



Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
Jr/Sr High School Library 7:00pm

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held at the Jr/Sr High School in the library. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tim Lambert, Board President; Michael Bienes, Board Vice President; Monique Wood, Board Member (7:02pm); Tracy Bingham, Board Member; Sharon Putnam, Board Member

Absent: Christine Sotek, Board Member; Martha Esposito, Board Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Healy shared that the elementary swim program is a success using level six swimming students with lower level swimming students to help them improve.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student Representative update: Usman Sadiq was not present.

B. The Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update was presented by Michael Los. Bids were opened for the bus garage renovation. The overall bids came in under projections. Since the Capital Reserve fund was established for the bus garage project, this should leave additional funds that could be used to address other facility needs.

C. The Walter B. Howard update was given by Leslie Whitcomb. Teachers will spend the afternoon on Friday, January 24th assessing student progress now that they have reached the mid-year point. A writing curriculum for grades 5 & 6 is being developed. The safety committee met to review recommendations from the Questar audit. WBH is experiencing high absences due to colds and strep throat. Permission slips will go home on Friday, January 24th for movie night. Students will select their movies during classes next week. In addition to the familiar groups such as the environmental club and Drama, Miss Boyce, new music teacher, has formed a show choir. These students meet regularly to prepare performance pieces for both the spring concert and for the talent show in the spring. The WBH library is being prepared for renovation. Some shelves and cabinets have

been removed for new fixtures. Applications are currently being reviewed for the new elementary principal. The faculty interview team is in place.

D. Jr/Sr High School update presented by Matthew Klafehn. Dolores Storey's graphing calculators class orchestrated a bungee jump for a Barbie doll. Students had to formulate a conjecture, stating the maximum number of rubber bands that they believed would allow Barbie to safely jump from a height of 400 cm. Josie Bartholomew, a New Lebanon senior attending Tech Valley High School, started clinical rounds in Troy's Van Rensselaer Manor as she advances towards a CNA (Certified Nurses' Assistant) certification with Questar III. Arianna Burns, a New Lebanon freshman attending Tech Valley High School, went to Haiti the week of January 7th along with a select group of students where they taught farmers how to build solar powered dehydrators and take an inventory of mango trees in the area of Comier, Haiti. Kara Siciliano was selected as News channel 13 Teacher of the Week. Elaine Houston and film crews will be on campus on February 26th to see Kara in action. Corie Noel, math teacher, was selected as a panelist to serve on a New York State Education Department Algebra I Common Core Performance level Descriptor Committee. Jennifer Allard, Social Studies teacher, has been selected to attend a conference at American Federation of Teachers headquarters in Washington DC for the purposes of assisting in the development of Social Studies resources aligned to the Common Core learning standards.

E. Athletic Report given by Rick Arket. The winter season has hit the home stretch, with 3 weeks of regular season remaining. Sectionals will begin for the girls basketball team the week of Feb 17th. Boys volleyball sectionals will take place during the week of February 24th.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

- A. Future cities presentation given by Advisor Mary Beth Liles and students Alexis McLaughlin and Dakota Kubli.
- B. WBH Art presentation given by teacher Michelle Schrader.
- C. Plans for the Class of 2014 trip given by teacher Clint Garrigan.
- D. Review of new policies 5670, 6551, 7240.

Action

Board member Bingham made the motion to approve item 4E. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

E. Motion to approve the senior trip.

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 4F. Board member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

F. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of program and placement for the following special education students: 092100334, 000002449, 092100123, and 092100317.

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

G. Motion to approve policies 3281, 5570, 5580 and 7132.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

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

A. Motion to approve the December 11, 2013 minutes.

6. FINANCIAL

Non-Action

A. Review of the second internal claims audit report sent by Susan Bues.

B. 2014-15 Budget Discussion with Business Administrator Los and Superintendent McGraw.

Action

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

C. Motion for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District ("Board") has proposed to undertake a project consisting of replacing portions of the roof at the Jr/Sr High School ("the Project"); and WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations there under with respect to the proposed action; and WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations: 1. The proposed action involves replacing portions of the roof at the Jr/Sr High School ("The Project"); 2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8). 3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR. § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4. 4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under.

D. Motion to approve the internal audit report as submitted by Susan Bues.

E. Motion to approve November 2013 treasurer's report.

F. Motion to approve the December 2013 treasurer's report

G. Motion to approve the grades 6-12 extra-curricular accounts report dated December 1 -

December 31, 2013 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, extra-curricular treasurer.

H. Motion to accept, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following donations:

| Donation | Value | Information |
|-----------------|--------------|---|
| Trumpet | \$250 | Donated by Coleen King |
| \$25 gift card | \$25 | Donated by Price Chopper for our honor roll incentive program |

I. Motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$56,000 from line A9060.800 to line A26230400 for the purpose of upgrading the phone system.

J. Motion to award Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. the general contract work for renovations at the bus garage. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for general contract work for renovations at the bus garage on January 16, 2014; and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor. THEREFORE: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general contract work for renovations at the bus garage is awarded to Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. with a base bid of \$496,457 and a GC-2 add alternate bid of \$10,500 resulting in a net contract award of \$506,957.

K. Motion to award Mazone Plumbing and Heating the mechanical work bid for renovations at the bus garage. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for mechanical work for renovations at the bus garage on January 16, 2014; and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Mazone Plumbing and Heating. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor. THEREFORE: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mechanical work for renovations at the bus garage is awarded to Mazone Plumbing and Heating, with a base bid of \$95,855 resulting in a net contract award of \$95,855.

L. Motion to award Mazone Plumbing & Heating the plumbing bid for renovations at the bus garage. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the plumbing renovations at the bus garage on January 16, 2014; and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Mazone Plumbing & Heating. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor. THEREFORE: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plumbing bid for renovations at the bus garage is awarded to Mazone Plumbing & Heating, with a base bid of \$49,164 resulting in a net contract award of \$49,164.

M. Motion to award Stilsing Electric the electrical bid for renovations at the bus garage.

WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for electrical work for renovations at the bus garage on January 16, 2014; and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Stilsing Electric. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor. THEREFORE: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the electric work for renovations at the bus garage is awarded to Stilsing Electric with a base bid of \$33,660, an EC-2 add alternate bid of \$3,977, and an EC-3 add alternate bid of \$22,318 resulting in a net contract award of \$59,955.

7. PERSONNEL

Action

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve item 7A-C. Board Member Wood seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year:

| Coach | Sport | Stipend |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Joe Esposito | Varsity baseball coach | \$2500 |
| Lenny Brown | Modified baseball coach | \$2000 |
| Clint Garrigan | Varsity softball coach | \$2500 |
| Meghan Pepe | Modified softball coach | \$2000 |
| Jim VanEss | Track coach | \$2500 |
| Kelsey Norberg | Track coach | \$2500 |

B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Matthew Sanford as an uncertified substitute teacher effective January 23, 2014 at a rate of \$85 per day (currently employed as a substitute bus driver).

C. Motion to amend terms and conditions for Michael Los, Matthew Klafehn, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Richard Arket and Celeen Lawrence as follows:

| Name | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Michael Los | \$93,150.00 | \$96,410.25 |
| Matthew Klafehn | \$94,702.50 | \$98,017.09 |
| Tamara Thorpe-Odom | \$93,823.53 | \$97,107.35 |
| Richard Arket | \$72,450.00 | \$74,985.75 |
| Celeen Lawrence | \$46,365.00 | As per contract |

8. SUPERINTENDENT

Non-Action

A. Superintendent McGraw noted that there is a Communication Committee meeting scheduled for January 27th, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Superintendent's Conference Room

B. Superintendent McGraw spoke regarding the upcoming meeting entitled Common Ground on Common Core on January 30th, 2014 at Colonie Central High School from 6:30pm-8:30pm

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Board member Bingham asked for a presentation from CTE/Tech Valley students to be added to next month's agenda.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action

A. Board member Wood made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:35pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee and collective bargaining. Board member Putnam seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Board member Wood made the motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action

A. Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk