



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
December 2, 2009

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Bingham, Luhrmann, Lambert, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education.

ABSENT: Board Member Gavrity, and Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor.

ALSO PRESENT: Brianna Springstead, student, Holly May, teacher, Garifalia Hawkins, teacher, Christopher Whipple, teacher, Melissa Allen, teacher, and members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Curriculum and Instruction Non-Action Items Brianna Springstead, student and Holly May, English Teacher gave an Arts and Education presentation..</p> <p>Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School principal with three teachers gave an E-board demonstration.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Superintendent McGraw shared that the joint Questar meeting that was held on November 21 was a positive experience. She asked the board whether they would be interested in meeting with the Berlin Board of Education. Interest was expressed is meeting with other boards also. She notified the Board that she received a faxed letter today from the NYS Historical Preservation Dept. regarding demolition of the Union Free School Building. There will be a discussion about it at the January meeting.</p> <p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator gave a presentation on the financial landscape.</p> <p>Daniel Packard, WBH Principal, notified the Board that a shelter in place drill was conducted; there is a winter concert and art show on Thursday. A PTA craft fair will be held this Saturday. Report cards will be going out next week. Fountas and Pinnell testing has been conducted.</p> <p>Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal notified the Board that a college financial aid night and an Arts in Education installation was held on November 17. Tony LaSalvia, Science Teacher took students on a field trip to an environmental fair. Tim Christiansen, Physical Education/Health Teacher took his health students on a field trip to the capital to view the AIDS quilt. Red Ribbon Week in the Junior High supported by the Columbia</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Arts and Education Presentation</p> <p>E-Board Presentation</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>
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County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Guntert presented to all 7th and 8th grade classes on drug awareness. Deputy Benansky provided a K9 demonstration. Deputy Hyson assisted in coordinating with the Sheriff's Department. Jim Linehan Dance Troupe performed and then discussed healthy life choices with the students. Curriculum Coordinators met to establish a textbook purchase rotation schedule. Mrs. Wilkes came in to brainstorm how we can survey athletes to learn more about choices to (or not to) sign up for a team. Eighth grade students were surveyed on the transition process. Seventh grade survey will come soon. The faculty participated in follow up professional development in Understanding by Design. Professional Learning Communities will be continuing work on a senior portfolio, recording service hours for all students and, peer review of curriculum projects. The Jr./Sr. High School Winter Concert is scheduled for December 15.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education notified the Board that she is continually looking at outside placements to see who may be brought back to the District. She publicly thanked Melissa McHugh, her secretary, for the work she has done to organize the office. She recently met with Capital District Beginnings and they adopted our criteria and forms. She will be teaching a lesson in conjunction with Ms. Allen.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the November 18, 2009 minutes as amended. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Financial

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-F as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept a donation of 13 books from the PTA to support the elementary library program.
- b. To approve the October, 2009 Treasurers report.
- c. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated October 30, 2009 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- d. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated September 1-30, 2009 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- e. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated October 1-31, 2009 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- f. 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, authorize Superintendent McGraw to dispose of the items:

Quantity	Item
1	Metal card catalog cabinet, 2 drawers
1	Wooden card catalog cabinet, 9 drawers
1	Panasonic, OmniMovie VHS HQ Camcorder (battery
1	Radiant projector screen – blue metal
1	Salad bar/buffet table
15	Gym light fixtures
33	2-Bulb light fixtures
1	Hot water heater
1	Delta band saw (non-working)
12	Wooden doors
4	Windows

Minutes

Accepted Book Donation

**October, 2009
Treasurers report**

**WBH Extra-Curricular
Accounts, 10/30/09**

**Jr./Sr. High School
Extra-Curricular
Accounts, 9/30/09**

**Jr./Sr. High School
Extra-Curricular
Accounts, 10/31/09**

**Surplus and Obsolete
Items**

4	Windows
3	Basketball rims
22	Atomic Clocks
12	Computer keyboard trays
6	Rubbermaid computer tables
2	Metal office desks
1	Round wooden table
1	Book case
8	Chair/desk units
1	Wooden table
5	Cabinets
38	Library books (detailed list mailed with agenda)

Personnel**Action Items**

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kendall Clark, to the position of substitute bus driver at a rate of \$14.87 per hour as per CSEA contract, effective November 17, 2009.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw to appoint the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year:

Volunteer	Sport	Stipend
Abby Laier	Swim Team	None
David Kroboth	Boys Varsity Volleyball	None

**Kendall Clark,
Substitute Bus Driver**

**Abby Laier and David
Kroboth, Volunteers**

Superintendent**Non-Action Items**

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about possibly renting out available space at the WBH building to the Town of New Lebanon. The Board is interested in pursuing this.

Board Open Discussion

The Board will meet in Executive Session on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference room to review the Superintendent's evaluation. The Board requested a comparison of a propane-fueled bus vs. a regular gas bus. They also requested a comparison of electricity costs for the soccer lighting since it is now powered by the generator. Board Member Smith stated that the area around the garage looks good. Board Member Bingham questioned how many students take remedial classes once they get to college.

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

A member of the public stated that the Town of New Lebanon has planned on building an addition to the existing Town Hall. He suggested that the District should offer space in the elementary school to the town for free because schools get a disproportioned amount of tax dollars and we should use good politics with the townsfolk.

Public Comment

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:41 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment