



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
March 2, 2011

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

PRESENT: Board Members Sowalski, Smith (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Lambert, Gavrity, 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, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor.

ABSENT: Board Member Wood

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor, commended the drivers on getting through the difficult winter. Schodack Central School District and New Lebanon have agreed to try a trial in which Mary will spend an additional half day in Schodack. Operation Safe Stop is on March 30th. Bus driver appreciation week starts May 10, 2011.</p> <p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that the wood floor in the high school technology room was damaged by water. The estimate to repair the floor does not meet the insurance deductible. The district will explore the possibility of replacing the wood floor with an epoxy floor.</p> <p>Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, notified the Board that the K-6th grade teachers have begun the process of writing the writing portion of our ELA and aligning it to the new common core learning standards. Teachers began the process in early February under the direction of Dr. Kevin Mack, a curriculum writing expert. WBH faculty, staff and students are proud of Maddie Teachout, this year's grade 4-8 Spelling Bee winner. She will compete at the state level next. Thank you to teachers Mrs. Michelle Bruns, Mrs. Amy Gravina for organizing the Spelling Bee and to Mr. David Hawkins for helping with the judging of the event. Four of our K-2 grade teachers are participating in Math curriculum mapping to include the new common core learning standards. This endeavor is being led by staff developers at Questar III and includes K-2 grade teachers from the region. The Instructional Support team from WBH has been invited to this year's RTI Summit due to the fact that we are a new team and are effectively utilizing the RTI process. Ms. Felicity Cashman will be taking 8 students from WBH to All County this Friday at Taconic Hills High School. We are proud of each of these students for their accomplishments and for being chosen for this very exciting experience!</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>
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Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. Principal notified the Board that six Junior and Senior students taking physics, AP physics and chemistry attended a "Shadow Day" at General Dynamics on February 3, 2011 from 7:45-2:00. This was a valuable opportunity for students to see applied engineering and math jobs in the area. All County concerts were held on February 4 and March 4. Aftershock, an acappella ensemble will be visiting the District on March 11. Ms. Valene Synakowski applied for a New Lebanon Foundation grant to support the group's visit. They will provide workshops during the day for students at WBH and Jr./Sr. There will be a performance during the school day for the Jr./Sr. High School students and an evening performance for the general public. Our students will participate in both performances. We have begun taking student requests for courses in 2011-2012. Ms. Meghan Pepe is meeting individually with each student and parents have been invited to participate. Ms. Kate Berens is testing all students on their Internet and research skills. She will be creating a report that will inform us of our students' current levels of understanding so that we can better plan our instruction in these areas.

Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director updated the Board that the winter sports regular season has concluded. The boy's varsity basketball team lost Tuesday night in overtime to Germantown in the Section 2 Class D semi final game. They were CHVL Co-Champions with Loudonville-Christina. We are very proud of their efforts. Michael Gavrity has been named CHVL MVP. This is his second MVP title in two sports seasons this year. Bryan Potter has been named to the CHVL First Team. Kyle McHugh and Todd Ferguson were named to CHVL Honorable Mention. Bryan Potter scored his 1,000th point against Loudonville Christian on February 11, 2011 in front of a large traveling crowd from New Lebanon. The Boys Varsity Volleyball team is still playing. They were undefeated in league play this year and also were CHVL Champions. We will have two new banners made to commemorate the volleyball and basketball seasons. The volleyball team, who is number one seed is scheduled to play on Thursday night against number four seed, Maple Hill in Sectional Play at Taconic Hills. Ben Burgess was named CHVL MVP, he was also named to the CHVL first team along with Ryan Lowe and Ben Cassavaugh. Matt Hover was named to the CHVL second team. The Girls Varsity Basketball team lost by two points in overtime in their first round sectional game against Germantown. Alannah Carinello was named to the CHVL first team. The Scholar Athlete Basketball nominations from New Lebanon are Lauren Sears and Michael Gavrity. They will be attending banquets in the upcoming week where they will be acknowledged. Four members of the swimming team were sent to the New York State Sections. They are Rachel Ferris and Alex French from Berlin. Seth Miller and Tristin Southard from New Lebanon. They swam in two relays, finishing 7th and 9th. A Winter Athletic Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 10. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the ceremony will begin as soon as people are served. Spring sports sign up lists were posted in the cafeteria as part of a bulletin board that Mrs. Michelle Bienes put together in honor of our student athletes. Photos were taken by Mr. Scott White. Meet the Coaches night was rescheduled to accommodate the basketball team's sectional schedule. It will take place on March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the Board that annual reviews have started. The new state mandated IEP is up and running along with the new mandated changes, notices and format. This new mandated IEP is currently being used by both CSE and CPSE and all service providers. This will allow for consistency for school districts in New York State. Our IST team will be presenting at the RTI Summit held at Union College on March 23. Mrs. Thorpe-Odom will be an honorary chair of this event.

Superintendent McGraw notified the board that on March 8th there is a half day for all students. Teachers will use student work to inform instruction. The guidance staff met with the Health Department to promote mental health. A letter and health assessment survey will be distributed as a result of the meeting.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Christine Bienes and Lauren Stone, students, gave a presentation on Future Cities. They also discussed their trip to Washington D.C.

Carolyn Strauch, Embedded Staff Developer for Technology and Cissie West, Teacher, gave an instructional technology professional development report to the Board.

Action Item

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

- a. To approve a Senior class trip to Boston/Cape Cod, Massachusetts, May 14-16, 2011, and to approve the following chaperones.

Jennifer Allard	Robert Allard
TBD	TBD

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

- b. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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Financial

Non-Action Item

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier and Superintendent McGraw discussed the proposed 2011-2012 budget and bus rotation and purchase.

Action Items

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

- a. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary Extra-Curricular Accounts dated January 31, 2011 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- b. To approve the January, 2011 Treasurer's report.
- c. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District accepted bids for a water heater replacement at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School on February 22, 2011 and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Merit Plumbing & Heating, LLC. WHEREAS, the engineer has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor.
THEREFORE:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the water heater tank replacement bid at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School is awarded to Merit Plumbing & Heating, LLC with a base bid of \$34,800.
- d. To approve budget transfers totaling \$2800.00.

Future Cities Presentation

Technology Professional Development Report

Senior Trip Boston/Cape Cod

CSE/CPSE Programs and Placements

Budget Discussion

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts dated January 31, 2011

January 2011 Treasurer's Report

Merit Plumbing & Heating, LLC Bid Award

Budget Transfers

