

Minutes for January 12, 2026 Booster Meeting

Meeting called to order by Courtney Woody @ 7:05pm

Board Members Present: Courtney Woody, Julie Horton, Carl Hill, Jeremy Johnson

District Discussion: LEHS Principal Matt McFarlane addressed representatives to discuss the district's Master Facilities Plan, including where we currently are and where we hope to go. He shared that there have been mixed emotions from the community regarding the plan.

Matt is meeting with various district groups and asked representatives to serve as a voice for Lakota East High School. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and gathering feedback to help shape a facilities plan that reflects what the community wants.

Key discussion points included:

- How can we make the Master Facilities Plan something we can all support and be excited about?
- What opportunities should we rally around as a school community?
- How can Lakota East High School continue to grow and improve?
- How do we level the playing field — and even rise above — while we wait for the Master Facilities Plan to be implemented?

He expressed a strong desire to hear stakeholder voices and work together to make Lakota East High School the best it can be.

LEHS Athletic Director Update

Athletic Director Jill Miering provided the following updates:

- **Broadcasting/Projector:**
Lakota East Broadcasting is currently experiencing technical difficulties with the projector system but is actively working to resolve the issues. The goal is to have everything operational by Friday for the upcoming Hawk Night.
If any team would like to use the projector, please contact Jill to coordinate scheduling.
Ample advance notice is requested.
- **Black Van Update:**
The black athletic van has been deemed a total loss. Insurance is expected to cover the majority of the replacement cost; however, there will be an estimated \$14,000 difference

between the insurance payout and the cost of a new van.

Jill requested that the remaining cost be split between:

- Boosters
 - Athletic Boosters
 - Girls Golf
- Once the final quote is received, it will be sent to the Booster Board for review and approval.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Hill: The organization remains in a strong financial position with approximately \$125,000 in cash on hand between savings and checking accounts. All debt has been paid and all bills are current. December highlights included another successful month of Bingo, continuing a strong partnership and generating a check for \$10,200, with \$5,000 of those proceeds allocated to the Beacon Scholarship Fund benefiting five graduating seniors. Concessions totaled \$13,300, and all fall concession payouts have now been fully paid. Additional revenue included \$2,500 from BirdBrain East vs. West shirt sales, \$100 from Kroger Community Rewards, and \$840 from spiritwear sales. The Booster Bash was a highly successful event, netting approximately \$13,400. The semi-annual bingo filing fee of \$4,000 has been paid, and the bingo relationship continues to go very well. If anyone has suggestions for potential Bingo establishments in Butler County, please share them with Carl or Jeremy.

Memberships: Missy Dixon: All roster matches have been sent out with the exception wrestling which will be sent out tomorrow. No new memberships have came in in the month of December.

Remember, teams have until the end of their last fall game to collect memberships. Hitting 50% membership earns \$500, and reaching 100% membership earns \$750 for your team. These bonuses will be paid out at the end of the season (which is almost upon us) and sent to the athletic department with your team's name, to be deposited into your coach's account.

You can join online though this link: [LEHS Athletic Boosters Membership 2025-26](#)



Or though QR code :

Concessions: Courtney Woody: spring concessions will be coming out to reps for sign ups.

Yard signs for sale \$25/sign. Will repost on the booster page. Order will close on 18th.

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/lakota-east-athletic-boosters-fundraiser-copyng>

Spirit Wear: Spiritwear will be open for boys' and girls' basketball games as well as on January 29th for 8th Grade Registration Night at the Freshman Building. If you have an event where you would like the spiritwear booth to be open, please let Jessica Geralds know. Short-turnaround orders for quick needs can also be accommodated. An online store is available as well. If you have suggestions or items you would like to see offered, please share those ideas — the team is happy to explore additional options.

Fundraising -

Kroger rewards - sign up QR org code: HN218

Follow us on socials!! All teams are reminded that if they have anything they would like promoted, they should email leab.fundraising@gmail.com so the information can be pushed out through Instagram, Facebook, and X.

If you are a team rep or coach - feel free to reach out to the fundraising email so we can help share activities.

Winter Sports Updates

Bowling – no rep present

Boys Basketball:

The varsity team is currently 7–3, and the freshman team is 4th. Over Christmas break, the team traveled to Florida and advanced to the championship game, falling by just one point. Two players were named to the All-Tournament Team. The upcoming schedule includes four games next week: Tuesday at Sycamore, Friday at home, Saturday vs. St. Xavier, and Monday vs. Middletown at the Cintas Center. The 30th is a home matchup against the same opponent. Future Hawks Night will be held this Friday the 16th.

Girls Basketball:

JV2 is currently 3–8, JV1 is 5–6, and Varsity stands at 3–9. While records may not fully reflect it, the teams have shown significant improvement throughout the season. Teacher Appreciation Night had a great turnout. On the 30th, the program will host Cancer Awareness Night – Cincy Shoots for the Cure. The deadline to purchase event t-shirts is Sunday night.

Gymnastics:

No representative present.

Swimming & Diving:

At last week's meet, which included 13 total teams, both the boys' and girls' teams finished 3rd overall. The teams recorded nine top-three finishes and two event winners. Athletes currently hold top-10 GMC times in every conference event. The GMC Tournament will take place in late January/early February.

Boys Wrestling:

The team went 1–1 in recent dual matches. At the Marysville Tournament, the team placed 8th out of 23 teams, competing with only 11 wrestlers. This is a young squad with just two seniors on varsity. Upcoming events include a tournament at Western Brown, followed by a tri-meet at Sycamore, a dual against West next Friday, and another home tournament. The program will also host a Youth Wrestling Tournament on Sunday, February 8, at Lakota East. The JV team placed 2nd and 3rd at the Reading Tournament.

Girls Wrestling:

The team placed 13th out of 61 teams at the Olentangy Orange Tournament, with four placers. The girls continue to show strong improvement and development. The team includes two seniors and has a busy tournament schedule ahead.

Dance:

The dance team qualified at regionals, earned the Best Choreography Award, and will advance to State on January 25. One week later, they will compete at High School Dance Nationals in Florida.

Cheer:

No representative present.

New Request Process

All team requests should be sent to Jill Mering first. Jill will determine which items move forward to the boosters.

Team Requests

- Boys soccer speaker requests will be sent out to the boosters email

Adjourned at 7:54

**NEXT BOOSTER REP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, February 9, 2026 @ 7:00pm, room 200**