

NEWLEBANON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
June 2, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Bingham, Luhrmann, Lambert (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Gavrity (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor and Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk.

ABSENT: Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Public Comment

Darcy Poppey stated that she feels that bullying has increased at the elementary school and she had requested counseling for her son.

Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor notified the Board that he's working on summer bus runs and summer bus maintenance will begin soon.

Superintendent McGraw welcomed newly elected Board Member David Kroboth. She mentioned that Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal was a guest speaker at the Memorial Day gathering at the cemetery. The softball field excavation is complete. Gravel for drainage is in place. Top soil and fencing will be installed soon.

Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that a letter was received from the New York State Comptroller's office regarding the recent audit performed. The letter was positive.

Daniel Packard, Walter B. Howard Principal, notified the Board that kindergarten screening was conducted last week, Pre-K screening is taking place this week. The third grade play was last week. A second grade Flag Day show is on Friday. A concert will be held on Thursday night. A relocation drill was conducted successfully.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal notified the Board that awards ceremonies for Jr./Sr. High students were held recently. The Athletic Awards ceremony is scheduled for next week. She thanked Mr. Thompson, Ms. Clemente and Ms. Brooks for their work on a recent Music and Art show. Ms. Brooks conducted an art sale to benefit the New Lebanon Foundation. Current seventh grade students recently visited sixth grade students and fielded questions about junior high. A jazz concert is scheduled for Friday night at 6:00. The band marched at the Memorial Day parade and Samantha Bergdoll, 7th grade student, sang at the ceremony. Graduation mailings have been sent. Regents testing will begin soon.

Public Comment

**Acknowledgments/
Administrative
Comments**

Ms. Whitcomb notified the Board that although they had previously approved a senior trip, the location has now changed. She asked for approval from the Board.

The Board made the following motion:

Board Member Luhrmann made a motion to approve a change of location for the senior trip. Seconded by Board Member Lambert. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Sowalski)

Tamara Thorpe Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the Board that she is completing annual reviews and private school placements. She is working on summer school placements and transportation.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the May 19, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Superintendent

Non-Action Items

Sharon Koomler from the Lebanon Valley Historical Society spoke to the Board about their interest in applying for an additional grant for the Union Free School building. The grant application requires the signature of the district and is due on July 12, 2010. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Society acquiring the building from the District. Superintendent McGraw will speak to the school attorney regarding the proposal. The Board will revisit this topic at the next meeting in June.

Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that the District has obtained quotes for demolition of the Union Free School building. The quotes range from \$28,000-\$36,000. Asbestos abatement is not included in these quotes except for the boilers. It is likely that asbestos sampling will need to be done.

Superintendent McGraw discussed the five year plan and work needed at the bus garage. A discussion took place regarding the possible relocation of the bus garage out of the flood plain. Superintendent McGraw will contact Clark Engineering.

Superintendent McGraw discussed a proposal to merge the Athletic Director position with the Assistant Principal position. Board Member Wood made a motion to approve the proposed change in the Assistant Principal Position which would include five additional working days over the summer and \$1000.00. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 0 ayes, 7 nays, 0 abstentions. The motion failed. The Board requested additional information be presented at the next Board meeting on this topic.

Curriculum and Instruction

Action Item

Board Member Gavriity made a motion to approve item A. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

a. To review and approve the following revised policy (second reading):

5410	Purchasing
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Minutes

Union Free Building

Five Year Plan

Bus Garage

Athletic Director Position

Approved Policy

Financial**Action Items**

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve a Health Service contract with the City School District of Albany for the 2009-2010 school year to provide health services to 8 students attending Holy Names and Albany Academies at a rate of \$660.92 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.
- b. To accept a donation of 134 books from the Walter B. Howard PTA.

**Health Contract with
City School District of
Albany**

Donation of Books

Personnel**Action Items**

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-L with the deletion of item I. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 0 ayes, 7 nays. The motion failed.

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 5 ayes, 2 nays (Smith and Lambert)

- a. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby abolishes one full time position in the tenure area of Business Teacher effective June 30, 2010.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby creates a .6 position in the tenure area of Business Teacher effective June 30, 2010.

**Full Time Business
Teacher Position
Abolished**

**.6 Business Teacher
Creation**

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items C-D as a block. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 1 nay (Lambert).

- c. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby abolishes one full time position in the tenure area of K-12 Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2010.
- d. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby creates a .45 position in the tenure area of K-12 Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2010.

**Full Time K-12 Physical
Ed. Teacher Position
Abolished**

**.45 K-12 Physical Ed.
Teacher Position
Created**

Board Member Luhrmann made a motion to approve items E-H as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- e. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District hereby abolishes one bus monitor position effective June 30, 2010.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Courtney McDonald, substitute clerical worker for times when school is not in session, effective July 1, 2010.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to grant an extension of child-rearing leave to Nellie Barker through June 30, 2011.
- h. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kendall Clark, to the position of bus driver at a rate of \$14.87 per hour as per CSEA contract, effective June 3, 2010.

**Bus Monitor Position
Abolished**

**Courtney McDonald,
Substitute Clerical
Worker**

**Nellie Barker, Child
Rearing Leave
Extension**

**Kendall Clark, Bus
Driver**

Board Member Lambert made a motion to approve item J. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- j. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to create a 12-month dispatcher position.

12-Month Dispatcher Position Created

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve item K. Seconded by Board Member Gavriety. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- k. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Amanda Clark to the tenure area of School (Guidance) Counselor, Step 2 with a salary of \$42,672, effective July 12, 2010. Ms. Clark has a MA and a Provisional Certificate in School Counseling.

Amanda Clark, School Counselor

Board Member Gavriety made a motion to approve item L. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- l. To accept the resignation of probationary 7-12 English Teacher Daniel Schneider, effective June 25, 2010.

Daniel Schneider, Resignation

Board Open Discussion

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Board Members Bingham and Wood discussed the May 20, 2010 meeting at Questar with Superintendents. The Superintendents invited Board members to attend. Ideas were shared and discussions took place on how Board goals relate to Superintendent goals and so on. Board Member Luhrmann commented on an article about a former student, Kate Frederick working at Local Ocean.

Public Comment

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Michael Brustch stated that the Historical Society should find use or come up with a plan for the building. He also stated that the Board should give the Historical Society the building so they can carry on with their plans.

Nancy Clement thanked the Board for considering allowing the Historical Society to apply for a second grant for the Union Free School.

Tony Winig asked if asbestos samples have been taken from the Union Free building, if the bus garage and the school flooded and if the athletic director and assistant principal positions are required by law.

Executive Session

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Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation and collective bargaining at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

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Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

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Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

