



Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Public Hearing on Veterans Tax Exemption
and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
JSHS Library at 7:00pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __P__
Mike Bienes __A__
Mike Brutsch __P__
Raymona Griffin __P__
Sharon Putnam __A__
Christine Sotek __A__
Janet Stone __P__

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb __P__
Matt Klafehn __A__
Andrew Kourt __P__
Mike Los __P__
Josh Noble __P__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

A. Veterans School Tax Exemption Information provided by Michael Los.

Board President Lambert made the motion to close the Public Hearing on Veterans Tax Exemptions. Board member Stone seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the community spoke regarding the Veteran's Tax exemption.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

(G.-moved to A.) A. Superintendent Whitcomb will introduce Dr. Cruz

Dr. Cruz and Questar III representatives will be present to discuss Services from Health & Safety currently received and an overview of services offered.

B. Student Representative update given by Dakota Kubli.

C. WBH update given by Andrew Kourt.

D. JSHS update presented by Josh Noble on behalf of Matt Klafehn.

E. Athletic Report presented by Josh Noble.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update given by Michael Los.

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Fostering a positive school environment information provided by Andrew Kourt and Josh Noble on behalf of Matt Klafehn.

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve items 5B-C. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100525, 092100350, 092100553, 092100391, 092100184, 000002291, 000002485 and 092100029.

C. Motion to approve the Future Cities trip to Washington, D.C. from February 18-22, 2017 and chaperones as per attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT ADDED HERE

A member of the community asked the Board about transportation for their tuition child.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Stone made the motion to approve item 6A. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the December 14, 2016 BOE meeting minutes

7. FINANCIAL

A. 2017-18 Budget Discussion- First presentation of 2017-18 proposed budget by Michael Los and Superintendent Whitcomb.

B. Internal Claims Audit Report- Eileen Evans was present.

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve item 7C-H. Board member Stone seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the Internal Claims Audit Report as submitted by Eileen Evans

D. Motion to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report

E. Motion to approve the December 2016 Extra-Curricular Report

F. Motion to accept grants from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,710.00 to be used as per attached

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: 2 overhead projectors (obsolete)

H. Motion to authorize Superintendent Whitcomb to enter into a contract with Ambient Environmental, Inc. to perform Hazardous materials survey, testing and reporting for a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

8. PERSONNEL

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 8A-H. Board member Stone seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Marisa Pignataro (currently employed) to a long term substitute position to cover a maternity leave in the K-6 certification area effective approximately April 7, 2017 at a rate of \$228.98 per day, without benefits.

B. Motion to accept a resignation from Christopher Buchanan, appointed as a long term substitute at the December 14, 2016 meeting.

---- Original Message ----

Subject: Resignation

Sent: Dec 30, 2016 10:45 AM

From: "Buchanan, Christopher E" <cebuchanan@albany.edu>

To: "Klafehn, Matthew" <MKlafehn@newlebanoncsd.org>

Matt,

I regret to inform that I have since accepted another job that is a full-tenure track position and will not be able to take over for your math maternity leave beginning in February. This is more beneficial for my career in teaching. I wanted to give you an appropriate notice so that you may make alternative arrangements. Thank you for the opportunity.

Chris

C. Motion to accept a resignation from Mia (Karlowich) McNaughton effective January 19, 2017.

D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Rachel Woods to the position of Art teacher, Step 2, .4, with a prorated salary of \$10,227.14 for the 2016-17 school year, effective January 17, 2017.

E. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Rachel Woods as a substitute teacher/substitute teaching assistant effective January 12, 2017 at a rate of \$100 per day/\$13 per hour.

F. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Tricia White as a tutor effective January 9, 2017 at a rate of \$30 per hour and Cathleen Peter effective September 20, 2016 at a rate of \$30 per hour.

G. Motion to appoint the following coaches:

Varsity Softball	Chris Bonacquisti and Melissa Cook (co-coaches)	Per contract (shared)
Varsity Track	Aaron Kanofsky	Per contract

H. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Dotan Schips in the 7-12 English tenure area, effective February 10, 2017.

9. POLICY

Board member Stone made the motion to approve item 9A. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve NL policies 7232 and 5140 (updates) and NL policies 8350, 8420, 8430, 8440, 6170 (deletes).

10. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Progress report on goals- Information provided by Superintendent Whitcomb.

11. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

12. 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 9:40pm. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 nays.

B. Board member Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Stone seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 nays.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk