



Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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 Public Budget Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting was held in the Library at WBH. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert	<u> X </u>
Mike Bienes	<u> X </u>
Tracy Bingham	<u> X 7:04pm </u>
Martha Esposito	<u> X </u>
Sharon Putnam	<u> X </u>
Christine Sotek	<u> X </u>
Monique Wood	<u> X </u>
Galen Martin	<u> A </u>

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb	<u> X </u>
Matt Klafehn	<u> X </u>
Andrew Kourt	<u> X </u>
Mike Los	<u> X </u>
Rick Arket	<u> X </u>

2. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Non-Action

- A. Board President Lambert declares the Public Budget Hearing open.
- B. Presentation of the 2015-16 Proposed Budget given by Superintendent Whitcomb and Michael Los.

Action

- Board President Lambert made the motion at 7:25pm to declare the Public Budget Hearing closed. Board Member Wood seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.
- C. Board President Lambert declares the Public Budget Hearing closed.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Non-Action

- A. Student Representative Update given by Galen Martin. Galen was absent.
- B. WBH Update given by Andrew Kourt. He reviewed all 7 habits of the months. Staff and teacher appreciation week is here. He acknowledged his teachers for their talent and dedication. Honor roll assembly is tomorrow. Shrek Jr. performance was last week. He is scheduling pre-k and visiting other programs to assist in developing WBH’s own program. Sign-ups for Summer Reading Camp (no longer called summer school) have gone out.
- C. JSHS Update given by Matt Klafehn. He also acknowledged his professional and dedicated staff who exhibit caring for students. He shared principals professional development through Questar III principals’ group and the CASDA Principals’ Guild. This will be the last year for the senior sidewalk. He will be working with next year’s senior class advisor to come up with a new senior tradition. Michelle Bienes received a CASDA award and her daughter, Christine, received a PDK scholarship at the same time. He shared results of the lockdown drill called during a class-passing period. The prom was a

successful event. HVCC college fair for 11th graders was today. 8th grade trip to Spanish Harlem is on Friday. Concerts and awards nights are coming up, as is the Memorial Day assembly.

D. Athletic Report given by Rick Arket. There is a 70% participation in athletics this year, an increase over last year. Sectionals are in two weeks. Athletic awards night is on May 26.

E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update given by Michael Los. There have been five audit reviews this year. He updated the board on the Smart Schools Bond Act.

F. Technology update given by Ethan Race. He is replacing Smart Boards that are starting to age out. He is transitioning to a new firewall and helping with the JSHS library renovation project.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve item 4A. Board member Esposito seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To approve the April 21, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 5A-E. Board member Wood seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To approve a continued merger for the Boys and Girls Varsity Swim and Wrestling Teams with Berlin Central School District for the 2015-16 school year.

B. To approve the use of school district buses at no extra charge except for the cost of fuel and a driver by the New Lebanon Summer Youth Program to the following destinations: Great Escape Amusement Park in Lake George, NY (August 7, 2015), Zoom Flume Waterpark in East Durham, NY (July 24, 2015) and (TBD).

C. To approve the use of Shatford Pool by the New Lebanon Summer Youth Program, from July 5, 2015- August 14, 2015 from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm.

D. To change the March 11, 2016 early dismissal date to March 18, 2016 in order to align with an all-Columbia County conference day.

E. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100118, 092100291, 092100207, 000002449, 092100261, 000002409, 000002279 and 092100325.

6. POLICY

Action

Board member Bingham made the motion to approve item 6A-B. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To approve, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following policies: Policy 4321.11, Policy 4321.14, Policy 4321.6, Policy 4321.7, Policy 9260.

B. To approve upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following policies: NYSSBA sample policy 4321, NL Policies to be replaced by NYSSBA Policy 4321.

7. PERSONNEL

Board member Wood made the motion to approve item 7A-I. Board member Putnam seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, James Hosley to a .6, K-12 Physical Education position effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (Currently employed in this position for the 2014-15 school year.)

B. To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Michelle Schrader to the position of .4 K-6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (Currently employed in this position for the 2014-15 school year.)

C. To re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Donna Brooks to a .8 7-12 Art Teacher position effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (Currently employed in this position for the 2014-15 school year.)

D. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following 2015 summer program teachers effective July 6, 2015-August 14, 2015, with two preparation days of June 29 and 30.

Kelli Griffin	Summer program teacher	\$30/hour
Jeffrey Maclutsky	Summer program teacher	\$30/hour
Laura Jubie	Substitute program teacher sub	\$30/hour
Michelle Schrader	Substitute program teacher sub	\$30/hour

E. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Matthew Sanford to the position of Bus Driver effective April 27, 2015 at a rate of \$16.42 per hour

F. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb the following substitute:

Lisa Johnsen, substitute teacher	\$100/day effective April 23, 2015
Lisa Johnsen, substitute teaching assistant	\$14.81/hour effective April 23, 2015

G. To approve chaperones for Nature's Classroom from May 19-22, 2015 as per attached.

H. To approve Chris Bonacquisti as a chaperone for the sixth grade end of year trip to Medieval Times and The Liberty Science Center.

I. To abolish, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, a bus monitor position effective May 6, 2015.

8. SUPERINTENDENT

Non-Action

- A. May 19th Budget vote reminder
- B. Transportation hours
- C. Write-in candidates

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:12 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular employees. Board member Putnam seconded.

7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Board member Wood made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem.

Board President Lambert seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk