



Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Policy Committee and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
Policy Committee- 6pm Regular meeting- JSJS Library at 7:00 pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert ___P___
Mike Bienes, Jr. ___P___
Mike Brutsch ___P___
Raymona Griffin ___P___ (7:05pm)
Sharon Putnam ___P___
Richard Sime ___P___
Janet Stone ___A___

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb ___P___
Matt Klafehn ___P___
Andrew Kourt ___P___
Josh Noble ___P___
Kevin Fottrell ___P___
Jennifer Morris ___P___

1. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Flaherty read a letter from Town Supervisor Colleen Teal supporting the veterans tax exemption. Dennis Burek requested a hearing in February. John Meekins stated he supported Dennis Burek's statements.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Special Education update- Jennifer Morris presented information on the annual review process and referenced the mid-year report.

B. Student Representative update- Dakota Kubli updated the board on regents exams, the wrestling tournament and sports update.

C. WBH update- Andrew Kourt spoke on the PTA's events, publicly thanked Val Ozga for all of her work with the PTA and mentioned her nomination for Friends of Education award. He also spoke on professional development, student goals and bus buddies.

D. JSJS update- Matt Klafehn presented on regents, junior high academic awards, character education program, the annual STOP conference and the computer application students corresponding with students in other countries. Scott Thompson will be acknowledged by CASDA with the Friends of Education award.

E. Athletic Report- Josh Noble updated the board on the winter season, sectionals, March 1 banquet, hosting of CHVL boys senior game March 5 and he thanked the maintenance department for their help and hard work.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update- Kevin Fottrell presented on the comptrollers test results, swing set installed at WBH, heating pipe hangers replaced at WBH and potential logging behind WBH.

G. Superintendent update- Superintendent Whitcomb did not speak.

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 5A-B. Board Vice President Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students as per attached.

B. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the Business and Entrepreneur club for the 2017-18 school year with Christopher Pallozzi as advisor with no stipend (first year).

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to approve item 6A. Board member Bienes seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the December 13, 2017 Board of Education Meeting minutes.

7. FINANCIAL

A. Internal Claims Audit Report- Eileen Evans present.

B. First presentation of 2017-18 proposed budget by Kevin Fottrell and Superintendent Whitcomb.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 7C-H. Board Vice President Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

D. Motion to approve the November 2017 Treasurer's Report

E. Motion to approve the November 2017 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report as submitted by Sarah Roblez, JSHS Extra-curricular Accounts Treasurer.

F. Motion to approve the December 2017 Extra-Curricular Report

G. Motion to declare items excess: 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 as per below:

GoMath Planning Guide, Glencoe Teacher edition Unit 1 & Unit 2, Glencoe Assessment Masters
 - 2 copies
 Kiln
 5x7 brown rug
 3 drawer wooden cabinet
 Textbooks

H. Motion to accept a donation of 32 pedometers from Mary Daggett/Columbia Memorial Hospital for use by the physical education department at Walter B. Howard.

8. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to approve items 8A-I. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to accept a resignation from Brenda Vermilya effective December 14, 2017.

B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Samantha Gundrum as a Teacher Aide (per student IEP) effective December 18, 2017 at a rate of \$12.92 per hour.

C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes:

Brian Keller	Substitute TA/\$13 per hour, substitute teacher \$85 per day
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D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following volunteer coaches:

Chris Bonacquisti	Boys varsity baseball	no stipend
Michele Corsey	Girls varsity softball	no stipend

E. Motion to amend an appointment- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Steve Hilton as a certified pool operator for the 2017-18 school year with a stipend of \$750 (previously Richard Menegio).

F. Motion to amend an appointment -To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Emily Farley as Future Cities advisor for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year with a stipend of \$750

G. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Beth Chittenden as a long term substitute, effective January 5, 2018 at a rate of \$233.23 per day.

H. Motion to amend an appointment- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Chris Bonacquisti as temporary science curriculum coordinator to cover a maternity leave, stipend as per contract.

I. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Shannon Adams as a bus monitor effective February 1, 2018 at a rate of \$13.46 per hour.

9. POLICY

A. Review policies (first reading)

New NYSSBA policy 4513 to be adopted.pdf (89 KB)
NL 1336 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5252.pdf (91 KB)
NL 7242 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5500.pdf (585 KB)
NL 7552 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5030.pdf (230 KB)
NL 8260 to be replaced by NYSSBA 1900.pdf (773 KB)

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve item 9B. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve policies (second reading)

NL 1334 to be replaced by NYSSBA 6660.pdf (1,637 KB)
NL 1335 to be replaced by NYSSBA 6650.pdf (2,464 KB)
NL 1337 to be replaced by NYSSBA 2270.pdf (1,214 KB)
NL 5690 to be deleted.pdf (571 KB)
NL 5692 to be replaced by NYSSBA 0150.pdf (2,493 KB)
NL Policy 1410 to be replaced by NYSSBA 2410.pdf (1,952 KB)
Update policy 2160.pdf (4,774 KB)
Update policy 2330.pdf (2,146 KB)
Update policy 6240.pdf (2,015 KB)
Update policy 9700.pdf (3,647 KB)

10. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Progress report on goals- Information provided by Superintendent Whitcomb, as well as the CSEA agreement update, advocacy meetings and information.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

The status of the oil in the ground by old bus garage was asked by a member of the public. Gary Flaherty spoke on the new Love's truck stop giving the school \$80,000 and that the veterans exemption can be brought up yearly. A member of the public asked if we really receive \$80,000. Superintendent Whitcomb suggested he call in to the district office to discuss and get specific information. John Meekins asked if in the proposed budget if an estimate could be factored in for the veterans exemption.

12. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting February 14, 2018

Board Vice President Putnam stated she thought it would be beneficial to have the community polled as to the veterans tax exemption. Board President Lambert stated our goal is to keep the tax levy flat. Board member Brutsch stated there is a gross misunderstanding with the exemption; that the district's budget is for instruction, not for setting taxes, it is not the board's job to decide tax related issues.

13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee at 8:00pm. Board member Brutsch seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk