local School District, Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying a renewal of the Existing Income Tax on the school district income of individuals residing in the School District. Such renewal income tax shall be at the rate of 1.00% per annum, shall be for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of the School District, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2026, and shall be levied for five years (the "Income Tax").

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the taxable income of individuals as defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.01(E)(1)(b).

Regular

January 13, 2025

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 6, 2025. The entire School District is located in Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:

Shall an annual income tax of 1.00% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the Logan Elm Local School District, Pickaway and Hocking Counties, Ohio to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2025, for five years, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing for the current expenses of the School District?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Pickaway County, Ohio, not later than February 5, 2025.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; White, aye; Jackson, aye; Kim, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Property Sale

A motion was offered by Matt Kim to approve the following resolution to sell the former Laurelville Elementary properties:

Whereas, abatement and demolition work has been completed at the former Laurelville Elementary properties and the Board wishes to sell those properties for \$1.00 as follows so they may be used for public purposes for the foreseeable future:

- Hocking County parcels 13-000491.6000 and 14-000060.6000 to the Village of Laurelville

Therefore, be it resolved the Board approves the Real Estate Purchase Contract drafted by legal counsel as presented and authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to present said contract to the buyer listed above for their review and approval. The Board also authorizes the Board President and Treasurer to enter into said contract and proceed with closing these transactions without further review by the Board as long as there are no material changes to the contract. Any prior actions taken that are consistent with this resolution are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Kim, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Shaw, aye.

Superintendent's Report

- Communication Standards
- Communication Flowcharts
- Calamity Day Plan – Passed July 2024

Regular

January 13, 2025

Approve Mileage Rate

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to 70 cents per mile for business miles driven. This rate is established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and was effective January 1, 2025. Nikki Jackson seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Kim, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Administrator Contract Notice

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to direct the Treasurer to notify each administrator, whose contract expires this year, of their contract status and right to request a meeting with the Board, prior to action to renew or non-renew their contract. Matt Kim seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; Kim, aye; Jackson, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Board Policy Update

A motion was offered by Nikki Jackson to approve updated Board Policy:

CCA – Organizational Chart

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Jackson, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Kim, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Update to Substitute Teacher Requirements

A motion was offered by Heidi White to permit non-bachelor degree individuals who have met all requirements to substitute teach, per Ohio Revised Code and the Pickaway County ESC, to work as a substitute teacher for the 2024-25 school year in the Logan Elm School District. Matt Kim seconded this motion. Upon vote call: White, aye; Kim, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Shaw, aye.

Accept Resignations

A motion was offered by Mike Agosta to accept the resignations of the following individuals:

Chad Kiser	Girls Basketball – effective December 26, 2024
Shelley Rhoads	Teacher, effective May 30, 2025 – for the purpose of retirement
Carla Thompson	Cook

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Agosta, aye; White, aye; Jackson, aye; Kim, aye; Shaw, aye.

Approve Classified Substitute

A motion was offered by Matt Kim to approve the following individual as a classified substitute for the 2024-25 school year, pending receipt of all qualifying documents:

Kelly Hardman	Cook
---------------	------

Heidi White seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Kim, aye; White, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; Shaw, aye.

Executive Session

A motion was offered by Matt Kim at 5:45 P.M. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a public official. Mike Agosta seconded this motion. Upon vote call: Kim, aye; Agosta, aye; Jackson, aye; White, aye; Shaw, aye.

Returned from executive session at 6:29 P.M.

Regular

January 13, 2025

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – McDowell Education Center

Adjourn

At 6:30 P.M. Mike Agosta motioned to adjourn. Heidi White seconded this motion.

Deborah Shaw, President

Steve McAfee, Treasurer