



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting after the Public Hearing
May 5, 2010

The meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. It was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The public budget hearing commenced at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Bingham, ~~Luhmann~~, Lambert, Gavrity (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education.

ABSENT: Board Member Luhrmann, Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Budget Hearing</p>	<p>Public Budget Hearing</p>
<p>The public budget hearing was called to order by Board Member Wood at 7:03 p.m. Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Superintendent McGraw, presented the budget to the public. Board President Wood closed the budget hearing at 7:25 p.m.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>None.</p>	
<p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments</p>	<p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>
<p>For Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor, Superintendent McGraw, notified the Board that he is getting ready for summer runs.</p>	
<p>Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that there will be a Facilities Committee meeting on May 14 at 2:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that the Business Office is getting ready for year end. She is working on creating a summer work list for the maintenance department.</p>	
<p>Dan Packard, Walter B. Howard Elementary Principal, notified the Board that ELA testing was last week, and Math testing is this week. Progress reports will go out next week. The second grade is doing a Mother's Day poetry reading. A Willy Wonka performance was held recently. Kindergarten orientation was held on May 4. The Kinderhook Elks Lodge Americanism Committee conducted its annual essay contest. Allyson Kestel and Emily Pulver have been selected as winners.</p>	
<p>Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal thanked Senior Class Advisors, Jennifer Evans and Leuella Sowalski for their work on the Prom. There are several field trips coming up; Envirothon, College Fair, NYS Capital, Jazz Band to Springfield. The math department has been receiving continued training to support math labs next year. Academic</p>	

awards are scheduled for the Junior High on May 18 and for the High School on May 25, 2010.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education notified the Board that she has been working on annual reviews, both in and out of the district placements, exit interviews for seniors and providing references for them.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the April 27, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Sowalski)

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Lenny Brown, Physical Education and Health Teacher gave a presentation to the Board. He spoke about the programs in the elementary, junior and senior high schools.

Financial

Action Items

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

- a. To accept a donation of four, 7000 Series Audio Technica Wireless Headset Microphones with an approximate value of \$1700.00 from the Walter B. Howard Elementary Drama club.
- b. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated March 31, 2010 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- c. To authorize payment to Rosch Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$34,063.60 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (walls).

Annual Appointments

Action Item

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

- a. To appoint the following as Inspector of Election:

Alissa Ross

Personnel

Action Items

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

- a. Upon recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Donna Brooks to tenure in the area of K-12 Art, effective September 1, 2010.
- b. Upon recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kate Berens to tenure in the area of Library Media Specialist, effective September 1, 2010.
- c. Upon recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Leslie Whitcomb to tenure in the area of School Administrator/Supervisor, effective September 1, 2010.
- d. To accept the resignation of Carole Green, bus driver, effective April 30, 2010.
- e. To accept the resignation of Bryon Lewis, K-12 Physical Education teacher and Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2010.

Minutes

Physical Education
Presentation

Accepted Donation

WBH Extra-Curricular
Accounts, March 31,
2010

Rosch Brothers, Inc.
Payment

Alissa Ross, Inspector of
Election

Donna Brooks, Tenure

Kate Berens, Tenure

Leslie Whitcomb,
Tenure

Carole Green,
Resignation

Bryon Lewis,
Resignation

- f. To accept the resignation of Melissa Allen, K-6 grade teacher, effective June 30, 2010.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Brendan Egan-Polcare to the Elementary tenure area (permanent substitute) beginning May 3, 2010 and ending June 25, 2010 at a per diem rate of \$208.24 (without benefits). Mr. Egan-Polcare has a BS and has an initial certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).

**Melissa Allen,
Resignation**

**Brendan Egan-Polcare,
Permanent Substitute**

Superintendent
Non-Action Items

The Board discussed committee membership. It was decided that the audit committee should be left as a committee of the whole. The Board will meet on June 9, 2010 to work on goals. The Transportation Supervisor position was discussed. The Board has decided to go with a shared supervisor with Schodack Central School District.

Board Open Discussion

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The Board would like to see the results of the cafeteria survey. Board Member Smith stated that he was pleased to hear that there is a Teaching Assistant assigned to morning bus supervision.

Public Comment

Public Comment

None.

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 at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

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Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
 _____ Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

