



Wednesday, February 10, 2016
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 at the JSHS in the Library. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:03 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert	__P__
Mike Bienes	__P__
Mike Brutsch	__P__
Martha Esposito	__A__
Sharon Putnam	__P__
Tim Smith	__A__
Christine Sotek	__P__

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb	__P__
Matt Klafehn	__P__
Andrew Kourt	__p__
Mike Los	__P__
Rick Arket	__P__
Jamie Styer	__A__

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Flaherty requested the Boards support on the Veteran’s tax exemption. Dennis Lemner spoke on health difficulties resulting from exposure to Agent Orange.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. School Resource Deputy Update

Deputy Hyson presented information on internet safety program at WBH. He would like to host a presentation to update the board on recent drug trends. He spoke about all the classes he has worked with.

B. Student Representative Report

Jamie Styer was absent.

C. WBH Update

Andrew Kourt updated the Board on events including the Snowball dance, Honor roll assembly, Park Playhouse presentation, grades 5 and 6 Personal Best, Pre-k registration, grade 5 attending a trip to the College of Nano Technology.

D. JSHS Update

Matt Klafehn informed the Board of the 2015-16 class Valedictorian (Kalee Hennig) and Salutatorian (Jessica Caruso). Physic students went to General Dynamics. All-county will be March 2 and 4 and he will be hosting an Honor roll reception.

E. Athletic Report

Rick Arket informed the Board Waterford is leaving the CHVL. Bishop-Maginn will be replacing them in the league. Girls sectional Basketball will be next Tuesday and Boys on Wednesday.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update

Pat Metzler presented on the school meal requirements and limitations. Ms. Whitcomb presented on facilities and finances. Mr. Los explained the Worker's compensation motion later in the agenda, the Comptroller's report regarding "fiscal stress-no designation", will develop a reserve plan.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Building Level Shared Decision Making Reports

Andrew Kourt and Matt Klafehn presented information on each building's focus.

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

B. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements

To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of program and placement for the following special education students: 0921000464, 0921000302, 000002034, 000002039, 0911400000, 092100395, 0921000394.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the January 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting minutes

To approve the January 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting minutes.

6. FINANCIAL

A. 2016-17 Budget Discussion

Second presentation of 2016-17 proposed budget.

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6B-C. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the December 2015 Treasurer's Report

To approve the December 2015 Treasurer's Report

C. Motion to authorize and execute the Worker's Compensation Agreement

RESOLVED, that Michael Los, as the Board of Education's designated representative to the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium, is authorized and directed to execute the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers' Compensation Consortium Agreement to Provide Workers' Compensation Insurance Benefits, as proposed to be amended by the Board of Directors of the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Workers Compensation Consortium at its January 2016 meeting, on behalf of the New Lebanon Central School District.

7. PERSONNEL

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve items 7A-F. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Michael Los in the School Business Administrator tenure area, effective February 25, 2016.

B. Motion to appoint a tutor

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Rebecca Stewart to the position of tutor at a rate of \$30 per hour effective February 8, 2016.

C. Motion to approve Terms and Conditions for Michael Los

To approve Terms and Conditions for Michael Los

D. Motion to approve Terms and Conditions for Matthew Klafehn

To approve Terms and Conditions for Matthew Klafehn

E. Motion to approve Terms and Conditions for Andrew Kourt

To approve Terms and Conditions for Andrew Kourt

F. Motion to approve Terms and Conditions for Richard Arket

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8. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Collaboration with the Town of New Lebanon

On behalf of the District, Superintendent Whitcomb would like to thank the Town of New Lebanon for authorizing the New Lebanon Highway Department to sand the driveways at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School, the Bus Garage and the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School. Update on facilities, food service, renovations, grade 8 career fair.

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee update

Update on facilities, food service, food survey. Vice President Bienes asked for Veteran's tax information in order to be able to make a decision.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Flaherty thanked Andrew Kourt for the SDM patriotic program. New Lebanon has one of the best Memorial Day programs he's attended. Tammy Flaherty, member of housing advisory board, there is a third and fourth grade poster competition, has had no interest and she is disappointed.

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board member Putnam made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Lambert made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk