



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
June 15, 2011

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Lambert (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Kroboth, Bingham, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator.

ABSENT: Board Member Gavrity

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Executive Session Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p>Return to Open Session The Board returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.</p> <p>Public Comment Liz Kroboth commented that she attended the spring concert and it was probably the best one she has ever attended. She commended the music department, science teachers and the principal.</p> <p>Sue Wilkes thanked the district for offering AP University and High School courses and expressed that she is glad that each year more are offered. She expressed that hiring a technology teacher is a great idea and would like those types of programs to continue.</p> <p>Debbie Gordon from the Lebanon Valley Historical Society invited all the Board of Education members to a picnic on school grounds to share a meal and discuss concerns regarding the Union Free School.</p> <p>Lydia Davis spoke of her support of the Union Free School. She stated that it is a fine, special building and hopes that restoration will be considered.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that she is in the process of planning summer projects and the Business Office is busy opening and closing the fiscal years.</p> <p>Mr. Barry McNamara, a representative from Benetech, reviewed a Dependent Eligibility Audit report with the Board.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>Return to Open Session</p> <p>Public Comment</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>
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Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, updated the Board on activities that have been happening during the month of June:

WBH and Bus Garage Collaborative Efforts – Drivers gave Tiger Tickets to students who were consistently safe and/or those who showed improvement over the school year. On June 1st, bus drivers celebrated with at least 5 of the students on their buses by having a “Make Your Own Sundae Social”.

Spring Music Concert and Art Show – Last Thursday evening students in band and chorus performed for a full house. There was standing room only and the performance was enjoyed by all.

Deputy Brahm –Sexting and Appropriate use of technology – Deputy Brahm presented for our 5th and 6th grade students on appropriate use of technology. Students were attentive and he kept them engaged with his power point presentation.

DARE Graduation - Our fifth graders participated in DARE graduation today. Students received awards and enjoyed refreshments provided by the PTA.

Field Day and Picnic for All – Mr. Healy and Mr. Hosley have planned a Field Day for this Monday, June 20th.

6th Grade Graduation – Our Sixth Grade Teachers, Ms. O’Connell and Ms. Decker have planned sixth grade graduation for Friday, June 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Program – Our Shared Decision Making Team has planned a Summer Reading Program to encourage reading all summer. If 80% of our students return their reading calendars, Mrs. Marzeski has agreed to do something wacky such as dye her hair orange, ride a unicycle, climb the rock wall, sing karaoke or paint her face like a tiger.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal notified the Board that Meredith Lukas was named Valedictorian of the New Lebanon Junior- Senior High School Class of 2011.

Meredith is the daughter of Carol and Randolph Lukas of New Lebanon. She is a Varsity athlete who also pursued gymnastics outside of school. Meredith is the chapter president of National Honor Society, Secretary of Student Government, Vice President of Senior Choir, Secretary of the Senior/Jazz Bands, Editor in Chief of the Yearbook Club, Treasurer of Young Artists for Humanity Club and a member of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Club. Meredith is also involved in the community through the Girl Scouts and through service projects at her Church; which included Youth Missions to both Ireland and Peru. She has received awards for her accomplishments in academics, good character and community service. Meredith will be attending Fordham University in the Bronx, NY in the fall. Anna Hogle was named the Salutatorian of the New Lebanon Junior- Senior High School Class of 2011. Anna is the daughter of Denise Mosher and David Hogle of East Chatham. She is a varsity athlete and the Secretary of the Student Government, as well as an active member of the National Honor Society, Art Club, Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, and has participated in Language Club. Anna has also been awarded the Sage Arts Award, the St. Michael’s College Book Award, as well as being named a Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA) Scholar. Anna will be attending Mount Ida College in Newton, MA in the fall.

Ms. Whitcomb spoke about a Teacher Helper’s program in which students from the Jr./Sr. High school participated in. Regents Exams are underway. There are changes to test administration, scoring and recording of grades through scanning of answer sheets at Questar. The spring concerts & Art show were held recently. The science department kazoo band performed with the senior band. There were many comments from the public on the quality of the music and of the program as a whole. Most of the tenured faculty participated in Professional Growth Plans (PGP’s) this year. The work varied according to disciplines but all teachers who participated developed important instructional skills or

knowledge.

Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, notified the Board that our athletic awards banquet was held last Thursday and was well attended to celebrate the successes of our young athletes. The class of 2012 and the class of 2016 (under the advisement of Eileen Evans and Michelle Bienes) put on an outstanding Barbeque, which was perfect for the season. The new banners made by Donna McHugh celebrating our Boys Volleyball and Boys Basketball league championships were hung just prior to the event. Donna was acknowledged with a certificate from the school and the Boosters presented her with a bouquet of flowers for her continued support of our athletic program. Highlights from our spring season include: our Boys Varsity Baseball Team reached the Sectional Tournament for the first time since 2008. They lost in the first round of competition to Harford. Our Girls Varsity Softball Team played their first ever home sectional game on their new field and secured a first round victory against Sharon Springs. They were defeated in the second round of Sectional play against a very powerful Ft. Ann team. In track and field, Ben Burgess, Gary Bingham, and Alannah Carpinello all broke school records in their events. Alannah Carpinello threw her way to the State Championships, where she ended up placing seventh overall in the discus throw. Ben Burgess and Alannah Carpinello were honored as New Lebanon's CHVL outstanding Senior Athletes. Finally, our Track and Field Team was honored as a "Scholar Athlete Team" by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. To qualify, you calculate the academic average of the top twelve students on the team. If the average is 90 or above, the team has achieved the designation of a "Scholar Athlete Team." The team average was 90.089. The students whose academic averages were used to reach this achievement are as follows: Michael Bienes, Ben Burgess, Evan Burgess, Kendra Houston, Katarina Lichak, Alex Miller, Jill Risko, Lauren Sears, Aaron Stall, Daniel Benson, Eva Weeks, and Demery Weeks. Each received a "Scholar Athlete" pin to add to their Varsity Letter for their accomplishment. On a sad note, Maura Stouter, our former Boys Varsity Volleyball coach, to whom the boys CHVL championship season was dedicated, lost her battle to cancer this past weekend. She was honored by the team at the Winter Sports Banquet and was present not only to receive a signed volleyball from her boys, but to take the podium to say a few words about how proud she was of each of them and their accomplishments. Pictures from the event, the volleyball, and video of her acceptance of her award were proudly displayed at Maura's calling hours yesterday evening. Several of her players were present, as they have been throughout her illness, as Maura has undoubtedly had a very positive impact on their lives. She will be greatly missed.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the board that Annual Reviews are complete. They are now planning for Fall. The new data management system will be installed in July. Training will be planned for Administrative personnel as well as Faculty and Staff. Summer placements and transportation are also completed. Ongoing planning and collaboration with both elementary and Jr./Sr. High School for student schedules, class lists, and coordination of services have begun. The CSE Department will be offering ongoing training throughout the summer and fall for new parent members.

Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that we are in the process of hiring for the vacant teaching positions that we have. She also noted that the sixth grade will be completing an exit survey to get the student perspective on their elementary school experience.

Dottie Rogers, Technology Committee Chairperson, gave an update on the Technology Committee's work.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Review and approval of the May 18, 2011 minutes.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Kate Berens, Jr./Sr. High School Library Media Specialist reviewed the 2010-2011 library reports with the Board.

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items a-d as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve a swim team merger with Berlin Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year.
- b. To approve the addition of the following new high school Family and Consumer Science course starting with the 2011-2012 school year:

Entrepreneurship

- c. To approve replacing AP Biology with a University (dual credit) course.
- d. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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Financial

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items a-p as a block. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of New Lebanon Central School District hereby authorizes the funding of the District's approved reserves with the excess of 4% from unappropriated fund balance at June 30, 2011, after the designated amount for tax reduction has been set. The allocation of such excess fund balance will be determined subsequent to June 30, 2011 and prior to setting the tax levy.
- b. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the sidewalk and curb removal and replacement project at the at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School and asphalt and drainage improvements at the Jr./Sr. High School on May 26, 2011 and
 WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Callanan Industries, Inc. WHEREAS, the engineer has recommended the award of the contracts to the above contractor with a base bid of \$99,990.36 resulting in a net contract award to Callanan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$99,990.36.
 THEREFORE:
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sidewalk and curb removal and replacement project at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School is awarded to Callanan Industries, Inc. with a bid of \$99,990.36 resulting in a contract award to Callanan Industries, Inc.

Minutes

Library Reports

Swim Team Merger with Berlin CSD

New H.S. Course

University Course

CSE/CPSE Programs and Placements

Funding Reserves

Callanan Industries, Inc., Awarded Bid

in the amount of \$99,990.36.

- c. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids on June 10, 2011 for the Asbestos Abatement project at New Lebanon Central School District and
WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Environmental Construction.
WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor with a base bid of \$18,200 with the additional award of alternate one, \$6,900 resulting in a net contract award to Environmental Construction in the amount of \$25,100.
THEREFORE:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Asbestos Abatement project at New Lebanon Central School District is awarded to Environmental Construction with a bid of \$18,200 resulting in a contract award to Environmental Construction in the amount of \$25,100.
- d. To accept the donation of 48 books from the staff at Walter B. Howard Elementary School to support the library program in the name of Carolyn VanDeusen-Tinger.
- e. To accept the donation of 5 books from Michelle Bienes to support the Walter B. Howard Elementary school library program.
- f. To accept the donation of 18 books from Michelle Bienes to support the Jr./Sr. High School Library program.
- g. To accept the donation of 35 books from the Walter B. Howard PTA and students to support the Walter B. Howard Elementary school library program.
- h. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated April 30, 2011 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- i. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated May 31, 2011 as submitted by Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Interim Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- j. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated March 1-31, 2011 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- k. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated April 1-30, 2011 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- l. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated May 1-31, 2011 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- m. To approve excessing approximately 27 Jr./Sr. high school library books.
- n. To approve excessing approximately 55 Spanish textbooks as they have been replaced by a newer edition of the same text.

Environmental Construction, Awarded Bid

Book Donation from WBH Staff

Book Donation from Michelle Bienes

Book Donation from WBH PTA

WBH Extra-Curricular accounts dated, April 30, 2011 & May 31, 2011

Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated, March 1-31, 2011, April 1-30, 2011 and May 1-31, 2011

Excessed Library Books

Excessed Spanish Textbooks

Budget Transfers

Rensselaer City School District Internal Auditor Services Agreement

Carolyn Strauch, Embedded Staff Developer for Technology

Title	Copyright Date
¡Ven Conmigo! Holt Spanish Level 1	1996
¡Ven Conmigo! Holt Spanish Level 1	2000
¡Ven Conmigo! Holt Spanish Level 1 Annotated Teacher's Edition	1996

- o. To approve budget transfers totaling \$157,500.00. (information mailed with agenda)
- p. To authorize the Superintendent to execute an agreement with the Rensselaer City School District for Internal Auditor Services from July 1, 2011 and extend through June 30, 2012.

Personnel
Action Items

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items a-s as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Carolyn Strauch to a temporary position of Embedded Staff Developer for Technology, beginning September

1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, Step 8 with a salary of \$49,231. Ms. Strauch has a Masters in Technology Education and Multimedia Program and a Certificate in Technology Specialist.

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Patricia Mittnacht-Metzler to the position of substitute bus dispatcher at a rate of \$14.28 per hour, effective May 19, 2011.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year:

Name	Certified or Uncertified	Position	Rate
Carol Lukas	Uncertified	Teaching Assistant	\$13.69 per hour
Shanta Thorpe	Uncertified	Teaching Assistant	\$13.69 per hour
	Uncertified	Teacher	\$80.00 per day
Christopher Howe	N/A	Clerk Typist	\$14.05 per hour
	N/A	Clerk Typist	\$14.05 per hour

- d. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby approves and authorizes payment for the following employees, during the 2011-2012 school year, as follows and further authorizes Superintendent McGraw to execute agreements formalizing these salaries and other terms and conditions of their employment:

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier	\$87,303.45
Mathew Klafehn	\$67,305.86
Tamara Thorpe-Odom	\$76,676.55
Leslie Whitcomb	\$102,529.89
Becky Marzeski	\$83,430.00

- e. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School district and Karen McGraw, Superintendent, are parties to an employment agreement dated January 3, 2007; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has met to consider an extension of the Superintendent's employment and other amendments to the employment agreement; and WHEREAS, the parties wish to modify the terms of such agreement: NOW WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- Paragraph 1 of the employment agreement is amended to extend the employment of Karen McGraw as Superintendent of Schools of the District from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- Paragraph 3 of the employment agreement is amended to provide an annual salary for the period July 1, 2011 to and through June 30, 2012 of \$137,617.04.
- All other terms of the employment shall remain the same.

The Board of Education President is authorized to amend the employment agreement to reflect these amended terms.

- f. To accept the resignation of Elizabeth Chittenden, 6th grade teacher, effective June 30, 2011.
- g. To accept the resignation of Kathleen Berens, Library Media Specialist, effective June 30, 2011.
- h. To accept the resignation of Nellie Barker, 5th grade teacher, effective, June 30, 2011.
- i. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Jason Breslin to the elementary tenure area (probationary), Step 5 with a salary of \$45,293 effective September 1, 2011. Mr. Breslin has a MS and an Initial Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and an Initial Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2).

Patricia Mittnacht-Metzler, Substitute Bus Driver

Carol Lukas, Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant

Shanta Thorpe, Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant, Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Clerk Typist

Christopher Howe, Substitute Clerk Typist

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, \$87,303.45

Matthew Klafehn, \$67,305.86

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, \$76,676.55

Leslie Whitcomb, \$102,529.89

Becky Marzeski, \$83,430.00

Karen McGraw, Extended Agreement, \$137,617.04

Elizabeth Chittenden, Resignation

Kathleen Berens, Resignation

Nellie Barker, Resignation

Jason Breslin, Probationary Elementary Position

- j. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint David Wouflin to the elementary tenure area (probationary), Step 9 with a salary of \$50,391 effective September 1, 2011. Mr. Wouflin has a MS and an Initial Certificate (Grades 1-6).
- k. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Carey Foley to the elementary tenure area (probationary), Step 1 with a salary of \$42,797 effective September 1, 2011. Ms. Foley has a MA and an Initial Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and an Initial Certificate in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6).
- l. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Christina Latter to the elementary tenure area (probationary), Step 5 with a salary of \$45,293 effective September 1, 2011. Ms. Latter has a MA and a Professional Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), a Professional Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and an Initial Certificate in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6).
- m. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Christie Hazelton to the elementary tenure area (probationary), Step 5 with a salary of \$43,448 effective September 1, 2011. Ms. Hazelton has a BS and an Initial Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).
- n. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Maureen Squier to the library media specialist tenure area (probationary), Step 1 with a salary of \$42,797 effective September 1, 2011. Ms. Squier has a MS and an Initial Certificate in Library Media Specialist.
- o. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Curriculum Coordinators for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Curriculum	Stipend
Tracy Kent	ELA K-6	\$950
Holly May	English 7-12	\$950
Alex Chandler	Math K-6	\$950
Corie Noel	Math 7-12	\$950
Becky Vaillancourt	Science K-6	\$950
Tony LaSalvia	Science 7-12	\$950
Martha Raftery	Social Studies K-6	\$950
Jennifer Allard	Social Studies 7-12	\$950
Tim Christiansen	Physical Education/Health	\$950
Scott Thompson	The Arts	\$950
Technology Committee Chair	David Hawkins	\$950

- p. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Class and Club Advisors for 2011-2012 school year:

Class/Club Advisors	Stipend
Grade 6 (Class of 2018) David Wouflin (co-advisor) Christina Latter (co-advisor)	\$575 (shared)
Grade 7 (Class of 2017) Kelly O'Brien	\$600
Grade 8 (Class of 2016) Michelle Bienes	\$600
Grade 9 (Class of 2015) Mary Beth Liles	\$675
Grade 10 (Class of 2014) Clint Garrigan	\$675
Grade 11 (Class of 2013) Corie Noel—co-advisor Lenny Brown—co-advisor	\$775
Grade 12 (Class of 2012) Eileen Evans	\$1025
Band Scott Thompson	\$2000
Technology Club Rick Jason	Per contract
High School Art Club Donna Brooks	Per contract
Spanish Club Bridget LeBarron	Per contract
Environmental Club Tony LaSalvia	Per contract
Science Olympiad Ben Long	Per contract
Future Cities Club Mary Beth Liles	Per contract
Math Olympics Mary Beth Liles	Per contract

**David Wouflin,
Probationary
Elementary Position**

**Carey Foley,
Probationary
Elementary Position**

**Christina Latter,
Probationary
Elementary Position**

**Christie Hazelton,
Probationary
Elementary Position**

**Maureen Squier,
Probationary Library
Media Specialist
Position**

**Curriculum
Coordinators Appointed**

**Class and Club Advisors
Appointed**

Gymnastics (Intramural)	TBD	Per contract
Cheerleading Club	Mary Beth Liles	Per contract
Chess Club	TBD	Per contract
Student Council	Dottie Rogers	Per contract
National Honor Society	Glenn Giumarra	Per contract
Yearbook	Leuella Sowalski	Per contract
Tween Scene Advisor	Holly May	Per contract
High School Drama Club Advisor	TBD	Per contract
Elementary Drama Club Advisors	Martha Raftery (co-advisor) Becky Vaillancourt (co-advisor)	Per contract
Elementary Back Stage Drama Club Advisor	Hillary Watts	No stipend

- q. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Michelle Bienes Eileen Evans	Co-Continuing Education Coordinators	\$1200 (shared)
Lenny Clapp	Water System Operator	\$2000
RJ Menegio	Certified Pool Operator	\$750

- r. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Clint Garrigan to the position of summer cleaner at a rate of \$10.56 per hour as per CSEA contract, effective July 8, 2010. (currently works for the district)

- s. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Class and Club Advisors for 2010-2011 school year:

Class/Club Advisors		Stipend
Grade 6 (Class of 2017)	Kate Decker (co-advisor) Caitlin O'Connell (co-advisor)	\$575

Superintendent Non-Action Items

Superintendent McGraw gave the Facilities Committee update which included an Excel project status report, Capital Reserve fund work and Capital funds for 2011-2012.

Superintendent McGraw gave her final progress report on the 2010-2011 goals

Superintendent McGraw discussed a plan for recruiting a Computer Science/Technology teacher.

Action Items

Board Member Kroboth made the following motion (item a):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to initiate action to demolish the Union Free School building awarding the bid on August 15, 2011. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve item b. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Recognition of Board of Education Service 2008-2011: Timothy Smith
WHEREAS, Timothy Smith served as a New Lebanon Central School District Board Member,

**Michelle Bienes &
Eileen Evans, Co-
Continuing Ed.
Coordinators**

**Lenny Clapp, Water
System Operator**

**RJ Menegio, Certified
Pool Operator**

**Clint Garrigan, Summer
Cleaner**

**Kate Decker & Caitlin
O'Connell Co-Class
Advisors (Class of 2017)**

**Facilities Committee
Update**

**2010-2011 Goals
Progress Report**

Recruitment Plan

**Union Free School
Building Demolition
Resolution**

**Timothy Smith, Board
of Ed. Service 2008-2011**

WHEREAS, on this day the New Lebanon Central School District thanks Timothy Smith from the bottom of our hearts for all that he has given to our children.
 BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution will be recorded in the permanent minutes of the Board of Education on June 15, 2011 as recognition of our appreciation of Timothy Smith's service to the New Lebanon School District.

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve item c. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- c. Recognition of Board of Education Service 2008-2011: Timothy Lambert
 WHEREAS, Timothy Lambert served as a New Lebanon Central School District Board Member,
 WHEREAS, on this day the New Lebanon Central School District thanks Timothy Lambert from the bottom of our hearts for all that he has given to our children.
 BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution will be recorded in the permanent minutes of the Board of Education on June 15, 2011 as recognition of our appreciation of Timothy Lambert's service to the New Lebanon School District.

**Timothy Lambert,
 Board of Ed. Service
 2008-2011**

Committee Meetings

Non-Action Item

- a. Policy Committee meeting June 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Policy Committee
 Meeting, June 15, 2011**

Board Open Discussion

Board Members Kroboth and Wood discussed the Questar III joint Board of Education and Superintendents meeting. Board Member Kroboth stated that he is proud of our leadership; discussion took place regarding intervention with other Board members. He stated that he is glad we all work together. Board Member Wood stated that it is good to see that we are already doing what other schools are just starting to do.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Wood attended the Memorial Day celebration at the high school and said that it was phenomenal.

Board Member Sowalski asked if the district is planning on installing equipment for Distance Learning this summer. He also stated that he attended the Walk for Life Relay. There was a great turnout of teachers and staff from WBH Elementary school.

Board Member Bingham spoke about attending the reception for Regents Jackson. She also asked if there can be a way for students to log their hours of community service performed through a district program such as the intranet.

Public Comment

Nancy Clemente wants to know what the mechanics of the demolition will be. She asked that careful consideration to the blue face stone. She wants to document the demolition and asked if the demolition have to be done when the kids and staff aren't at school.

Public Comment

Ruth Abram spoke about working with the National Endowment to do a study of New Lebanon. The Union Free School symbolizes the pride of the town. She would like the Board to still consider the six months for the grand process.

Marcia Mayper offered to create a historical presentation that the children would do. It would consist of the spoken word, written word, to movies that incorporates the historic beauty of the town.

Dawn Brutsch stated that the Board had asked at the last meeting that the Town had investigated the septic issue and wondered if they had.

Helen Burton stated that she is disappointed that the Lebanon Valley Historical Society didn't have the option of having an additional six months to look through all of the issues with the Union Free School. They will continue to look at the issues and hopes that there will still be dialogue between the Board of Education and the Historical Society.

Todd Burton stated that the one resource that we have is a remarkable old building and urges us to understand that we are letting that resource go.

Liz Kroboth stated that the jazz band concert was also wonderful. Ms. Cashman, music teacher went above and beyond with what she did to support it. Another Relay for Life is scheduled for this weekend. Memorial Day was great. The 8th grade economics program was wonderful.

Michael Brutsch congratulated the Board for taking action on the Union Free School building. He stated that the Board is there to further the interest of the school and not the town or other groups.

Sue Wilkes stated that the Entrepreneurship course is a good way to go for the school system. She also stated that the Administrators did try to get kids to take the Business courses and were encouraging. She also sees the need for the computer science teacher. She thinks that the Board made a good move.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Adjournment