



Wednesday, January 20, 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 7:02 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	__A__
Mike Los	__P__
Rick Arket	__P__
Jamie Styer	__A__

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student Representative Update

Jamie Styer was absent.

B. Transportation Quarterly Update

Patty Gallup congratulated Future Cities. The third and final bus drill will be in March/April.

Driver training will be in March.

C. WBH Update

Andrew Kourt was absent. Matt Klafehn presented Andrew's notes. The Winter Carnival was well attended. There will be a family dance next month. Faculty is evaluating and revising classroom assessments. He reported on his professional development and the faculty's safety drill and tabletop exercises.

D. JSHS Update

Matt Klafehn congratulated Valene Synakowski for being one of WNYT's top 13 teachers. There were 200 nominees for this accolade. Social Studies and Science curriculum coordinators attended Questar III workshops to roll out new frameworks and standards. Regents week is

January 26-29. February 2 is Jr High Academic Awards and February 5 is All County Jazz in Germantown.

E. Athletic Report

Rick Arket presented. There are three weeks left in the winter season. Boys Varsity Basketball broke their losing record. Alex Miller, Sammy Haaf, Richie O'Dell and Cailey Tynan have all been recognized by the Chatham Courier as student athletes of the week.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update

Michael Los gave an update on the Affordable Care Act, penalties for "Cadillac Tax" filing elements and small district specific elements and the boilers at WBH.

G. District Technology Update

Ethan Race updated the Board on projects he is working on to improve speed and connectivity. He has attended Google trainings and is working with the WBH librarian to run a Minecraft club.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Future Cities Presentation given by Mary Beth Liles and members of Future Cities.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 4B-D. Board member Putnam seconded. Board Vice President Bienes abstained. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained.

B. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100059, 092100462.

C. Motion to approve the Future Cities trip to Washington D.C. and chaperones, as per attached.

D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, David Hawkins as advisor to the Minecraft Club with no stipend (first year). The Minecraft Club will include students in grades K-6. Students will meet once a week.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. Motion to approve the December 16, 2015 BOE meeting minutes

6. FINANCIAL

A. 2016-17 Budget Discussion

First presentation of 2016-17 proposed budget by Michael Los and Superintendent Whitcomb.

B. Internal Claims Audit Report

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve items 6C-F. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the internal audit report as submitted by Eileen Evans.

D. Motion to approve the November 2015 Treasurer's Report.

E. Motion to approve the December 2015 Extra-Curricular Report

F. Motion to accept grants from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,459.80 to fund Visualizing Through Storytelling and Celebrating Our Work and in the amount of \$1,125 to fund the Emir Sensini Concert.

7. PERSONNEL

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve items 7A-D. Board member Brutsch seconded. Board Vice President Bienes abstained. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint the following substitutes:

Mia Karlowich	Certified substitute teacher/\$100 per day	effective January 21, 2016
Brenda Vermilya	substitute LPN/\$18.05 per hour, Uncertified substitute teacher/\$85 per day and substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour	effective January 21, 2016
Michael Bienes, Jr.	Uncertified substitute teacher/\$85 per day and substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour	effective January 21, 2016
Sara Hathaway	Uncertified substitute teacher/\$85 per day and substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour	effective January 21, 2016

B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Mia Karlowich to the position of Art teacher, Step 1, .4, with a prorated salary of \$10,870.56 for the 2015-16 school year, effective January 4, 2016.

C. Motion to accept a resignation from Paul Walter for the purpose of retirement effective June 24, 2016.

D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Vicki Ouimet as a mentor to Mia Karlowich, as per NLTA contract, effective January 6, 2015 with a prorated stipend of \$690.

8. POLICY

A. Review policies (first reading)

NL policies 5540,6140,6150,6210,6212,6212.1,6213,6213.1 to delete

NYSSBA policy 1050 to replace NL policies 1610,1611,1650

NL policy 5740 to delete

NL policy 5730 to be updated and replaced by NYSSBA 8410

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve item 8B. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. To approve policies (second reading)

Policy 0100 to replace policies 6120, 6121, 7550, 8130

Policy 0110 to replace 6122 and 7551

9. SUPERINTENDENT

A. District Report Card/Accountability report

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Capital Conference 2016

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:40pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board Vice President Bienes Seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk