



Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central  
School Board of Education- WBH Library at 7:00pm

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held at the JSHS in the Library. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:03 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)**

Tim Lambert            \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Bienes            \_\_A\_\_  
Mike Brutsch           \_\_P\_\_  
Martha Esposito       \_\_A\_\_  
Sharon Putnam         \_\_P\_\_  
Christine Sotek        \_\_P\_\_

**Also in attendance:**

Leslie Whitcomb       \_\_P\_\_  
Matt Klafehn           \_\_P\_\_  
Andrew Kourt          \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Los                \_\_P\_\_  
Rick Arket              \_\_P\_\_  
Jamie Styer             \_\_A\_\_

**2. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

**A. Open the Public Budget Hearing**

Board President Lambert declared the Public Budget Hearing open.

**B. Presentation of the 2016-17 Proposed Budget**

Budget presentation given by Superintendent Whitcomb and Michael Los.

**C. Close the Public Budget Hearing**

Board President Lambert declared the Public Budget Hearing closed.

Board member Sotek requested an executive session at 7:20pm for discussion of a specific person or persons. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. Board member Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as clerk pro-tem. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. Board member Putnam made the motion to return to open session at 7:29 pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

**A. Student Representative Update**

Jamie Styer was absent.

## **B. WBH Update**

Andrew Kourt congratulated the drama club on their recent performance. He updated the Board on upcoming events and congratulated his faculty members that are on the agenda recommended for tenure.

## **C. JSHS Update**

Matt Klafehn presented. He is busy preparing for the end of year. The travel club's recent trip to Costa Rica was a success. He updated the Board on upcoming events.

## **D. Athletic Report**

Rick Arket congratulated Caitlyn Williams and Shannon Argentina McDonald for earning senior athlete of the week by the Chatham Courier. Sectional seeding meetings are scheduled with opening round sectional games to follow. The Spring awards banquet is scheduled for 5/26 and track sectionals are 5/28 at Fort Plain HS.

## **E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update**

Michael Los is projecting a surplus of \$390,000. At June's meeting he will have a detailed analysis.

## **F. Technology update**

Ethan Race updated the Board on a new door lock system. The Minecraft club is running well.

## **4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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

### **A. Motion to approve the continued merger for Swim & Wrestling Teams**

To approve a continued merger for the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim and Wrestling Teams with Berlin Central School District for the 2016-17 school year.

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Motion to approve the April 29, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes**

To approve the April 29, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.

## **6. FINANCIAL**

### **A. Discussion of Reserves Plan**

Michael Los and Superintendent Whitcomb presented.

## **7. PERSONNEL**

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-O. Board member Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

### **A. Motion to re-appoint a .6 grade K-12 Physical Education Teacher for the 2016-17 school year**

To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, James Hosley to a .6, K-12 Physical Education position effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**B. Motion to re-appoint a .4 grade K-6 Art Teacher for the 2016-17 school year**

To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Mia Karlowich to the position of .4 K-6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**C. Motion to re-appoint a .8 grade 7-12 Art Teacher for the 2016-17 school year**

To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Donna Brooks to a .8 7-12 Art Teacher position effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**D. Motion to appoint a part-time CSE chair**

To appoint Jennifer Morris as part-time CSE chair, two days per week, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$500 per day.

**E. Motion to appoint a designee to vote**

To authorize Superintendent Whitcomb to cast the vote to elect a trustees for the Health Insurance Trust.

**F. Motion to accept a resignation**

To accept a resignation from Kate Genzale effective June 30, 2016.

**G. Motion to accept a resignation**

To accept a resignation from Courtney Hart effective June 23, 2016.

**H. Motion to approve the trip to Nature's Classroom from May 23-26, 2016 and chaperones**

To approve chaperones for Nature's Classroom from May 23-26, 2016 as per attached.

**I. Motion to grant tenure to Kara Sokolowski**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Kara Sokolowski in the 7-12 Science tenure area , effective September 1, 2016.

**J. Motion to grant tenure to Bridget Rank**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Bridget Rank in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2016.

**K. Motion to grant tenure to Christopher Bonacquisti**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Christopher Bonacquisti in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2016.

**L. Motion to grant tenure to Jeffrey Maclutsky**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Jeffrey Maclutsky in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2016.

**M. Motion to grant tenure to Kelsey Boyce**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Kelsey Boyce in the music tenure area, effective September 1, 2016.

**N. Motion to grant tenure to Matthew Klafehn**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Matthew Klafehn in the Principal tenure area, effective July 1, 2016.

**O. Motion to grant tenure to Richard Arket**

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Richard Arket in the Assistant Principal tenure area, effective July 29, 2016.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. May 17th Budget vote reminder**

**9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

None

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board member Putnam made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular employees at 8:10pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Putnam made to motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk