



March Special Board Work Session

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Special Work Session / March 11, 2024 / 5:30 PM / LH MIDDLE SCHOOL

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

ACTION ITEMS

1. PreK-6 Curriculum Director Mrs. Micca Conley and 7-12 Curriculum Director Mrs. Tiffany Warren provided an in-depth update from the Curriculum Department. This included: updating the Board on the district's progress with implementation of the Science of Reading and dyslexia screening; the changing scope of Literary Coaches' and Title teachers' job descriptions; crucial insights and takeaways from the Plain Talk conference; how the Science of Reading impacts upper grade levels beyond elementary school; using multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) for credit deficiency at the HS level; creation of the HS alternate school for 2024-25; and the development of the New Heights Program now that the district received a \$2.2 million CTE equipment grant from the state.
2. Cult Marketing was present to speak with the Board about the school renaming project. The Board agreed they would like Cult Marketing to come up with additional name options that best represent both the history of the district and look towards our future as a progressive, boundary-breaking place. Cult Marketing was tasked with determining another round of names that speaks to the themes of achievement, success, and reaching new heights.
3. Representatives from LifeWise Academy and local churches spoke to the Board about potentially establishing a LifeWise Academy chapter at Licking Heights. This would be permitted under the religious release time policy approved by the Board in 2017. The program would be once a week for 30 minutes, would take place off-site as required by federal law, and would require parental permission. LifeWise would assume all liability. The Board appreciated having more information so they could make an informed final decision.

UPCOMING EVENTS, COMMITTEES, AND MEETINGS

- The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on **Tues., March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Licking Heights Middle School Media Center.