



Wednesday, November 12, 2014
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
JSHS-Library at 7:00pm

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held in the Library at the JSHS. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:03pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert _____
Mike Bienes _____
Tracy Bingham _____
Martha Esposito _____
Sharon Putnam _____
Christine Sotek _____
Monique Wood _____
Galen Martin _____

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb _____
Matt Klafehn _____
Andrew Kourt _____
Mike Los _____
Tamara Thorpe-Odom _____
Rick Arket _____

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Board president Lambert made the motion to approve item 3A. Board Vice President Bienes seconded.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the October 15, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.

4. AUDIT REPORT

Non-Action

A. External Audit report information given by Mike Los.

Action

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve item 4B. Board member Putnam seconded.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the External Audit Report for the year ending 6/30/14 as submitted by Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Non-Action

A. Student Representative update given by Galen Martin. Galen let the board know he thought the announcement monitor system in the cafeteria was "dumb".

B. WBH update given by Andrew Kourt. The "Trunk or Treat" community event was a huge success. 28 cars participated. The habit of the month is to "Begin With the End in Mind." The children are working to set goals and be productive citizens. Next week is American Education week. WBH is

holding a read-a-thon to help celebrate American Education Week. The school goal is to read 60,000 minutes within two weeks. If the children meet the goal by November 21st, Mr. Kourt will be duct taped to the wall. He and a small group of teachers went to the Columbia Teacher's College in NYC for a free weekend of reading and writing professional development. A large group is planning on going again in March. The science lab's cabinets and counters have been installed. Maintenance is finishing up with final touches. The lab should be up and running in a couple of weeks.

C. JSHS update was given by Matthew Klafehn. Mr. Giumarra's Chemistry and Physics students took a trip to Regeneron last month as a way of introducing employment opportunities within the STEM fields. Mr. Garrigan's University Biology class went to the Genetic Update Conference at Ballston Spa High School. Ms. Brooks' Studio in Art class took a trip to the Williams College Museum of Art. 7th grade students in Mrs. O'Hare's Spanish classes will attend two performances: Viva Flamenco and Latin Rhythms, at the Egg. New SADD coordinator Kara Sokolowski worked with her club and colleagues to roll out Red Ribbon Week the last full week in October. Red Ribbon week seeks to engage students in conversation about the dangers of drug use. Kara Sokolowski's Reading, Research and Writing in Science class has been working with Aaron Gabriel from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) to complete a research project.

D. Athletic report was given by Rick Arket. There was a strong turnout for the Fall Athletic Awards Banquet, with many individual and team accolades presented. Both boys and girls soccer teams hosted a sectional quarterfinal game, and the girls' team was able to win and advance to the sectional semifinals for the second consecutive year. He noted that varsity girls soccer team was given the CHVL team sportsmanship award for their league. Winter sports began on Monday, and meet the coaches night is tomorrow at 6 pm.

E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update given by Michael Los. Questar submitted a plan to repay the OPEB funds. This plan was based off the feedback from component districts. The plan has not yet been approved by SED. Smart Schools Bond Act was approved on Election Day. NL's allocation is \$288,073. Plan for use of this money needs to be in place by June 1, 2015. Science lab at WBH has been installed, maintenance is finishing up work. He discussed possible changes and funding to the JSHS library, science labs, and security cameras.

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

A. First reading of policies 7232 and 7240.

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve items 6B-D. Board member Sotek seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the sixth grade end of year trip to Medieval Times and The Liberty Science Center and approve the following chaperones: Kellyn Moore, Becky Griffith, Don Denué, Deanna Pratt, David Goodermote, Sara Orme-Ouch, Michele Corsey, Renee Barlow, Allen Preston, Mary Keating. Marianne Priest as an alternate.

C. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of program and placement for the following special education students: 092100325, 092100386, 92100387, 092100261, 092100255.

D. Motion to approve the Future Cities field trip to the Boston Science Museum on Tuesday, November 18th, 2014 and Mary Beth Liles, Kristin Carson and Leuella Sowalski as chaperones.

7. FINANCIAL

Action

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve items 7A-L. Board member Wood seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the July 2014 Treasurer's report.

B. Motion to approve the August 2014 Treasurer's report

C. Motion to approve the September 2014 Treasurer's report.

D. Motion to approve the 2015-16 budget calendar.

E. Motion to approve the grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report dated September 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Jr/Sr High School Extra-curricular Accounts Treasurer.

F. Motion to approve the grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report dated October 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Jr/Sr High School Extra-curricular Accounts Treasurer.

G. Motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following surplus and obsolete items to the highest bidder and to give the District Clerk authority to advertise the sale of said items, and if unable to find a buyer to authorize Superintendent Whitcomb to dispose of the items (attached).

H. Motion to accept a donation from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,926.42 for Arts and Humanities.

I. Motion to increase budget line A2110407, Other Contractual Supplies for the JSHS, in the amount of \$5,926.42 from a donation.

J. Motion to accept the following donations:

Trumpet from Terri Capasso, valued at \$50
Three books: Fallen by Lauren Kate (ISBN: 9780385739139), Torment by Lauren Kate (ISBN: 9780385739153), The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore (ISBN: 9780385528207)
\$171.89 from Target Take Charge of Education
\$250 from the Alumni for the High School Library

K. Motion to increase budget line A21104503, Materials and Supplies for the Elementary School, in the amount of \$171.89 from a donation.

L. Motion to increase budget line A2610450-4, Materials and Supplies for the High School Library in the amount of \$250.00 from a donation.

8. PERSONNEL

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve items 8A-H. Board member Sotek seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Clint Garrigan and David Knudsen as Boys' and Girls' Basketball scoreboard operators and Mary Beth Liles as Boys' Volleyball scorekeeper for the 2014-15 Winter Sports Season with a stipend of \$30 per game.

B. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes:

Kadie Ertel (currently employed)	Certified teacher	\$100/per day, effective December 8, 2014
Tony LaSalvia (previously employed)	Certified teacher	\$100/per day, effective November 13, 2014
Gretchen Van Deusen (currently employed)	Clerical	\$15.21/per hour, effective November 13, 2014
Adriana Rizzo	Uncertified Teacher	\$85/per day, effective November 13, 2014
Adriana Rizzo	Teaching Assistant	\$14.81/per hour, effective November 13, 2014

- C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Scott Miller as a volunteer for boys basketball.
- D. Motion to accept a resignation from Kara O'Hare as a Varsity Swim Coach.
- E. Motion to accept a resignation from Susan Bues, Internal Claims Auditor
- F. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Eileen Evans for the 2014-15 school year to the position of Internal Claims Auditor effective October 20, 2014 with a stipend of \$3,000.00
- G. Motion to accept a resignation from Tamara Thorpe-Odom effective November 14, 2014.
- H. Motion to appoint Jennifer Morris as interim CSE chair, two days per week, effective November 18th, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$500 per day.

9. SUPERINTENDENT

Non-Action

- A. Superintendent Whitcomb updated the Board on Goals.
- B. Superintendent Whitcomb presented a transparency report.
- C. Superintendent Whitcomb provided a communications update.

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Brutsch suggested that some of the Smart Schools Bond Act monies could be used for added security at the WBH entrance.

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.
- B. Board member Wood made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Lambert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Board member Wood seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk